

Hike 6: Stefans Farm Open Space: Coyote Loop Trail

102 Mechanic Street (Upton Community Garden parking lot)

After parking, carefully cross the street and enter the trail. Follow it through a short section of woods, then straight through a short section of overgrown meadow, and then into the woods again. Ignore a trail on the right; it leads to a house. When you see a bench on your left with a trail behind it, go left here to enter the Coyote Loop Trail. You'll be following blue metal blazes for this hike.

You'll go over a few boardwalks and then head uphill for a while. Eventually, you'll reach an unmarked intersection, with the Boulder Trail on the right. Go straight to stay on the Coyote Loop Trail.

When you soon come to a "T," follow the blazes to the right.

You'll go through some seasonally wet areas before you reach a "T" intersection with a wide trail. Go right.

Walk for a while until the trail subtly splits. At the split, there's a massive 3-sister oak facing you on the left edge of the trail. Bear right here to continue following the blazes.

You'll soon cross a wooden bridge, and then you'll come to an intersection where the trail on the right leads to a meadow. Go left to stay on the Coyote Loop Trail.

Follow the blazes for a while until you reach the intersection with the Turtle Trail on the right. The blazes indicate that you should turn right here, but ignore them and go straight to stay on the Coyote Loop Trail.

The blazes soon resume. You'll eventually go over a narrow boardwalk and a wide wooden bridge, followed by a somewhat overgrown area with multiple boardwalks. When you reach the intersection with the Woodcock Trail, go left.

After you pass the bench/entrance to the Coyote Loop Trail on your right, you'll re-enter the original field. Bear left at the split in the field (not really visible when the meadow is overgrown--just stay straight on the trail in this case) to return to your car.