

Forest Management

The Forest Management Trail is a 1.5 km self-guided loop through a tract of Ontario's Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest. Follow it and discover some of the members of the forest community, from the obvious to the obscure. You will also learn how humans participate in this diverse and complex ecosystem.

The Forest Management Trail begins on the west side of Highway 35, across from the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) office, 20130 Hwy. 35 (12 km south of Dorset). Please be careful crossing the highway and keep to the trail by following the directional arrows. After you have completed a couple of short uphill sections you will find yourself on a gently rolling, packed-earth trail. You will need a basic level of fitness and comfortable footwear to hike this trail. We recommend that you bring insect repellent during the late spring and throughout the summer. Allow yourself at least 1 and ½ hours for the hike.

A guide book is available at the trail head or HHWT office for a nominal fee of \$2.00. The numbered sections in the guide book correspond to numbered posts along the trail. To get the most from your hike, stop and face the numbered post. Then read the description in the guide. Special terms are in bold text the first time they appear and are explained in the glossary at the back of the guide. Look for special boxes in the guide. They give additional ideas about what to do between the signposts.

Happy hiking!