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Hike

## Appalachian Trail to Goose Pond Cabin Hike May 24th at 10:00 am

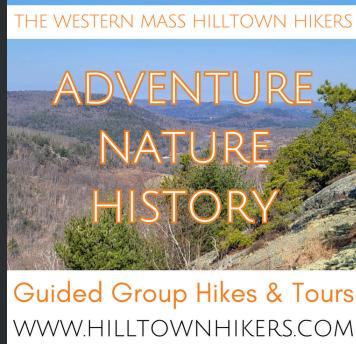
Parking: Jacob's Ladder Scenic Byway and Appalachian Trail Parking Area, Route 20 Lee, MA 01238

Hike Rating: Moderate Plus 4.5 miles in and back with 450 feet of elevation gain

Join us on the Appalachian Trail in Becket where we will hike through Tyringham and Lee to the remote and beautiful Upper Goose Pond. We will hike on bog bridges, pass an old saw mill and hike along the Greenwater Pond Dam and cross the now defunct Huckleberry Trolley Line to the Massachusetts Turnpike. We will climb the first of two spiral ramps accessing the footbridge that takes the A.T. across the Mass Pike (I-90). The bridge also serves as a route for snowmobiles in the winter and soon there will be a new animal crossing bridge here. After crossing the upper bridge, we will climb until we reach the boundary of the Goose Pond Natural Area 0.9 miles from the parking area. This area preserves the land surrounding Upper Goose Pond in an undeveloped state. There will be rock steps, mountain laurel and roots on this section. We will reach the junction with the 1/2 mile blue-blazed access trail to Upper Goose Pond Cabin, owned by the National Parks Service. The Cabin is a popular destination for through hikers offering a pancake breakfast by the volunteer AMC caretaker from mid-May to mid-October. We will enjoy the views of both Lower and Upper Goose pond from the cabin and then return back.

Registration is required. Maps and bottled water provided. Be prepared for rocks, roots and some uneven ground. We will hike rain or shine.

Well behaved dogs welcome. Suggested donation \$15. More information on [www.hilltownhikers.com](http://www.hilltownhikers.com) under events including link to register.



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