

## **Hike 9: Whitney (East) and Howarth Conservation Areas**

Sweet William Farm (Fivefork Farms in Google Maps) is a conservation area located at 147 North Street. Look for a sort of commercial-looking building across the road from a big field. Be sure to park in the marked parking area, along the right edge of the parking lot, without blocking the cars parked near the building. There's room for several cars.

After parking, follow the trail uphill as it goes along the tree line and then into the woods. When you enter the field, go straight and hug the tree line, per the sign. Partway through the field, take the side trail on the right (note the **C** sign).

After you enter the woods, bear right at the "Y." You'll be on the intermittently-blazed red loop trail.

Follow this narrow, shady trail until it bends left at a large pine with an **M** sign. After rounding the bend, take the left fork and continue. Ignore a side trail going right.

When you see a TRAILS sign on the left, ignore it and continue straight. The trail bends left at another TRAILS sign on an oak on the right.

When you reach a stone wall with a TRAILS sign across from you, pointing left, go left here.

At a "T" with a wider trail, go right. At the kiosk (**F**), go left. Pass a trail on the right.

At a 4-way intersection (**G**), go left to follow the TRAIL sign.

At the "T," go right. Follow the trail straight back to your car, hugging the tree line as you did before.