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North of Township Road 502 Loop



Hike Details

Trailhead: Mandy Lake Road Gate
Hike Length: 5.1 km
Route Type: Loop
Difficulty: Rated 83: Moderate

Route Colour key

Brown: Road - easy going and the route is always clear.

Green: Usually a well-defined trail, occasionally overgrown.

Blue: Trail often degraded or overgrown, therefore not well-defined at times.

Black: No trail, so navigation is more difficult, yet sometimes a game trail to follow.

Description

This somewhat awkwardly named hike takes you into a secluded set of trails not too far from parking. There are a couple of overgrown areas to traverse on the way, but otherwise trails are usually kept clear by local quad traffic.

Leg 1

Mandy Lake PK → Open Meadow Meets Trail (S)

Distance: 815 m

Accumulated Distance: 815 m

Description

- Squeeze around the gate and veer left to start out along the pond-side trail using "Long Johns Junction" as your first waypoint.
- Turn left (north) at the junction and head towards "Open Meadow Meets Trail (S)" on the well-defined trail.

Leg 2

Open Meadow Meets Trail (S) → Open Meadow Meets Trail (N)

Distance: 214 m

Accumulated Distance: 1.029 km

Description

- Here we traverse through two small, connected open meadows. Depending on the season, a game-worn trail usually shows the way, but use the "Open Meadow Meets Trail (N)" waypoint if needed.

Leg 3

Open Meadow Meets Trail (N) → Wet - Overgrown Section

Distance: 411 m

Accumulated Distance: 1.440 km

Description

- Proceed to "N/S Trail - E/W Trail Junction".
- Turn left at the junction and continue to "Wet - Overgrown Section"

Leg 4

Wet - Overgrown Section → Old Gate

Distance: 249 m

Accumulated Distance: 1.689 km

Description

- This section is always overgrown, but not always wet. Use the "Old Gate" waypoint if needed.

Leg 5

Old Gate & Loop Return → Old Gate

Distance: 1.7 km

Accumulated Distance: 3.389 km

Description

- From this point on the trail can be overgrown in spots, but it's wide enough so that you always know how to proceed.
- This entire leg is a loop that will bring you back to this spot, so veering left or continuing due west is entirely up to you.
- Use either the "Northwest Trail Intersection" or the "Southwest Trail Intersection" waypoints to guide you, depending on your choice.

Leg 6

Old Gate → Wet - Overgrown Section

Distance: 249 m

Accumulated Distance: 3.638 km

Description

- Return through the overgrown section. This time you should have good idea about how to proceed through.

Leg 7

Wet - Overgrown Section → Open Meadow Meets Trail (N)

Distance: 411 m

Accumulated Distance: 4.049 km

Description

- Continue east along the trail, turn right (south) at "N/S Trail - E/W Trail Junction" and walk until you get to "Open Meadow Meets Trail (N)"

Leg 8

Open Meadow Meets Trail (N) → Open Meadow Meets Trail (S)

Distance: 214 m

Accumulated Distance: 4.263 km

Description

- Make your way back through the two small open meadows to "Open Meadow Meets Trail (S)".

Leg 9

Open Meadow Meets Trail (S) → Mandy Lake PK

Distance: 815 m

Accumulated Distance: 5.078 km

Description

- Follow the now familiar, well-worn trail to "Long Johns Junction".
- Turn right (west) and continue until you reach the "Mandy Lake Road Trailhead".

- Wasn't that a nice little jaunt into a secluded part of the earth you probably didn't know existed?