

Yokun Ridge North

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., continuing uphill for another 1.5 miles. Take a left into the parking area at "Olivia's Overlook." Cross the road to enter the trail marked "Burbank Trail." Climb about 100 yards to the first intersection.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

The Burbank Trail offers a variety of hiking and biking options. From the iron ranger, you can follow the red blazes right to Monks Pond or proceed left and up onto the ridge. Both trails join Old Baldhead Rd. to complete the route. At Monks Pond you can cross the dam and turn left onto Old Baldhead Road, or you may continue northeast on the western side of the pond. Both these options lead to a central junction north of the pond where there are remains of the 1850s Gorman homestead. From here follow the red oval blazes to the top of the western ridge, where you will find a nice lookout with a plaque dedicated to Kelton Burbank. Continue southwest on the ridge to exit opposite Olivia's Overlook.

Distance: 3.2 miles

Time: 1.5 hour

Elevation Gain: 540 feet

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Yokun Ridge North Trail Map

This magnificent 407-acre parcel serves as the scenic mountain backdrop to Tanglewood and the surrounding area. Located on the southern slopes of Lenox Mountain, the Burbank Trail provides excellent moderate hiking and biking routes that take in beautiful woods, a lovely quiet pond, an 1800s farmhouse site, and many delightful streams and seasonal rivulets. A side loop up Old Baldhead Road travels a historic old road. Overlooks on the ridgeline provide views westerly into Richmond.

This land and reservoir were originally part of the Shadowbrook estate, built by Anson Phelps Stokes and later owned by Andrew Carnegie. Later the pond became known as Monks Pond after the Jesuits who occupied the estate until 1970 (Kripalu Yoga Center now occupies the site). In 1998 BNRC dedicated the Burbank Trail to Kelton Burbank, our longtime friend and legal counsel.

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