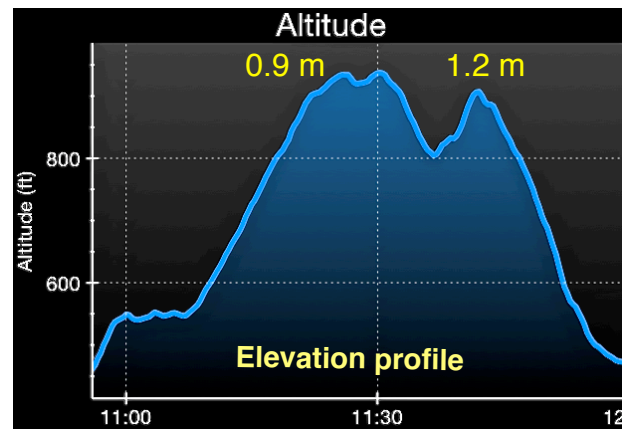




Henry Buck Loop:
 2.0 miles
 1,200 vertical feet
 2.1 hours



foundation of cheese box mill

Mileage summary:

Ascend B to cheese box mill 0.8 > Memorial 0.9 >
 Cliff viewpoint 1.1 > class 2 ledge >
 right turn onto road 1.7 > return to car 2.0

Henry R Buck was a civil engineer who directed the construction of Connecticut's CCC camps in the 1930's. He designed and built the Henry Buck Trail. It is a short and challenging trail with lots of photo ops, especially during the wildflower season. It passes historic sites, & has a great viewpoint across the Valley. It also has a Class 2 pitch across a narrow ledge, which may require the use of your hands when crossing this 8 foot long section. (If it looks icy, it would be best to turn around & come back at a better time).

Park at the southern trailhead (41° 56' 30.69" N 73° 0' 44.58" W) of this blue blazed trail on West River Rd, 2.0 miles north from rt. 318. Wild flowers, from mid April to early May, are mostly found along the first mile. At 0.8 you reach the foundation of an old cheese box mill. The power dam for the mill is slightly upstream. At 1.0 you pass to the left & high above your head, the Henry Buck Memorial bronze marker. At 1.1 you reach the Tremendous Cliffs, with a great viewpoint to the east. The trail shortly will cross a narrow upward sloping ledge. It is 8 feet long and may require your left hand for balance. (If it looks too much, turn around). The trail now descends steeply to West River Rd at 1.7. Turn right back to you car at 2.0

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