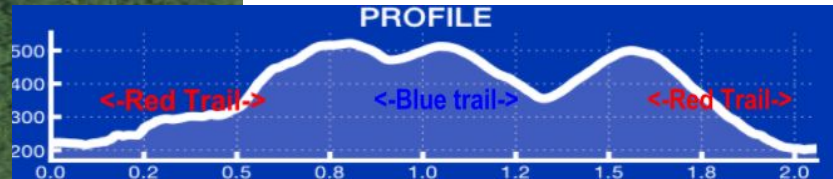


Taine Mountain Trails

Loop Hikes of 1.3, 2.1, and 2.5 Miles



Elevation Profile of Taine Mountain Double Loop

Taine Mountain Trails are a series of trails with options ranging from 1.3, 2.1, and 2.5 miles over two trails. (The red trail and blue trail). The entrance is located after walking south through the Artist Tunnel under route 4. On the top of the bank to your right at the forest edge, you will see the sign for the trail entrance (note photo above). The red trail is the major loop seen on the map. Hiking it counter clockwise matches the Elevation Profile above. The red loop connects with the blue loop, which is completely enclosed on Town Open Space and doesn't connect to the bike trail. The second trail sign is located at the point where the red loop connects to the blue loop. The signs were made as part of an Eagle project done by Danny Rock from Boy Scout Troop 170 in Unionville. The trails are easily visible and are in good condition for hiking but certain sections may be slippery at times when wet. Also the first 100 feet of the trail can be muddy during the early spring and after rain. Overall this is a great hike for anyone who enjoys a large elevation change of nearly five hundred feet over the course of a mile.

Trail description of Taine Mountain Double Loop & mileage summary - Start from parking lot > Rail Trail> Tunnel > Top bank on your right> 0.2 mile at Red Trail loop junction, turn right > 0.9mile to Blue Trail Junction, turn right > 1.7miles at return to Blue Junction after taking Blue Loop, turn right > 1.9 return to Red Trail Loop Junction, turn right > 2.0 to Trailhead, turn left > 2.1 back to gazebo parking lot

Trail note: The first 100 feet of the trail past the entrance can be very wet after a rain and in early Spring. Most of the trail is on old wood roads that are easy to follow.

Fact: Of all the trails in Farmington, these 3 hikes have the most vertical feet per mile: 495' per mile.
The New England Trail- North section ranks #2 at 367' per mile.

- 3 Hike options:**
- 1- Taine Mt Double Loop : 2.1 miles + 1,040' vertical;
 - 2- Red Loop only: 1.3 miles + 660' vertical;
 - 3- Outer Red Trail+Blue Loop+Outer Red Trail back: 2.5 miles + 1,100' vertical