

# Singepole Mountain, Paris

I revisited Singepole Mountain (in August, 2017) after seeing on Maine Trail Finder that there was a new approximately 1.2-mile trail up this beautiful mountain. The new path starts by Halls Pond, it is well-marked with red blazes, and it is wonderful. Steep but wonderful. If you don't feel like going up the mountain for the views, walk the 1.4-mile trail around peaceful Halls Pond. To get to the quarry from this side, go straight back from the summit (or where the ledgy views are), down a track that dips into a little woods, and then head slightly to your left. (I noted on my map where I started down a snowmobile track on my left prematurely.)

The other 1.4-mile trail on the other side of Singepole Mountain is maintained by a snowmobile club, I think, so watch for the yellow snowmobile signs to help you find your way to the quarry and summit view. It's not marked as well as your average land trust preserve, but if you keep your wits about you, you should be fine!

To get to the trailhead from Brett Hill Road, keep going straight when the road curves sharply to the right. Park a couple hundred feet up this road (Durrell Hill Road), and then keep walking straight up the road.

At the first fork in the trail, go left. You'll pass a big red building. Continue going straight/left at the next intersection a little ways farther along. Keep following the snowmobile signs! I also saw one cairn. Eventually you'll come to a beautiful quarry pond that looks like it would be a great place to swim. The trail passes the quarry and here is where I think I went wrong. You could continue up the ledges to a view to your left over to Streaked Mountain, but I think you want to head to your right from the quarry for pretty views over Hall Pond. Maine Trail Finder indicates there is another trail

this way. I'll check it out one day.

More info here. And check out this Facebook page.

**Directions:** For the Brett Hill Road trail, from Route 117, turn onto Brett Hill Road. When the road curves sharply to the right, continue straight up Durrell Hill Road. When the trail forks again, park. Continue walking straight up the road. For the Halls Pond trail, from Route 119, turn onto Halls Pond Road (which is a semi-circle) and is 2.1-miles from South Paris and 2.3-miles from Hebron. From the Paris end of Hall's Pond Road, continue for .6-miles and turn right to stay on Hall's Pond Road. The small parking lot is on the left just before the boat launch and pond. From the Hebron end of Hall's Pond Road, continue straight up the hill for .8-miles.

