About the Sanctuary

Tucked above the shores of Squam Lake, Proctor Wildlife Sanctuary in Centre Harbor is an excellent example of second generation woodlands. The entire 47 acres is covered with a good mix of white pine, red oak, yellow birch, beech, maples, and even a few black oaks. Two quiet streams meander through much of the property with trillium and partridge berries growing near their banks.

The Trails — From the trailhead, head down the path until you reach the stone wall. After a short distance, the trail divides. Because the trail is essentially a large circle (Brookside Trail, yellow blazes) with a short trail across the middle (Woodland Cut-off, red blazes), it really does not matter in which direction you choose to walk around the property. Do follow trail blazes closely, as there are several old trails and dried stream beds that resemble trails. The lower portion of Brookside Trail is a bit wet underfoot in the spring and during wet spells.

By bearing left at that first fork, you will soon meet up with the two streams. Stop at one of the brookside picnic tables along the way for a quiet lunch under the forest canopy. These picnic tables were built and installed by the Kanasatkla 4-H Club. The group is also responsible for cutting and marking the original trails in 1980.

Given to ASNH in memory of Jean K. Proctor of Centre Harbor in 1975, the Proctor Wildlife Sanctuary is a lovely spot for a spring wildflower or bird walk.

Visitor Information

Welcome to Proctor Wildlife Sanctuary. While visiting, please follow these guidelines:

1. Please do not collect or in any way disturb any plants or animals.
2. Please keep to marked trails.
3. Please respect private property.
4. Only foot travel is permitted — no horses, bicycles, or motor vehicles.
5. Hunting, firearms, camping, and fires are prohibited.
6. Please carry out all trash and litter.
7. Be prepared for country walking.

Location

From the lights at the junction of Routes 25 and 25B in the middle of Centre Harbor, go north on 25B 1.1 miles. Take a right onto Centre Harbor Neck Road and travel for 1 mile. Look for ASNH trailhead sign on left, park in "pulloff" across from sign.