



Autumn Laurel Brooke Trail

Distance

The trail is a 1.5 mile loop.

Trail Head

Located near the cottages just on the other side of the causeway. Parking is available at the trail head.

Difficulty

Hiking- moderate Biking- moderate to strenuous

Description

Walking to the trail head from this point, you will travel along or near the lake shore on a gentle grade. From the trail head, the trail parallels the lake shore on a mostly level grade which overlooks the water as you proceed toward Chipmunk Point. The trail then ascends upward approximately 200 feet in elevation, where it follows a level bench near the ridge until a gradual descent back to the trail head. The trail is a very pleasant walk.

What to look for

This habitat is ideal for the wildlife found in the park, such as deer, turkey, squirrels, chipmunks, birds, and box turtles. At the top of the hill is Turtle Shell Spring, named for the number of turtle shells found in the area.



Hevener's Orchard Trail

Distance

The trail is 3.2 miles. Shuttle between the trail heads or take the Park Road back for approximately 5 total miles.

Trail Heads

(1) Located near the Welcome Center at the resort entrance. Follow along the service road beside golf tee #8. The trail head is on the left. Parking is available at the Welcome Center. (2) Located along the road before you reach the Golf Clubhouse, the trail head is on the right. Parking is available at the trail head.

Difficulty

Hiking- moderate Biking- moderate to strenuous

Description

From either trail head, the trail is a gradual ascending grade climbing about 200 feet from the beginning. After reaching the ridge, the trail meanders through an old meadow before descending down to near the same elevation. The trail passes through mature timber stands, early succession forest and old fields. The trail tread is a mixture of shaded abandoned lanes, single-track trail and mowed meadow.

What to look for

Glimpses of the park and lake can be seen through wooded surroundings, particularly in fall, winter and early spring when there are no leaves. Along the ridge, the meadow is an excellent location for wildlife observation. In the summer, the tall grasses and wildflowers along the trail in this area are an excellent habitat for a wide diversity of wildlife. Throughout the trail you can expect to see turkey, deer and various other small mammals and birds.



Chipmunk Point Hike

Distance

The trail is 1 mile (one way) or 2 miles total distance out and back loop.

Trail Head

Located near the cottages just on the other side of the causeway. Parking is available at the Autumn Laurel Brooke and Cairns trail heads.

Difficulty

Hiking- gentle Biking- easy to moderate

Description

Walking to the trail head from this point, you will travel along or near the lake shore on a gentle grade. From the trail head, the trail begins by following the Autumn Laurel Brooke Trail. Continue by paralleling the lake shore when the Autumn Laurel Brooke Trail begins the ascent. Continue on a mostly level grade overlooking the water, out to a loop along the park boundary peninsula called Chipmunk Point. The trail is an easy walk or bike ride except for a few small grades and is almost entirely single track.

What to look for

Chipmunk Point is a very scenic, pleasant destination and only accessible by boat or trail. Hawks and other birds of prey frequent the area because of the remote location. You also can also expect to see other animals common to the area.



Cairns Trail

Distance

The trail head to the intersection of the Hevener's Orchard trail is 2.6 miles. From the trail head to Lakeside Nature Trail is 1.6 miles one way. Walking the Cairns trail along the Hevener's Orchard Trail and along the road back to the trail head is 4.4 miles. For a more relaxed trip, hike along the trail to the point where it begins going downhill. Out and back is 2.1 miles.

Trail Head

Located near the cottages just on the other side of the causeway. Parking is available at the trail head.

Difficulty

Moderate to strenuous (depending on distance)

Description

Walking to the trail head from this point, you will travel along or near the lake shore on a gentle grade. From the trail head, the trail gradually ascends about 200 feet in elevation to a level bench near the ridge. It follows the level bench for about 0.8 mile where it descends to a park access road. The trail follows the park access road for about 1 mile and then ascends once again up a steep grade where it connects with the Hevener's Orchard Trail. The Hevener's Orchard Trail is then a gradual descent to the trail head near the Golf Shop.

What to look for

Along the trail you may see a number of stone cairns. A cairn is a stack or pile of rocks. There have been approximately 200 cairns identified in the park. Some believe that they were created by Native Americans, while others feel they had some purpose for the European descendants in the area. There are several cairns along the trail about 0.6 mile from this point. About a mile from the trail head, along the descent, there is a large stone standing upright. The stone shows evidence of human tooling and has embedded bullets. Although the origin is unknown, it is an interesting artifact.



Lakeside Nature Trail

Distance

Starting at the lodge and looping back around to the lodge is 3.2 miles. From the Cairns Trail, the distance is 2.5 miles.

Trail Head

Starts at the lodge.

Difficulty

Hiking- gentle Biking- easy to moderate

Description

The trail follows the lake while paralleling the park road for the first .3 mile. It then crosses the park road and meanders up and back along Carrion Bay. The trail gently rolls alongside the bay, crosses a small stream and back along the north shore of the bay to the park road near the Cairns Trail head. Walk back along the park road, across the causeway and follow the trail back to the lodge.

What to look for

As you hike along Carrion Bay, you'll find beautiful views of the lake and quiet places in one of the more remote areas of the park. The south side of the bay is more shaded, creating natural areas of ground-level plants, such as ferns and mosses. The north side of the bay is exposed to greater amounts of sun, which produces a dryer and different habitat. Along the north side of the bay you will encounter a section of old US Route 19 prior to its relocation.



Woodland Trail (coming soon)

Distance

Can be accessed from Hevener's Orchard or Cairns Trails, total distance is 1.42 miles.

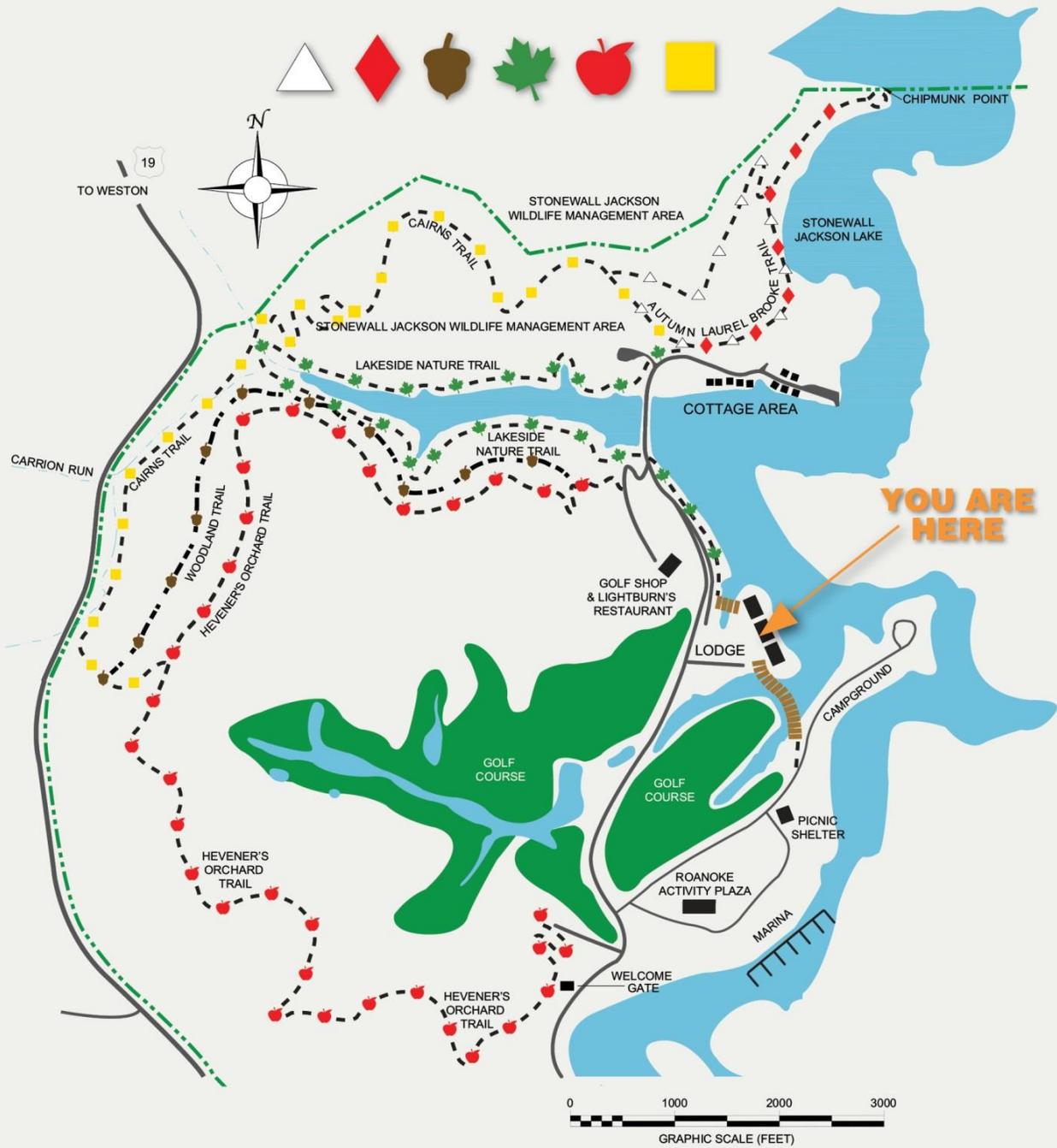
Difficulty

Hiking- easy Biking- easy to moderate

Description

This trail begins at the Hevener's Orchard Trail head near the clubhouse. The Woodland Trail will follow a series of switchbacks and continue on to an easy walk on a natural bench. It will follow the bench, wrapping around the hillside. Gradually you will end on the Cairn's Trail. This trail is not on a circular loop; however, it does connect into other trails that allow for continued hiking.

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