

Stevens Glen

DIRECTIONS:

From the center of Lenox, take Route 183 South for 1.5 miles, passing Tanglewood. Where 183 bears left, go right on the Richmond-Lenox Rd. Continue uphill for 1.6 miles. At the top of the hill turn left onto Lenox Branch Rd. (Lenox-West Stockbridge Rd.) and go 0.6 miles. Park at a small pull-off on the right with a sign for the Glen. Overflow parking is available further down the road.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

Enter via the stairs and go downhill to the first junction. This is the beginning of a loop trail. You can follow either the red rectangular or red triangular blazes to lead you to the spur trail that continues to the Glen. On the rectangle-blazed trail are stands of hemlock with groves of young mixed hardwoods, white pine, and red oak, as well as two footbridges. The spur to the Glen is marked with a sign. From here you descend and cross two streams, the larger of which is Lenox Mountain Brook. Continue on a fairly steep climb through mature birch to the Glen. Here are metal steps that descend to a platform that looks out over the ravine. To return, take the same spur trail back to the last junction and complete the loop. Please be sure to keep on the trail. This land has fragile steep slopes that are easily eroded.

Distance: 1.2 miles

Time: 1 hour

Elevation Gain: 320 feet

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Stevens Glen Trail Map

This 128-acre parcel in Richmond and West Stockbridge has a “loop and spur” trail that takes you to Stevens Glen, a magnificent gorge cut by the cascading falls of Lenox Mountain Brook.

This hidden gem of the Berkshires was first settled by the Stevens family in 1760. It was a coach party destination in the late 1800s, and in 1919 it was the site of a party for 900 people, with a dance pavilion and bridge over the ravine. The landscape changed dramatically in 1924 when all the mature trees were cut to control the chestnut blight. In 1995, brothers Millard and Frederic Pryor donated the Glen and its surrounding acres to the Resources Council. BNRC built the Stevens Glen Trail in 1998 and continues to manage the preserve for public enjoyment and wildlife habitat.

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