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Leicester Hollow Area Trails

Trail Facts:

Length: see descriptions	Feature: Lake, Views, Multi-Use Recreation Area
Max. Elevation Change: 270 – 720 feet; see descriptions	USGS maps: East Middlebury and Brandon Quads
Amount of use: Low – High	Hiking level: Easy – Difficult
Average trip time: ¾ – 5 ½ hours round trip; see descriptions	Uses: Each trail is managed for different uses. See below.

Trail Description:

Leicester Hollow -

The trail follows Leicester Hollow Brook and crosses it many times as it ascends easily to Silver Lake. The trail ends at the Silver Lake Trail, near a dam, at 5.6 miles. For good views, return via the Chandler Ridge Trail, which begins off the Silver Lake Loop Trail on the west side of Silver Lake.

Chandler Ridge -

The trail follows a ridge with gentle grades and has views to the east and west and meets the Leicester Hollow Trail at 4.8 miles. Elevation change over Chandler Ridge is 720 feet. Average hiking time for the Leicester Hollow/Chandler Ridge loop is 4 ½ – 5 ½ hours.

Goshen Trail

The trail begins at the Goshen parking lot on Forest Road 27 at a gated road. The trail crests a low ridge and passes under a power line. Continuing through the woods, the trail turns right at a junction with the Ridge Trail, and connects with the Leicester Hollow Trail just south of Silver Lake Campground at 0.6 mile. Maximum elevation change is 270 feet.

Minnie Baker Trail

The trail climbs steeply in several pitches from route 53 and then descends to the Leicester Hollow Trail on a long downgrade with a hairpin turn at 1.2 miles and the maximum elevation change is 800 feet.

Please practice Leave No Trace ethics, such as carry out what you carry in on all trails.

Directions:

Minnie Baker Parking

From Brandon, follow Route 73 east for 3.3 miles and turn left onto Route 53. Park on the right at 1.6 miles. The Minnie Baker Trail intersects the Leicester Hollow Trail at 1.2 miles.

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From Rochester, follow Route 100 south to the junction of Route 73. Take Rt. 73 west for 14.4 miles and turn left on to Route 53. Park on the right at 1.6 miles. The Minnie Baker Trail Intersects the Leicester Hollow Trail at 1.2 miles.

Goshen Trail Parking

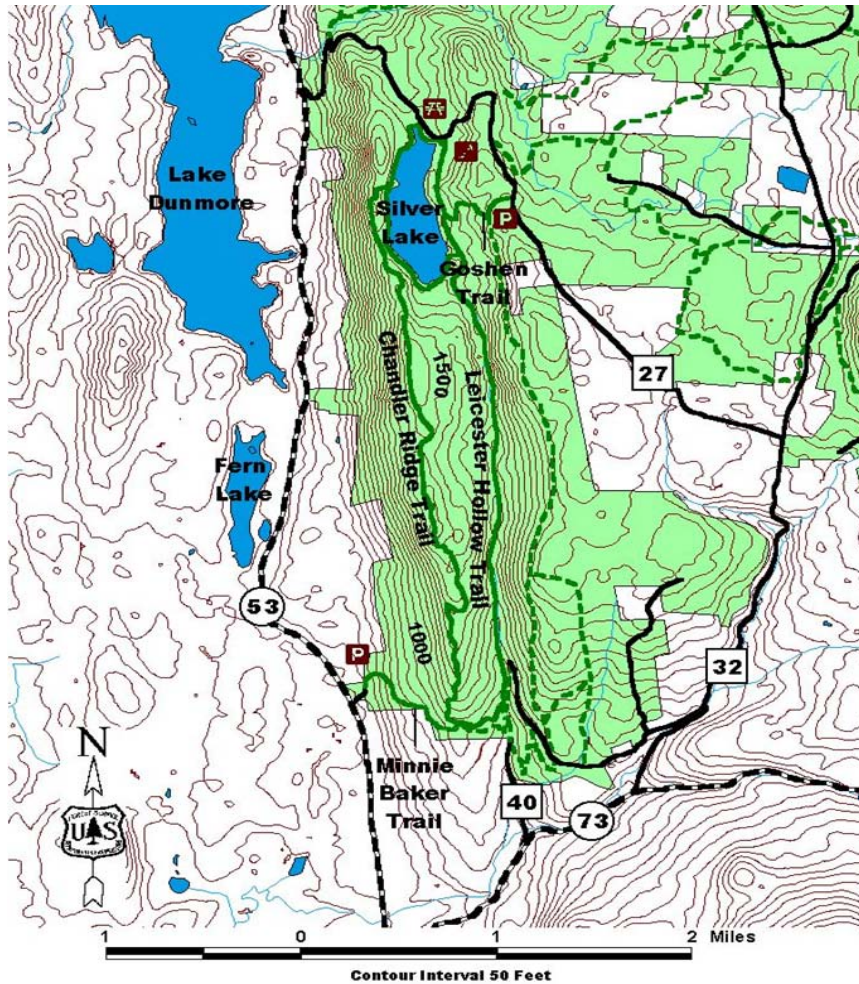
From Middlebury, travel south on Route 7 to the Junction of Route 125. Travel east on Route 125 for 6.8 miles and turn right onto Forest Road 32. Follow FR 32 for 6.8 miles and turn right onto Silver Lake Road (Forest Road 27). Follow Silver Lake Road for 2.2 miles to the parking lot at the end.

From Rochester, travel south on Route 100 to the junction of Route 73. Travel west on Route 73 for 12.5 miles. Turn right on Town Hill Road and follow it for 0.6 miles. Take the first left onto Carlisle Hill Road, then right to stay on Carlisle Hill Road for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Silver Lake Road/ FR 27 for 2.1 miles to parking lot at end.

Area Services:

Food and Services: Brandon restaurants and fuel stations
For all Emergencies: 911
911 Information: The Minnie Baker trailhead is in the Town of Leicester, off Route 53 The Goshen trailhead is in the Town of Goshen, off Forest Road 27

Map:



For more information:

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