

Yokun Ridge South

Olivia's Overlook is at the center of the 734-acre Yokun Ridge reserve in the heart of central Berkshire County. From the overlook side of the Lenox-Richmond Mountain Road, the Charcoal Trail heads south and east, with a connection to the Brothers Trail. From the other side of the road, the Burbank Trail loops along the ridge and then down eastward to Monks Pond and back.

Directions to Olivia's Overlook: From Tanglewood when Route 183 curves left, bear right onto Richmond Mountain Road (sign says to Rt. 41/Richmond). Drive 1.5 miles and the Olivia's Overlook trailhead will be on your left. GPS: 42.3519, -73.3377

Directions to Designated High Road Hiker

Parking: Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health, North Gate House, #35 Richmond Mountain Road, Lenox.



Photo: Gabrielle K. Murphy

WELCOME! WE INVITE YOU TO...

ENJOY this property on foot, bike, skis, or snowshoes. Dogs are welcome. They must be under your immediate control and local leash laws apply. Hunting and fishing are permitted, subject to MA state regulations. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

PROTECT the trails, wildlife, and land. Carry out what you bring in, take only photos, and leave everything else just as you found it.

APPRECIATE that this land provides a home, food, and shelter to wildlife and protection for clean drinking water. Respect wildlife and keep your distance.

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Trail Description:

Brothers Trail: 0.9 miles, one-way

Burbank Trail: 3.2 miles, roundtrip

Charcoal Trail: 1.6 miles, roundtrip

Old Baldhead Road: 1.5 miles, one-way

Difficulty: Moderate (uneven footing, elevation changes)

The **Charcoal Trail**, is a 1.6-mile loop named for the flat, rounded charcoal pits along the way. The trail provides views of Monument Mountain and West Stockbridge. The **Brothers Trail** connects the **Charcoal Trail** to **Old Baldhead Road**, on the other side of **Lenox-Richmond Mountain Road**. **Old Baldhead** leads to **Monks Pond**. The 3.2-mile long **Burbank Trail** begins directly across the road from **Olivia's Overlook**, which is named for Olivia Stokes Hatch. Yokun Ridge South provides a key link in the **Yokun Ridge High Road route**. The High Road is a long-term initiative of BNRC to make connections from towns to trails. For more information visit bnrc.org/the-high-road.

Natural History:

The reserve's trails take visitors past mountain laurel and through hemlock-shaded ravines. In addition to pine and oak, sassafras and tulip poplars can also be found. There are saplings of American chestnuts that have not yet fallen victim to the blight that destroyed this mainstay of the Northeast's forests in the early 20th century. Yokun Ridge is favorable habitat for barred owls, whose characteristic hoot can often be heard and sounds like "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" In early spring look for trout lilies blooming.

