

LITTLE CONCORD POND

Bald Mountain and Speckled Mountain Trail

Location: West Peru, Oxford County

Description of Hike: From the parking lot, the trail follows a gravel fire lane through birches and hemlocks to Little Concord Pond. Before you reach the shore, follow the blue blazed trail up a ledge to your right. The trail rises steadily through the forest with frequent views over Shagg Pond. The trail opens to an acre of exposed ledge at the summit of Bald Mountain. On a sunny day, this is great spot to stop for lunch and enjoy the spectacular views. After enjoying the view, drop back into the woods on the trail. Continue walking between vistas and shady corridors of spruce before beginning your second ascent of the day up Speckled Mountain. Climbing a series of open ledges you will emerge on the summit ledge at 2,200 feet where you can from Sunday River to Saddleback. On a clear day you will be able to see Mt. Washington in the west. Retrace your steps to return to the parking lot.

Directions: From West Peru, head south on Dickvale Road approximately 8 miles, turning left at the intersection with Shagg Pond Road. The trailhead up Bald Mountain (which goes by Little Concord Pond) is on the left after just over a mile.

Total Distance: 4 miles

Hiking Time: 3 hours

Maps: DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer Map 11, A-1, USGS 7.5' Mount Zircon, ME

Local Attractions:

Sources:

- Gibson, John, 50 Hikes in Coastal and Inland Maine, 4th edition.
- Land for Maine's Future. Maine State Planning Office.
http://media.informe.org/lmf/projects/project_detail.php?project=1589

LMF Background: Owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, this 64-acre tract surrounding Little Concord Pond was part of an early LMF project including multiple parcels that totaled 37,000 acres. The Speckled Mountain parcel includes part of the Bald-Speckled Mountain Trail on the west slope of Speckled Mountain.