Bob's Way

DIRECTIONS:

From the junction of Rtes. 7 and 23 just north of Great Barrington, take Route 23 east past Butternut Ski Basin. Continue through the town center of Monterey and turn right into a designated parking area just past Mt. Hunger Road and before the Sandisfield town line. The trail begins next to a rock inscribed with "Bob's Way." The trail is blazed red.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

Take the boardwalk across the small wetland and climb a gentle slope to your first intersection. A glance at the map will show that you have the option of doing a larger exterior loop on Bob's Way or combining one or more "crossings" for a shorter loop.

The moderate climb over the Cathcart Crossing brings you to Dave's Bench, an impressive carved stone bench that offers a view across the valley. The Truman Dowd Crossing is named for the early 19th century farmer who worked this land. Bob's Way continues through mixed woods and overlooks a large beaver pond and heron rookery.

Distance: 1.75 to 2.4 miles

Time: 1-2 hours

Elevation Gain: 300 feet

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Bob's Way Trail Map

The Bob's Way loop trail takes in a variety of landscapes, including a beautiful wetland and heron rookery. This fascinating 260-acre property is located off Route 23 in Monterey and Sandisfield.

Bob's Way is named in memory of Nion Robert (Bob) Thieriot (1946-1998) who was one of the great conservationists in the history of Berkshire County. Thieriot preserved over 4,500 acres in Berkshire County, including this property, which he gifted to Berkshire Natural Resources Council to manage for uses such as public recreation and wildlife habitat. BNRC welcomes you to Bob's Way to enjoy the historic and natural features this property offers.

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