



Pine Park Ravine Trails Challenge Hike

100 acres owned by the private, nonprofit Pine Park Association formed in 1905, and governed by a board of trustees

Park at the end of Rope Ferry Rd., near the former golf course clubhouse. This is a 1-mile hike with some up and down sections. Begin at the stone entrance and kiosk and proceed along the accessible Rope Ferry Trail constructed in 2022. Turn right at the brown sign marking the South Ravine Trail. Follow this new trail as it winds back and forth down the ravine to the Girl Brook Trail. Hike this path to the Low Bridge, and continue until you reach the North Ravine Trail. Take this trail back to the Rope Ferry Trail to complete the loop.

Destination: As you approach Low Bridge, look for a bench facing Girl Brook and search nearby for the destination marker. This area is Hitchcock Glen, named for Emily Howe Hitchcock -- a beautiful spot for a break and a snack.

History and Features: This is Hanover's oldest park purchased by a group of private citizens after discovering the land was to be sold to the Diamond Match Company. The initial 45 acres were purchased in 1899, with another 41 acres donated by Emily Howe Hitchcock in 1907. Today, the park is made up of a recovering golf course landscape, Girl Brook gorge, and forests dominated by towering pine, hemlock, yellow birch, and other tree species. The South Ravine Trail was constructed in 2025 by Longview Forestry, greatly improving access down the ravine to connect with the Girl Brook Trail. The removal of old, diseased trees and dense brush from some areas of the trail will encourage new growth and a healthier forest. Improvements also included some new plantings including ferns, young trees, and pollinator species. Visit www.pinepark.org for more information and a map showing all 6 miles of Pine Park trails open to the public for walking, jogging, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

Destination Marker