



Fullington Farm Trails Challenge Hike

Trail easement owned by the Town of Hanover, land (23 acres) owned by Dartmouth College

Fullington Farm is located 4 miles north of downtown Hanover. Park at the Wilson's Boat Landing, off of Route 10. Look for the town's trailhead sign and follow the mowed path that runs parallel to the Connecticut River. This is an easy, out and back, 1-mile hike. You might want to bring binoculars for bird watching and a picnic to enjoy at the boat landing.

Destination: The trail takes you all the way to the Dartmouth Organic Farm. At the trail's end, you will see the college's tree nursery on the left. Look right for the destination marker on a tree by the riverbank.

Features and History: This hike offers views of the Connecticut River and beautiful meadow habitat. You might see bobolinks, woodchucks, butterflies, bees and other wildlife in the meadows. On the river, look for Canada geese, mallards and other species of waterfowl. Bald Eagles and Osprey have also been spotted here. This land was part of the Dartmouth Dairy, owned by the Fullington family. Four generations of Fullingtons worked this land, most recently with a milk processing and bottling plant run by Haslett Fullington and his brother, Wilson. Their fleet of trucks delivered milk produced by their herd of Guernseys to the College and beyond. When Dartmouth purchased the property in 1972, it was the Fullington's desire that some of the land (9 acres) remain open space for scenic river views. The Hanover Conservancy assisted in raising matching funds for protection of this property through the state Land Conservation Investment Program and Trust for NH Lands. The Town of Hanover holds the Fullington Trust easement and maintains the trail.

Destination Marker