INTERPRETER-CONDUCTED WALKS
Join us for scheduled walks and hikes that may last 30 minutes to three hours. These walks are an enjoyable way to see the lake, learn about nature and history, and meet other people.

HIKING OPPORTUNITIES
Walking is a great way to see the natural world. Wildflowers, the scent of pines, and the sound of birds are best seen and experienced away from roads. A limited number of waypoints have been placed along the trail. Should you become unsure of your location, remember there is one main ridge with a few short spurs; walking uphill will eventually bring you to the ridge on which the Nature Center is located.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR
• Den Trees: Beech and other trees provide homes and food for squirrels, woodpeckers, raccoons, and other animals.
• Eastern Red Cedars are common “pioneers” in abandoned fields and grow well in poor soils. Cedars also provide food and shelter for wildlife.
• Rock Shelters were used by American Indian hunting parties and later as livestock pens by settlers. Notice the animal burrows often found near the base.
• Wildlife Signs are abundant. Look for tracks, droppings, nests/dens and trails. Many animals are seldom seen because they come out only at night or are secretive.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

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<td>Begins at the Nature Center. Well-maintained but with a small number of signs. Average hiking time is 3 to 4 hours. Many visitors enjoy walking to Totem Rock, a large rock shelter that was used by American Indians and early settlers. “Waypoints” back to the Nature Center are at each intersection. Many of these are marked with location signs designated as A, B, C, D or E.</td>
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<td>A short loop trail begins just across from the Nature Center’s front door. If your time is limited and rock overhangs, ferns and pines sound inviting, try this trail. The trail can be hiked in 30 to 45 minutes but is hilly.</td>
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PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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