

Loop Description and Directions

- The loop starts on the right side of the Longfellow Pond parking lot as you face the pond. Take a right after the butterfly meadow into the woods and follow the winding trail uphill. When you reach the point where the Charles River Path (**red arrows**) crosses the Esker Trail (**purple arrows**) and the Esker Trail splits off in two directions, take a right so that you continue to the highest point on the esker.



An esker, as shown above on the Esker Trail (purple arrows), is a long, winding ridge of gravel and other natural materials that were deposited by melting water from a retreating glacier.

- Next, descend off the esker and continue deeper into the woods by taking a left and keeping Oakland Street behind you. Continue on the trail by staying in the small valley between the hills on either side of you. To the left you can see several small drumlins.
- The loop then intersects the Charles River Path (**red arrows**). Keep this trail on your left and the path to Fiske on your right (marked by a sign).



A drumlin, as shown above, is a low oval mound/hill which is typically found in groups and consists of compacted boulder clay molded by glaciers.

- The loop takes a left back towards the pond and away from the buildings visible from the trail. Keep the wetlands and the sounds of Route 9 to your right and look out for many types of birds in this area.
- After the wetlands, to your right will be a spectacular looking valley. Keep this to your right and then pass through a collection of rocks, underneath several overhanging trees, and straight until you meet up with the Longfellow Pond Trail. (**purple arrows**).
- Walk over the bridge and circle back around to the parking lot by keeping Longfellow Pond to your left at all times.

This loop is marked by yellow arrows, some of which have distances printed on them.



Measured Running Loop

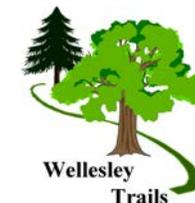


Measured Walking and Running Loop

Distance: 1.16 Miles

Marking: Yellow Arrows

This trail was marked out as a leadership project for the Leadership Class at Wellesley High School by Elliot Davidson, with help from Trails Committee member Joan Gaughan and NRC Director Brandon Schmitt.



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Map of the Loop

Outlined in orange. Includes 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, and 1 Mile markers.

