Hiking and Walking Trails in and around the Oxford Hills

Ordway Grove is a walk through some of the oldest white pine and oak in the area. Trailhead on the west side of Pleasant Street, two blocks north of Main. Norway

Roberts Farm Preserve Trails Roberts Farm Preserve is located 2/10th of a mile south of Lake Pennessawessee off Roberts Road. Norway

Cornwall Nature Preserve on historic Paris Hill, this scenic preserve is ideal for nature study and photography. A trip to the preserve makes a delightful family outing and picnic spot. About 2 miles up Paris Hill Road from Route 26. Parking area on the right. Paris

Railroad Trail runs between Norway and South Paris following a section of old railroad tracks. Access from Danforth Street in Norway. At the Stop sign bear right, on your immediate left you will see the Trail Sign. Approx 2/3 of a mile. Norway/Paris

Mount Tire’m offers hikers a spectacular view of the Long Lake region and Presidential Range. Climbing time is about 40 minutes. At the junction of Rt. 35 and Rt. 37 in Waterford town center, turn on to Plummer Hill Road, next to Waterford Inn. Trailhead is on left, unmarked. Waterford

Tips: Check weather reports to be prepared for changing conditions. Take water and a snack. Consider the least experienced hiker when determining your trail selection and pace. For more tips visit http://www.maine.gov/ifw/warden_service/safety.html#hiking

Hawk Mountain ½ mile, gentle climb with views of the lakes region and white mountains. Off routes 35 & 37, take Mill Hill by Church, then 1st right on Fire Lane 95. Trailhead is logging road on right at end of pavement.

South Waterford
Crocker Hill (known locally as Brown Mtn.) An easy 0.8 mile climb with nice views. Paris Hill Road to Mt. Mica Road. Follow 1.1 miles to gravel Thayer Road, 0.7 miles to trailhead.

South Paris
Stevens Brook Trail A two-mile trail between Highland Lake and Long Lake in Bridgton. Follows Stevens Brook through downtown Bridgton past scenic and historic natural areas. Ask for a trail map at library Information Desk. Bridgton

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Streaked Mountain, is a short, rigorous upward hike, with a few sections of shallow incline. Take Route 117 East from South Paris for 5.3 miles. Turn South onto Streaked Mountain Road. The trailhead is 0.5 miles past the power lines, which go straight up the mountain. Buckfield

Singepole Mountain 1.3 miles, quarry and views over Halls Pond. 2 Miles east on Route 117 from intersection with Route 119. South 0.5 miles on Brett Hill Road. At sharp corner go straight. South Paris

And a few outside the Oxford Hills
Portland Freedom Trail is a self-guided walking trail in downtown Portland currently comprised of sixteen marked sites, recognizing people associated with the Underground Railroad and anti-slavery movement in Portland. Information available at www.portlandfreedomestraintrail.org. Portland

Sabattus Mountain a ¾ mile trail with great views From Route 5 in Lovell, turn onto Sabattus Mountain Road. Go about 1.5 miles and bear right at the fork, onto a gravel road. Continue about 0.4 mile to the parking area on the right. Lovell

Grafton Notch State Park has 3,100 acres on Route 26 between Newry and Upton. There are many scenic areas and short walks in the area. Looking for a challenge? Old Speck mountain might be for you. It is the third highest mountain, at 4180 feet, in the state.

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