

# Horton Woods, Saco

There's quite a lot of trails and miles of walking (more than three, without counting backtracking) at Horton Woods, which encompasses a bit of a Saco River tributary – the Stackpole Brook – and a small marsh. I got a bit confused here because I didn't pay enough attention to the map, which shows that one of the trails, the Blue Heron Trail I believe, ends at a bench overlooking the brook. I wandered around a bit looking for the rest of the trail before I figured this out. This path also cuts through a logging area, which makes for dicey footing at places. If you do head down the Blue Heron trail, simply return the way you've come and finish the trail network on the other side of the river. There is also a newer trail that cuts off to Simpson Road. The prettiest spot in the 100-acre preserve is close to the trailhead off of Buxton Road, where you get a good view of the marsh. For more info, [check out Saco Bay Trails.](#)

**Directions:** From Main Street in Saco travel west on North Street toward Buxton. A traffic light about one mile from Main Street marks the beginning of Buxton Road (Route 112). Travel five miles on Buxton Road. The parking area for Horton Woods is on the left, about one half mile from the power line that crosses Buxton Road.

