

FORSAITH FOREST

The Forsaith Forest Nature Trail may just be the most incredible short nature hike in Chester!

Wooden plank walkways and forest paths carry you through a wondrous world of emerald-green moss, vernal pools, insectivorous plants, ancient black gum trees, a rare Atlantic white cedar swamp and some of the best early autumn foliage in New Hampshire!

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Developing the trail is an ongoing project of the Forestry and Environmental Studies/Outdoor Skills programs at Pinkerton Academy. We are learning to practice responsible land stewardship and the need to preserve open space in our community. We hope you'll tour our trail soon and tell your friends what you've found.

A unique trailhead kiosk marks the entryway to "bog bridges" which wind through "hummocks and hollows" into a rare Atlantic white cedar swamp filled with mosses, lichens, and insectivorous pitcher plants... all bathed in an eerie filtered sunlight.

In September, look for the incredible black gum trees to produce the best autumn foliage colors anywhere! The leaves of black gum are some of the first to change color, and glow blood-red when sunlight

hits them. Black gums are N.H.'s longest-lived tree species, often growing for 600+ years. They are also noted for their flat-topped crowns, horizontal branches, and knobby "alligator-hide" bark.

The ½ mile long pathway can be walked in about 25 minutes but will take longer if you look around a bit. The way is well-marked, easy to travel, and suitable for all age groups.

-- DIRECTIONS --

The Forsaith Forest Nature Trail is located on Ledge Road, which is ½ mile East of Chester Center, off Route 102 (immediately after North Pond Road, traveling East). Follow Ledge Road (gravel) for .3 mile and park along the roadside nearest the trailhead.

EXPLORE THE FORSAITH FOREST TODAY!