



## Bayberry Hill Loop Trail

**Brief Description:** This hike takes you through the woods past Haynes Reservoir, up to the wooded summit of Bayberry Hill (1,068 feet), and back to the beginning. *Note that a portion of this trail will be logged in the near future as part of a city plan to manage the forests in Leominster's watersheds.*

**Distance, Time, and Difficulty:** It is an EASY to MODERATE hike covering 2.6 miles that will take about 1 hour and 30 minutes (about 45 minutes to the summit of Bayberry Hill).

**Uses:** Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, birding, wildlife viewing, mountain biking, letterboxing, geocaching, and hunting.

*This area is within Leominster's Watershed Area so dogs are NOT permitted per Leominster Water Department regulation.*

**Directions to Trailhead:** From Monument Square in the center of Leominster, take West Street for 0.3 miles. Go left on Pond Street and go 0.1 miles. Take a right turn onto Elm Street and follow Elm Street for 2.1 miles to the trailhead on the left.

**Trailhead Address:** 950 Elm Street.

**Trailhead Parking:** FREE roadside parking for about 4 cars. Please do not block the gate.

**The Hike:** Walk around the gate and follow the dirt road blazed with blue dots. In a minute, the trail heads away from the old road to the left and passes over the stream that flows from Haynes Reservoir.

Continue following the blue blazed trail and you soon catch a glimpse of the Haynes Reservoir to the right through the trees. In about 20 minutes, you reach **Intersection #9**. Go left here following the yellow blazed trail. In a short while you pass an unmarked trail on the left. After this intersection the trail ascends through a large thicket of mountain laurel to the wooded summit of Bayberry Hill.

From the summit, continue following the yellow blazed trail as it meanders and zigzags downhill. After a short, straight stretch, the trail makes a sharp hairpin turn to the right at an intersection with an unmarked trail (this trail continues out to the power lines).

Follow the yellow blazed trail to the right and to **Intersection #10** at the blue dot trail. Go right here, up a somewhat rough, rocky, and eroded section following the blue blazed trail. Soon you pass some small cliffs off to the right—good habitat for porcupines!

Shortly you reach **Intersection #9** again where you started the loop. Retrace your steps on the Monoosnoc Trail back to Elm Street.

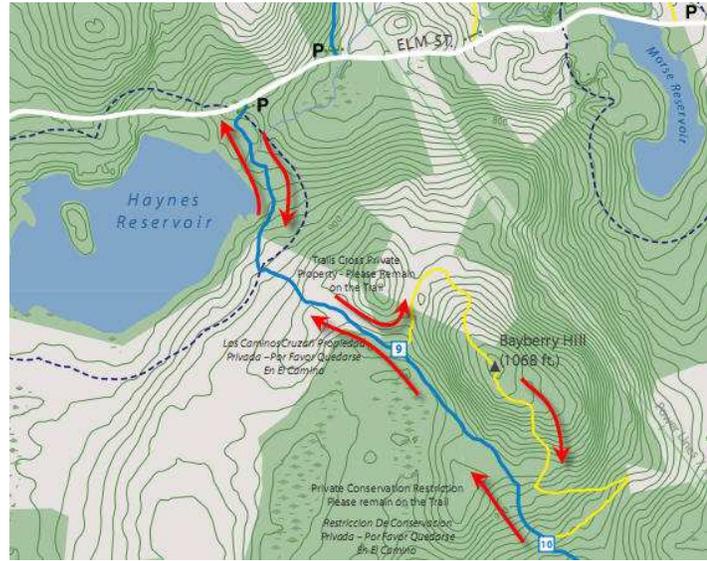
**Nature Notes:** Loons occasionally visit the reservoirs in Leominster, including the Haynes Reservoir.

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For more information, go to [www.leominstertrailstewards.org](http://www.leominstertrailstewards.org)

# Trail Facts

<b>Hike Length*</b>	<b>2.6 mi</b>
<b>Starting Elevation*</b>	<b>821 ft</b>
<b>Max Elevation*</b>	<b>1,060 ft</b>
<b>Max Vertical Change*</b>	<b>240 ft</b>
<b>Est. Time to Complete*</b>	<b>90 min</b>
* All distances and times are approximate	



For a larger map, go to: [Bayberry Hill Loop Map](#)

## Trail Elevations

