

The Trail Loop Vision

Looking for a fun and easy trail experience for you and your family? Come to Peru!

Start at Heyworth/Mason Park in the hamlet, it's a beautiful site with an impressive historic stone mill as its centerpiece. You might want to check-out the long history of the site as described on six colorful interpretive signs along the water, or maybe get your feet wet in the Little Ausable River, or pull out a ball or Frisbee and enjoy playing in the huge open field. Around the perimeter of the Park you'll find exercise/fun stations built of logs (in keeping with the Park's history as a lumber mill). So try your luck on the balance logs, jump stumps, hop-over logs and steep steps.

At the back of the Park is the start of the Little Ausable River Trail and there's a display board with seasonal photos of the plants and animals you might see along the way. Now, into the woods and onto the trail; walking, cycling, or rollerblading, whatever your fancy. Enjoy glimpses of the river to your left. Please stop for a minute to read the signs about the "Ausable Branch of the D&H Railroad" (you'll be on an abandoned line) and a mile later, "River Ecology", just before you cross a bridge and wetland boardwalk.

You'll then head through a field and back towards Town via the bike lane or sidewalk along Main St. You can nip into Sullivan Park to run some bases before stopping for lunch at Green Acres Diner or, a little further on, try one of Stewarts many ice cream choices. Or maybe check-out the Peru Free library, where there's usually an art display and always an incredibly nice children's room. You'll soon be at Little Ausable Park. Great! A playground, pond and a little more to learn about Peru on interpretive signs. When done you can then connect under the bridge back to your starting point - after two miles of outdoor fun, nature and history!