



# FALPS ALL TRAILS - ALL SEASONS CHALLENGE

## TRAILS DESCRIPTIONS and LOCATIONS

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### **American Legion State Forest- 2.1 miles:**

**Henry Buck Trail:** Southern trailhead is off West River Road just north of the gravel Legion Road opposite the old bridge abutments in the West Branch of the Farmington River, 2.5 miles from the center of Pleasant Valley. Trail is a loop that heads west from the trailhead. Trail is blazed in blue is 1.7 miles long, is difficult in many areas and ends at the northern trailhead on West River Road .3 miles from the start.

**Turkey Vulture Ledges Trail:** Trailhead is located off the gravel Legion Road 1.4 miles from the gate by the gravel bank. Trail is of easy to moderate difficulty and is .4 miles to the vista where the trail terminates. Trail is blazed in blue.

### **Peoples State Forest- 10.5 miles:**

**Elliott Bronson Trail:** The western trailhead is located off Greenwoods Road (paved forest road) 200 yards from the main forest gate off East River Road. Greenwoods Road is 1 mile north of Pleasant Valley and just before the Squire's Tavern. Trail heads east. Just after a short climb there is another unaffiliated blue trail that runs north/south. Go straight following the Blue blazes with the red dot. Trail runs for 2 miles to the eastern trailhead off Park Road. Trail is moderate to difficult hiking.

**Robert Ross Trail:** Begins at the stone Nature Museum off of Greenwoods Road, .25 miles from East River Road. The Robert Ross Trail is blue-blazed and runs north together with the Agnes Bowen Trail for .1 miles at which point the Agnes Bowen Trail splits off to the east. Follow the blue blazes not the blue/orange blazes. Robert Ross heads north, past the end of King Road, re-crosses the Agnes Bowen Trail and runs into the Jessie Girard Trail. The Robert Ross and Jesse Girard trails run together for .3 miles. Robert Ross ends at the terminus of Warner Road. Trail is 1.9 miles long and is of moderate difficulty.

**Agnes Bowen Trail:** Begins at the stone Nature Museum off of Greenwoods Road, .25 miles from East River Road. The Agnes Bowen Trail is blazed blue and orange-blazed and runs north together with the Robert Ross Trail for .1 miles where the Agnes Bowen turns east. Remember to follow the blue/orange blazes. The trail then crosses Greenwoods Road and runs northerly until it crosses the Charles Pack Trail and loops back to Greenwoods Road, travels along Greenwoods Road northerly, loops back into the forest then connects up to Beaver Brook Road for a short distance. The trail then turns off of Beaver Brook Road to the south, crosses Greenwoods Road again, crosses the Robert Ross Trail and travels down to East River Road 1.5 miles from Pleasant Valley. Trail is moderate in difficulty and is 2.8 miles long.

**Charles Pack Trail:** The southern trailhead is off of Greenwoods Road just south of the junction with King Road and is 1.4 miles from East River Road. Greenwoods Road is 1 mile north of Pleasant Valley and just before the Squire's Tavern. The trail heads east and soon crosses the Agnes Bowen Trail and Beaver Brook. The trail heads north and crosses Pack Grove Road twice, heads west and crosses Beaver Brook Road at the bridge. The trail continues west until it reaches its northern trailhead on Greenwoods Road in the Big Spring area. Trail is easy to moderate in difficulty, is 2.0 miles long, blazed in Blue and Yellow.

**Walt Landgraf Trail:** The trailhead for the Walt Landgraf Trail is on the Elliott Bronson Trail, .3 miles from Park Road. Park Road is on the east side of the Forest and is off of Rt. 181, also called Center Hill Road. The Walt Landgraf Trail is .2 miles long and is blazed in red. The trail terminates near the soapstone quarry/rock shelter and is easily hiked.

**Jessie Gerard Trail:** The southern trail head is located on East River Road 1.7 miles south of Riverton Center (3.5 miles from Pleasant Valley). The trail runs into the woods 100 feet and turns abruptly southeast where the Falls Cut Off Trail begins. This trail is blazed blue and yellow. The trail climbs to meet the Robert Ross Trail and continues northwest with the Robert Ross for .3 miles where the Robert Ross ends at Warner Road. Jessie Gerard continues steeply up to one of two outlooks along the trail. The northern trail head is at the Big Springs area. Trail is difficult in places but is relatively level on top. It is 1.4 miles long.

**Falls Cut Off Trail:** Begins 100 feet from East River Road along the Jessie Gerard Trail (See trailhead location above). Trail diverges north from the Jessie Gerard Trail and climbs steeply to the Jessie Gerard/Robert Ross Trails where it ends. Trail is difficult, .2 miles long and is blazed blue and red.

**Caution: The steep parts of these trails can be very icy in cold weather. Use extra caution.**

**The State Forests are open to hunting during the season. Wear Orange!**