

Basin Pond

DIRECTIONS:

From Lee take Rt. 20 east 4.1 miles to the junction of Rt. 20 and Becket Rd. Turn left on Becket Rd. and drive north 0.3 miles to a parking area on the left.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

From the parking area and the kiosk follow the trail north for an easy half-mile ramble over rolling ground and several seasonal streams through hemlock groves and mixed conifers. Watch for the split in the trail at a large beech tree. The right fork, marked with triangular blazes, contains a moderate climb to a path along the top of a talus slope, while the left path, marked with rectangular blazes, crosses a larger brook with several cascades and is a shorter and gentler route. The trails rejoin where a short spur descends to the ruins of the 1960s dam. This overlook offers a fine view of the natural impoundment of Basin Pond.

Distance: (including upper trail loop) 3 miles

Time: (varies depending on route)

1.5–2.5 hours

Elevation Gain: 300 feet for complete loop

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Basin Pond Trail Map

The Basin Pond Trail brings visitors through a natural amphitheater of rock-strewn slopes and cascading streams. State of the art trail design and stonework create a trail with gentle grades and an intriguing visitor experience.

Basin Pond has seen multiple attempts at “improvement” by damming—first to harness its power and later to create a resort community on its shores. Twice, the inadequately built dams and the undermining effects of springs led to massive flooding and human tragedy. Today, this landscape can be appreciated for its rugged tenacity.

In 1975 the Clark-Aiken company, the owner of a massively damaged mill downstream, was awarded the property as part of a settlement. N. Robert Thieriot purchased the property in 1992 and bequeathed it to BNRC.

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