Beechwood Nature Preserve - Along the east edge of the park, Trail 8 crosses the border and enters the 89-acre Beechwood Nature Preserve, a unit of the ACRES Land Trust. A 1.5-mile loop continues over rolling hills of old meadows now sporting thickets of gray dogwoods and remnants of an old apple orchard. From the loop, a short section of the trail continues to the Beechwood parking lot at State Road 127. A boardwalk traverses a lowland swamp, featuring rare yellow birch, red maple, blue beech and skunk cabbage.

Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

HELL’S POINT CHALLENGE

- The challenge begins & ends at the Nature Center.
- Length is approximately 8 miles.
- Difficulty is moderate/rugged. Includes going up 84 stair steps to Hell’s Point.
- Photograph all six waypoints along the route and show the Nature Center staff upon returning to receive a finisher’s souvenir.
- Take plenty of water. The last place to fill water bottles is at the Spring Shelter!
AN ICE AGE LEGACY

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