

Description of Trails

The Fishkill Ridge Trail (white)

approx. 2 hours

This trail runs along the top of Fishkill Ridge and features rolling and varied terrain. The trailhead in the City of Beacon can be located by taking Depuyster Avenue (Howland Avenue) to East Main Street. Make a right onto Pocket Road. Park at the gate at the end of Pocket Road and proceed approximately 0.1 miles to begin a course that leads steeply to the ridge's crest. The trail then follows a loop that includes the summits of Lambs Hill, Bald Hill and Dozer Junction, eventually meeting the Wilkinson Memorial Trail.

The Wilkinson Memorial Trail (yellow)

approx. 2.5 hours

Originating from the east side of Route 9D, one mile north of the Breakneck Tunnel in the City of Beacon, this trail connects with the Hudson Highlands State Park trail system. Traversing the summits of Sugarloaf Mountain and Sunset Point visitors will enjoy views to the south and east along Scofield Ridge. Reaching Dozer Junction provides a connection with the Fishkill Ridge Trail (white) before descending to Clove Road in the Town of Fishkill.

The Overlook Trail (red) approx. 1.5 hours As with all trails leading to the top of Fishkill Ridge, The Overlook Trail is steep in spots but offers several fantastic views to the north, east and west. The parking area and trailhead are found at the end of Sunnyside Road. Once past the kiosk, follow the old woods road for several hundred feet to find the red-blazed trail on the right. After crossing a creek, continue upward through stands of chestnut, oak and mountain laurel. The trail continues to zigzag up the ridge, often along craggy ledges and open rock that provide overlooks of the Catskill, Shawangunk and Taconic mountains. The Overlook Trail junctions with the Fishkill Ridge Trail (white) at the summit.