



Camp Aya Po

Length: 1 mile to 1.6 miles

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Land Owner: Town of Somers

Camp Aya Po consists of 178 acres formerly owned by the YWCA and purchased by the town of Somers in 2014. There are several trails located on the property – one that encompasses Hurds Lake and others leading to the summit of Perkins Mountain. This property is open during daylight hours for non-motorized, passive recreation activities both on the trails and on the water. Hurds Lake is approximately 20 acres created by a dam on the westerly side of Camp Road. The lake can be used for fishing and limited kayak or canoe use. A small boat ramp is located at the west end of the dam. Hurds Lake is not tested by the LHD and there is no lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk.

The Lakeside Trail offers an easy loop hike of approximately one mile around the shore of the lake. It is an excellent trail for bird watching as well as for family walks. It is marked with blue blazes and begins and ends at the parking area on Camp Road.

The orange blazed Perkins Mountain Trail leads from the parking area up through the former camp area and continues on to the summit of Perkins Mountain. It is a gradual climb for most of its length with a steeper section just before reaching the summit. From the summit, the trail continues down the east side of the mountain connecting to the Lower Trail which can be followed back to the parking area. The Old Shenipsit Trail loops around the west side of the property before connecting to the Perkins Mountain Trail for an alternate route to the top of Perkins Mountain. For much of the way, it follows a discontinued portion of the Connecticut Forest and Park's Shenipsit Trail.

The Somers Recreation Department would like to thank the dedicated organizations and passionate volunteers including the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and Somers Open Space & Trails Committee for their tremendous efforts in the preservation and maintenance of the trail networks outlined within.

CAMP AYA-PO TRAILS

Built and Maintained by
Somers Open Space and Trails
Committee

Lower Trail

0.6 mi. (Parking to Stafford Rd.)



Perkins Mtn. Trail

0.7 mi. (Parking to summit)

1.6 mi. loop (including Lower
Trail.)



Old Shenipsit Trail

0.8 mi (Parking to Perkins Mtn.
Tr.)



Lakeside Trail (Scheduled
completion Fall 2016)

1.0 mi. loop (Parking Area to
Parking Area)



All trails except Lakeside Trail are
multiuse trails open to equestrians and
mountain bikes as well as hikers.

