

## Secord Forest Notes

Secord side trail makes for as 4.7 km loop

At the south-west point of the pond at the crossroads bear right

Between sf3 and sf4 trail and boardwalks can be slippery

The smaller loop is about one kilometer and has some pretty hardwood forest which is great for fall colours. It also has a few steep ups and downs. If you do not want to do the smaller loop, turn east at sf5

East of sf5 boardwalks can be slippery.

At the south-east point of the pond a short side trail leads to a bench overlooking the water. In March there were hundreds of geese hauled up here.

At sf6 a short side trail leads to an information panel detailing cold water stream restoration efforts. Down by the creek is a nice spot for a picnic, mosquitoes permitting

At sf7 the Secord side trail turns west, 2.2 kms back to the parking lot. The Oak ridge moraine and Great Trail combo head east along the edge of a meadow (nice for a picnic) to Concession Road 4. There is some roadside parking here, and the trails turn north along the road.

Continuing west from sf7 the Secord side trail enters a marshy forest with short stretches of boardwalk, which are slippery when wet. Depending on the state of fencing on a nearby field you may encounter a cow here

After the wet sections you enter a beautiful hardwood forest where the trail goes up and down and meanders back to the parking lot by way of a large barn.