

Mount Bailey (Mt. Carleton Park)

Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous

Distance: 6.6 km return (3 – 4 hrs)

Named by W.F. Ganong for Loring Bailey, his former professor and a prominent geologist and botanist in New Brunswick during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

CAUTION: The various look offs are very high and steep, so be careful to stay back from the edge....and even more so on the "cliff top trail".

This hike is a slightly more strenuous climb than Mt. Carleton, but is much easier than Mt. Sagamook. With the trail passing through massive hardwoods and along high cliffs, I think it is the most scenic of the mountain trails.

Getting there:

From the Mt. Carleton Park entrance, drive south-east, passing the road to Armstrong Campground on your left and a road marked Administration on your right.

At 2.5 km you will reach a large open picnic area on the right, with 2 roads turning off to the right.

You will now see a trail head marked "Mt. Bailey" on your left, but it is better to turn right onto the second road, and continue on for .7 km to the main Mt. Baily trailhead and sign-in box.

The Trail:

From the trailhead, walk .5 km to an intersection.

Continue straight for .3 km to another intersection.

Take the right hand trail and walk 1.4 km to a nice lookoff on the left.

From here, continue south-west for .6 km to the summit of Mt. Bailey and a picnic table.

Return .6 km to an intersection and take the right hand trail.

Walk about .8 km to an intersection where the short Cliff Top loop splits off to the right.

Note: The southern end of the cliff top trail is quite a scramble. It is easier to stay on the main trail and ascend the cliff top from the northern end. The trail along the cliff top is a bit sketchy, but has some amazing views.

Continue on past the cliff top trail to a less spectacular look off on the right.

Continue on past where the Bald Mountain Brook trail splits off to the right.

Continue north-west for 1 km to an intersection where you meet the trail that you came in on.

Continue .3 km to another intersection.

Take the left hand trail and walk .5 km back to the parking area.

