

Georges Highland Path, Pleasant and Spruce Mountains, Union and Rockport

In my map, the Ragged Mountain trail is blue. Spruce Mountain and Mt. Pleasant are green. Bald Mountain is orange.

The land trust has an announcement: *****UPDATE: 7/5/16 – The Mount Pleasant Farm trailhead is now closed but the Mt. Pleasant St. trailhead is open as an out and back trail to the scenic view.**

You can pick up this section of the [Georges Highland Path](#) at two spots: in Rockport off Route 17 or from the Mt. Pleasant Street trailhead.

Once you start climbing up [Spruce Mountain](#), the path becomes dry and comfortable. I didn't make it all the way to Route 117, but if you just want a short hike with spectacular views, start at the Route 117 parking lot. It's about .6 mile to the summit. From the farm, it's a little more than 3 miles one way, not including a little jog to western summit of Spruce Mountain – which is not to be missed! These paths are maintained by the Georges River Land Trust.

If you've got sturdy legs, carry on to Ragged Mountain and then to Bald Mountain.

Georges River Land Trust has divided the 50-mile trail into three sections: [Headwaters Region](#) (farthest north in Montville), Central Region (this one, in Searsmont, Rockport and Camdent), and the [Saltwater Region](#) (in Thomaston).

Directions: To reach the western end of the trail, go to Mt. Pleasant farm. Follow Harts Mill Road south from Route 17 in South Hope for 0.25 miles and bear left onto Fogler Road.

Travel 1.2 miles and bear left where the main road bears right. The parking lot is 100 feet ahead on the left, adjacent to the farm. There is also an informal parking area on Mt. Pleasant Street that bisects this trail section. From Fogler Road, travel 0.5 miles and turn left onto Mt. Pleasant Street. Travel 1 mile to a vehicle pull-out area on the left shoulder.

For the eastern end of the trail, use the Route 17 trailhead also serves Ragged Mountain. The parking lot is 2 miles north of the intersection of Routes 17 and 90 in West Rockport.

