

Gibbet Hill Castle and Views West



The route is simple to follow. The castle and vista are worth the climb.

Park: At Gibbet Hill Grill

Duration: About an Hour

A steep hill and, sometimes, wet footing

Cross the short stone stair between the two buildings and head across the lawn toward Gibbet Hill.

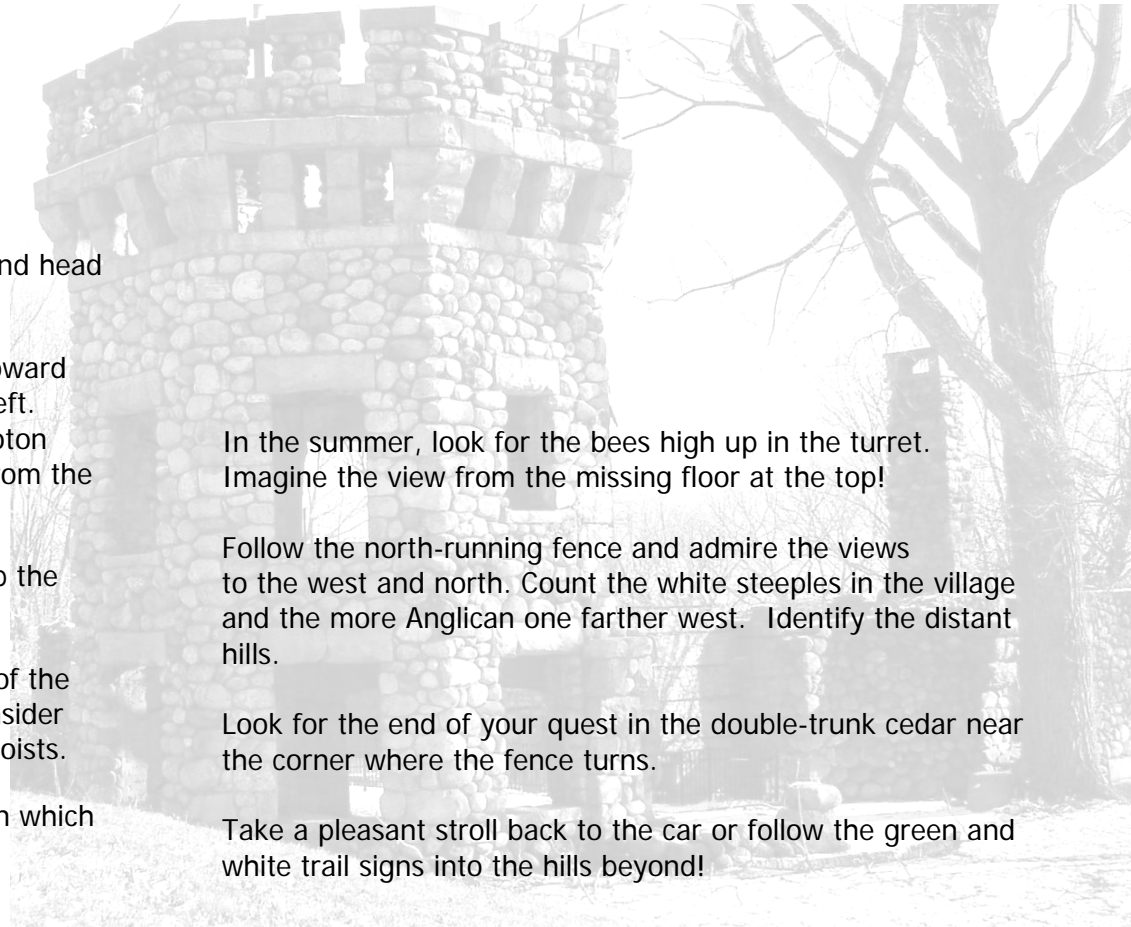
Up and around the pond along the path by the fence toward Route 40. Pick up the path through the woods to the left. Spend a moment appreciating the volunteers of the Groton Trails Committee. Pass two gates and bear left away from the road.

Past the fence, put your hands on your knees and climb the hill.

Rest and admire the spreading sugar maple at the top of the slope. Wander into the basement of the castle and consider the construction – the old pipes, the slots for the floor joists.

Walk around to the main floor. Can you find the year in which the castle was built? It is writ large but very obscure.

What was the small door for on the east side?



In the summer, look for the bees high up in the turret. Imagine the view from the missing floor at the top!

Follow the north-running fence and admire the views to the west and north. Count the white steeples in the village and the more Anglican one farther west. Identify the distant hills.

Look for the end of your quest in the double-trunk cedar near the corner where the fence turns.

Take a pleasant stroll back to the car or follow the green and white trail signs into the hills beyond!

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Windblown Ski Area
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