



Barrett Park Waterfall and Pond Loop

Brief Description: This varied and interesting figure-eight loop hike brings you to Barrett Park's hidden waterfall, uphill through a pleasant forest, and back down to loop around Colburn Pond.

Distance, Time, and Difficulty: The hike to the waterfall and around the pond is EASY. The full loop hike going uphill after the waterfall is MODERATE. The full loop hike is approximately one mile long and takes about 30 minutes.

Uses: Hiking, snowshoeing, birding, observing wildlife, letterboxing, geocaching, and fishing.

Barrett Park is not in the Leominster Watershed Area so dogs are allowed, but they must be leashed. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets!

Directions to the Trailhead: From Monument Square in the center of Leominster, take Pleasant Street for 0.6 mile. Bear right onto Chestnut Street at the green Recreation Department/Barrett Park sign. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into the parking lot for Barrett Park.

Trailhead Address: 40 Barrett Parkway.

Trailhead Parking: FREE parking for about 40 cars.

The Hike: From the parking lot, walk into the park heading to the left and look for the sign at **Intersection #41**. Bear left here, passing a playground and picnic area. Follow the gravel trail and soon you come to a soccer field on the left, with a side trail on the right leading to the pond.

Continue to follow the gravel trail to **Intersection #45**. Take the side trail to the left for the Waterfall Trail. When you enter a small grassy clearing, go right following the yellow dots into the woods leading to the stream that feeds Colburn Pond. Follow the trail bearing left as it gradually ascends to the small waterfall.

The trail continues uphill somewhat steeply along the stream to **Intersection #46** and a bridge over the stream. (The trail to the right leads uphill to Elm Street.) Go straight (not crossing the stream), continuing to follow the yellow blazed trail.

Very soon you reach **Intersection #47**, with a dead-end spur trail to the left leading to the top of a small knoll. (NOTE: the intersection number sign is missing, but will be replaced.) Continue to follow the yellow dot trail to another intersection with an unmarked trail coming in from the right. Follow the yellow dot trail to the left.

In a short time, you come to a small opening in the forest, with a four-way trail intersection. Follow the yellow dot trail to the left, going downhill steeply. Soon you reach the small grassy clearing that you passed earlier. Go straight here, back to **Intersection #45**. Go left, following the Colburn Pond trail as it crosses the pond on a causeway to **Intersection #44**. Go right here, following the trail that loops around the pond and passes **Intersection #42**.

When you reach the beach and Recreation Department building, follow the trail straight into the woods until you reach **Intersection #41**. Take a left to get back to the parking lot.

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For more information, go to www.leominstertrailstewards.org

Trail Facts

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| Hike Length* | 1.05 mi |
| Starting Elevation* | 492 ft |
| Max Elevation* | 556 ft |
| Max Vertical Change* | 100 ft |
| Est. Time to Complete* | 30 min |

* All distances and times are approximate



For a larger map, go to: [Barrett Park Map](#)

Trail Elevations

