General hints

- Park at Brook St. and follow the path to Trail #21 (Grand Lookout)
- Trails are numbered and marked at intersections.
- Color codes suggest degree of difficulty for bikers. Most of the trails are easy to moderate for walkers.
- Snowflakes on map indicate cold spots by grout piles. Excellent in summer.
- Please stay on paths and stay off private property along the forest boundaries.
- No swimming in quarries.
- Watch for bikers and disc golfers.
- Trash receptacles and a port-a-potty are located in the parking area.

All times are approximate.

BARRE TOWN FOREST

A multi-use trail system acquired in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service Community Forest Program, which provided essential financial assistance. Trails maintained by the Millstone Trails Assn. and the Barre Town Thunder Chickens.

Walking Guide

Park Hours: dawn to dusk

Town Forest Access & Parking
44 Brook Street
Websterville, VT 05678

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Tel: (802) 479-9331
Trail Orientation (easy, 1 hr.)

- Left onto #21
- Right on #61 (VAST Trail)
- Right at intersection with #57 (Upper Mainline). Head uphill to Capital Quarry (Q6). There is a small lookout at the top.
- Turning back, Right on #14 and immediate R to Inspiration Lookout (requires rock climbing only at beginning)
- Return to #57, turn right to go downhill
- Left near bottom on #1 (#6 Trail)
- Pass #6 Quarry (Q1) on left
- Right to the Rock Tower (easy path)
- Back to #1, turning right
- Right onto #21 trail back to path to parking lot

Longer, Easy Walk (2 mi., 2 hours)

- Left onto #21
- Right on #61 (VAST Trail)
- Left at intersection with #57 (Upper Mainline). Follow #57 to field.
- At field, turn R to stay on #57 until Little John Rd.
- Cross road and go straight onto #36 (Mainline)
- Right on #16 to Empire Lookout (beautiful view)
- Turn back to #36, go left and almost immediately right to follow #36 (Mainline). Notice old train tracks & tree identification markers.
- Left on #34 (Lower Mainline)
- Pass parking lot, cross Little John Rd., and proceed straight through field to #57
- Left on #22 (Heifer Pasture)
- Right on #61 (wet spots)
- Left onto #21 back to path to parking lot

Holy Ghost Walk (slight challenge, 1 ½ hrs.)

- Right on #21 (Grand Lookout)
- Straight onto #60 (Upper VAST). Notice old train tracks.
- Straight at #64 (Whetmore Heights)
- Left on #63 (Westside). Follow until gate is in sight.
- Left on #60 (Upper VAST)
- Right on #32 (Locomotion). Pass parking area.
- #32 loops around lagoons, an old boiler, and several old quarries.
- Left on #13 (Capital Trail), down to #61 (quite a long walk)
- Left on #61

The Grand Lookout (mostly not in Forest, very easy, very scenic, 1 hr.)

- Right on #21 (Grand Lookout)
- At intersection with #60 (Upper VAST), go Right. Follow street, cross Church Hill Road
- Continue on #21
- Notice historical markers, amazing sculptures in grout piles, and old derrick on right
- Continue to end (Grand Lookout)
- Return the way you came.

Woodlands Walk (moderate, 2 hrs.)

- Left onto #21
- Right on #61 (VAST Trail). Follow #61 almost to end (wet spots)
- Right on #22 (Heifer Pasture) winding through stands of maidenhair fern
- Left on #42 (Rambler)
- Left on #43 (Ridge Runner) briefly
- Right on #13 (Capital Trail)
- Follow #13 past Capital Quarry (Q6) all the way back to #61
- Left on #61
- Left onto #21 back to path to parking lot

Long, leisurely walk (mixed with lots to see as you loop through the forest)

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