Shavertown Trail

Trailhead – a tenth of a mile north of the Shavertown Bridge and Route 30, on the Tremperskill Rd./County Route 1 in Andes. Park by the entrance to the boat launch.

To Pond and vista: 1 mile
Pond Loop: 0.3 miles
1.5 additional miles to trail end
2.3 miles round trip to and around pond, 5.3 miles full trail round trip

The Shavertown trail offers families and novice hikers a unique opportunity in the Catskills – it is a fairly level hike after the first mile! Be ready to break a sweat as you climb 520 feet in that first mile, but it is so worth it. Wander past a lovely pond, complete with pink and white water lilies in season, and enjoy the spectacular view of the Pepacton Reservoir.

Pressed for time? Visitors can walk around the pond and head back. Hungry for more? The next mile and a half of trail winds around craggy boulders adorned with a variety of lichens, through hardwood and evergreen forest. Much of the trail before and after the pond is on an old access road. Parts of the steeper first section have stone steps to ease the climb.

The second mile and a half of trail only gains 240 feet of elevation in a mile and a half, making it a pleasant and virtually effortless stroll for most hikers, young and old.

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