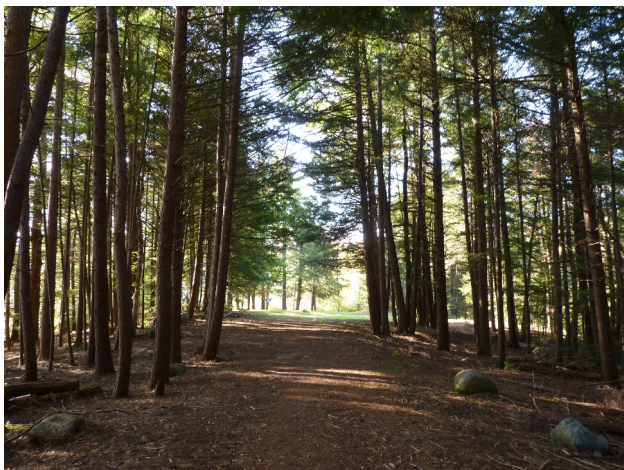


Hike From 104 Campbell Lane, Deering NH to The Forest Society's Beach at Deering Lake



A great place to see the main body of the lake!

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Woods Road through a grove of trees



View of lake from the beach

The entire access trail and the beach area are on land owned by the “Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests” (SPNHF) (website: forestsociety.org). It is open to the public for foot travel, including winter cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. This trail is not advertised and has very little parking. It is used primarily by lake people and visitors arriving by watercraft. You cannot get there by motor vehicle because of a gate.

Directions and Comments

The round trip to the beach by foot takes between 30 and 45 minutes, depending on your walking speed.

Campbell Lane to the Trail

Start off heading west toward the end of Campbell Lane. The road rises a little, runs level past 5 lots, then descends over a brook to a turn-around area. The beach trail begins there, and is marked. Go RIGHT onto the trail. (This takes 3.5 minutes or more)

(There are no markers along the trail and only a couple of signs. The trail is cleared, well-used, and easy to see.)

Trail Beginning Section

The trail begins by running northward parallel to a brook. It then makes a HAIRPIN LEFT turn, and goes southward along an old road that inclines upward across the side of a hill. Follow this to the top of the incline. (This takes 3 minutes or more)

Trail Middle Section

This section runs relatively level through woods, continues on a mowed path through a field, and re-enters the woods. At the end of the field continue a few feet, turn LEFT onto a woods road, go about 50' to an intersection, and turn RIGHT. (This takes 3 minutes or more)

Trail End Section

The final section is on woods roads to the beach. Follow this through a level area to an intersection with a road for service vehicles. Bear to the LEFT and continue on this road down a long incline through the woods and past a field on the right. The trail ends at a small field near the lake. There are Forest Society signs here. (This takes 3 minutes or more)

Beach Area

This area is on a peninsula with the lake on both sides. On the left is where Campbell Cove meets Deering Lake's main body. From the small beach and stone bench here there is a good view toward the lake's center. On the opposite side of the field is an opening with a good view of a sheltered cove. At the right end of this cove the lake's largest feeder brook flows in. Much of the shore here is lined with large blueberry bushes.

This was previously a summer camp with a dining hall, beach, fireplace, dock, three cabins, a bath house, well and electricity. When the camp closed all buildings and improvements were removed. The intent was to restore it to forest land.

Return Trip:

The return to the house is over the same route. Key turns are:

- At the end of the initial long upward incline there is a fork. Take the less-traveled road to the RIGHT. If you come to a field and old gravel pit, then you have gone the wrong way.
- There is another fork in the road with a “Trail” sign. Go to the LEFT. About 50' later go RIGHT onto the field path.
- At the bottom of the final downward incline, near the brook, take the RIGHT HAIRPIN turn.