

Georges Highland Path, Ragged Mountain Area, Camden

Ragged Mountain trails are blue and purple. Spruce Mountain and Mt. Pleasant are green. Bald Mountain is orange.

The small mountains behind Camden and Rockport are ideal hiking spots. They are small, so not intimidating, and offer much exposed ledge, making for breathtaking views – often as far as the sea and, on the other side, to Mt. Washington and the White Mountains. The mountains in Camden Hills State Park are very popular, but Ragged, Spruce and Bald mountains are almost as gorgeous, and slightly less popular, I think.

[Ragged Mountain's trails](#) connect to the trail systems of [Spruce](#) and [Bald](#) mountains, so you can go for a long traverse here. The trails are well-marked and occasionally steep. To summit Ragged Mountain from Route 117, it's a 2.5-mile hike, much of it on flat land as you walk toward the mountain. Then it's not too difficult to get to the top, where there is a tower. The trail here veers away from the tower – it's easy to get confused at this point. Continue on for another mile or so to another high, open point on Buzzard's Ledge.

Directions to the trailheads: There are three trailheads that hikers can use to access Ragged Mountain: **Barnestown Road (north)**, **Hope Street (west)**, and **Route 17 (south)**. The Barnestown Road trailhead also serves the Bald Mountain Trail. The parking lot here is 1,000 feet south of the intersection of Barnestown and Gillette Roads in Camden. The western trailhead, also known as the Thorndike Brook Trail, is on Hope Street in West Rockport. From the intersection of Routes 17 and 90 in West Rockport, travel 2.5 miles north on Route 17 and turn right onto Hope Street. Travel 0.5 miles to the parking lot on the right. The Route 17 trailhead also serves

the Spruce Mountain and Mount Pleasant trails to the west of Ragged Mountain. The parking lot here is 2 miles north of the intersection of Routes 17 and 90 in West Rockport.

