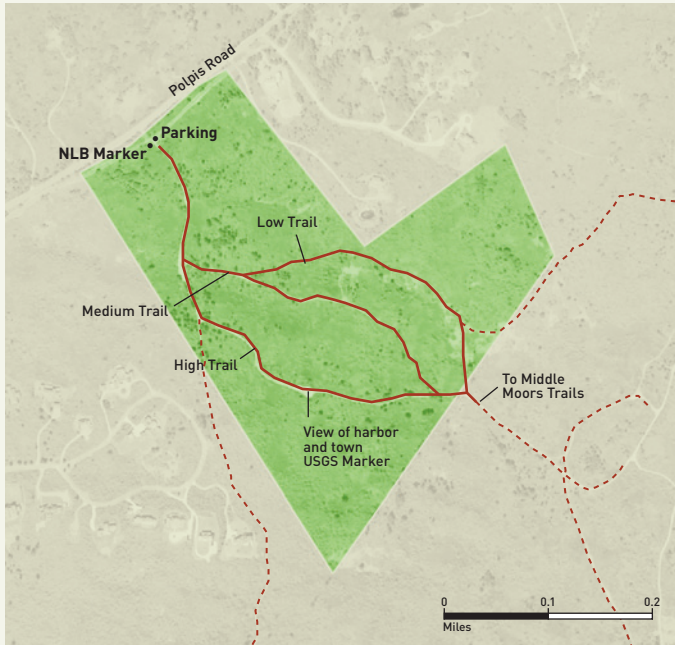


Shawkemo Hill Trail



Trail Guide

Walking time: 15 to 60+ minutes

Parking: 4–6 spaces

Ideal for: children, dog walkers, hikers, joggers, mountain bikers, and bird watchers.

This trail is actually a series of paths which loop through the deepest glacial valley on the island and can lead you to one of the highest peaks of the glacial moraine (the edge of the ice sheet that formed Nantucket). This dramatic hike also serves as a gateway to the extensive walking paths and sand roads of the Middle Moors, widely regarded as the heart of wild Nantucket. After a heavy rain, ardent treasure hunters should keep their eyes open for ancient arrowheads along the trails of the middle moors as this part of the island is where the former resident native population hunted for food for over six thousand years. Of course, you may be distracted from your treasure hunting by the views; one of the Middle Moors Gateway paths passes over the top of Shawkemo Hill (a.k.a., Radar Hill) and provides a dramatic panoramic lookout over the moors and Nantucket Harbor.

Directions: From the rotary, take the Polpis Road toward Wauwinet. After North Pasture Lane on your right, look for the Land Bank marker and parking area on your right.

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Enjoying Nantucket Safely

The Nantucket Land Bank accepts no liability due to injury resulting from use of this map or its properties. In other words, you use these trails and recreational areas at your own risk. Follow these tips in order to ensure your use of Land Bank properties is safe and enjoyable:

Dress Appropriately

On trails, wear hiking shoes or boots. In the summer, employ light clothing that provides protection from the sun. In the winter, multiple layers that wick moisture will keep you warm and dry.

Check for Ticks

Nantucket has one of the highest rates of tick-borne diseases in the world. So follow these simple tips. Stay on the trail and avoid tall grasses, shrubs and hanging branches. Wear boots with socks and long pants when possible (tucking your pants into your socks may look geeky, but it will keep ticks from reaching your skin.) Check your family for ticks daily. Be advised that a deer tick nymph is often only the size of a crumb.

Avoid Poison Ivy

Learn to identify and avoid the three shiny leaves and white berries associated with poison ivy. It is one of the most pervasive plants on Nantucket, found near beaches, on wooded trails, near wetlands and moors.

Use Sunscreen

Wear sunscreen and protective clothing to keep from being burned by the powerful summer sun. Some Land Bank trails are rather long and provide little shade, so plan accordingly.

Hydrate Properly

It's often surprising how quickly one can become dehydrated when walking in the moors or on the beach. So bring water with you and drink often.

Hunting Season

Most Land Bank properties are open to hunting in season. Hikers are encouraged to wear bright clothing and keep pets on a leash. The best time to enjoy Land Bank properties during hunting season is on Sundays when hunting is not allowed. Hikers are asked to report any hunting remains that are not properly disposed of to the Land Bank office.

Vehicle Access

Please note that not all of the dirt roads and passable trails are maintained on a regular basis and some may only be traversable with four-wheel drive vehicles. Even with four-wheel drive, you may need to reduce tire pressure on particularly sandy patches. A sticker is required for driving on beaches.

Cell Phones

Bring a cell phone in case you get lost.

Pack In, Pack Out

In most cases, there are no trash receptacles provided at these properties, so please help keep our beaches clean by taking everything that you brought to the beach with you when you leave.

Pet Owners

Keeping our properties and beaches clean by cleaning up after your pet is greatly appreciated.

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