

## GARDEN CREEK FALLS LOOP

**Distance:** 6.6 km

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Cautions:**

**This hike requires you to cross a frozen Beaver Pond, so be sure of ice conditions. Because the western part of the trail near the beaver pond is impassable by foot except in winter, the loop is really a winter hike; although the eastern leg of the trail should be ok.**

**There are a lot of directions listed here, but the trail is well beaten down and easy to follow. If in doubt at a turn, take the trail most followed.**

**Getting There:**

In Fredericton, drive up Springhill Rd. and turn onto Stapleton Street, Drive to the end of the street and park in the turning area near the high black water tower.

**The Trail:**

Walk straight back across the field to the left of the tower, then east until you encounter an old road at about 400 meters, near several large white pines.

Turn right onto the road and walk south for about 850 meters until you reach a large Beaver Pond.

Check Ice conditions, and if safe cross straight across the ice parallel to the beaver dam.

Follow the trail for another kilometer to a power line.

Cross the power line and follow the trail for another 450 meters until it reaches Rt. 8.

Walk left along the edge of the woods for 350 meters.

Follow the trail down into the woods for 100 meters then take a short side trail on the right to a brook crossing and then to Garden Creek Falls.

\*If the day is sunny, there is a nice place for lunch at the brook crossing.

Return to the main trail, turn right and walk 100 meters to the power line.

Cross the power line and follow the trail north into the woods.

Follow the trail through woods for 1.7 km to a side trail on the left.

Turn left and follow the side trail west through the woods for about 500 meters until you encounter an old road.

Bear right and continue for about 200 meters to an old road near several large white pines.

Turn left onto the road and walk 70 meters to a side trail on the right.

Turn right and follow the trail for about 400 meters back to your parking place.

**Dave Suttie, January 2021**

