

## Doing the Hyde Park Trail End-2-End on your own



We recommend beginning your hike at Val-Kill, and dropping a second vehicle at your planned destination point:

- For the full, 9.3-mile End2End, leave a second vehicle at the Vanderbilt NHS parking lot before starting your hike from Val-Kill
- To do the trail in two sections of roughly 5 miles, leave a second vehicle at the Home of FDR parking lot

The trail is marked with green and white plastic markers with the tulip-poplar leaf logo (see at left)

WAYPOINT	MILES TO NEXT WAYPOINT	DIRECTIONS TO NEXT WAYPOINT	NOTES	TOTAL MILES
<b>START: Park at Val-Kill visitor parking lot</b>	(1.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Top Cottage trail east/ generally uphill to Top Cottage, the trail terminus</li> <li>• This adds 1.2 mi to the hike distance (total 10.5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Val-Kill visitor center and restrooms are closed during the COVID pandemic</b></li> <li>• <b>Parking is not permitted at Top Cottage</b></li> </ul>	START 0
<b>Top Cottage</b>	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenic vista &amp; rest on Top Cottage back porch</li> <li>• Return to Val-Kill via Top Cottage Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There are NO facilities at Top Cottage</b></li> </ul>	1.2
<b>Val-Kill</b>	0.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Val-Kill access road to Rte 9G</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grassy trail route follows south side of paved road</li> </ul>	1.6
<b>Rte 9G Highway Xing</b>	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please use the striped crosswalk and exercise caution at this highway crossing</b></li> <li>• Continue on Roosevelt Farm Lane Trail to Rte 9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use caution at Rte 9G striped crossing; there is no traffic signal</li> <li>• Alternative parking &amp; trailhead at Rte 9G</li> </ul>	3.6
<b>Rte 9 Highway Xing</b>	0.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please use the traffic signal crosswalk and exercise caution at this highway crossing</b></li> <li>• Continue along the Bellefield entrance road, pass in front of Bellefield mansion; trail continues on lawn and park paths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please use the pedestrian-controlled crossing signal at Rte 9</li> <li>• Alternative parking &amp; trailhead at Rte 9 (Farm Lane trailhead)</li> </ul>	3.9
<b>Wallace Visitor Center at FDR Site</b>	2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue on park paths through the FDR site</li> <li>• Head downhill along Roosevelt Woods Trail and enter woods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wallace Visitor Center and restrooms are closed during the COVID pandemic</li> <li>• Alternative parking lot at FDR site/ Wallace Center, the approximate trail midpoint</li> </ul>	5.9
<b>River Rd cul-de-sac</b>	0.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exit woods and continue on River Road to Riverfront Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On River Road, watch for trail blazes on power poles and white street stencils on pavement; keep bearing left, staying closer to the Hudson River</li> </ul>	6.6
<b>Riverfront Park / Old Railroad Station</b>	0.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue on River Road, generally uphill, following street stencils</li> <li>• Enter Vanderbilt Coach House Gate on park road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter and picnic tables at Riverfront Park Pavilion</li> <li>• Alternative parking &amp; trailhead at Riverfront Park</li> </ul>	6.9
<b>Vanderbilt Coach House Gate</b>	1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass coach house and cross bridge. Then turn Left and follow park road downhill to Vanderbilt Lower Road</li> <li>• Take Lower Road to Bard Rock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional shortcut: just downhill from the coach house bridge, a footpath with Hyde Park Trail markers leads uphill from the park road. This passes by the Vanderbilt gardens and mansion, and reaches the parking lot in 0.8 mile.</li> </ul>	8.5
<b>Bard Rock</b>	0.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrace briefly and continue uphill along park road; Trail turns uphill on turf on right side of road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A not-to-be missed view from the Hudson River shoreline</li> </ul>	9.3
<b>FINISH: Vanderbilt parking lot</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park is generally open sunrise to sunset, but hours may change during the COVID pandemic</li> <li>• Cars left after hours could get locked in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenic views from the Vanderbilt overlook, along the park road</li> <li>• Vanderbilt Visitor Pavilion and restrooms are closed during the COVID pandemic</li> </ul>	FINISH