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# Cheshire, MA

**April 1 - October 31, 2024**

*13, 10, or 5km Appalachian Trail Hike*

*The Cobbles & Gore Pond*

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**START/FINISH:**

Ashwillticook Rail Trail  
parking area  
(GPS coordinates: 42°  
33.745'N, 73° 09.399'W)



**REGISTER ONLINE ONLY:**

[my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)

**TIMES:** Daily sunrise to sunset.

**Complete event within 30 days of  
initiating online registration.**

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**REGISTRATION:** Use the AVA's Online Start Box ([my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)). Follow the instructions to sign waiver & register for this event. Pay for event and directions using secure online system. Hike directions and insert cards are PDFs that you download and print as needed. **POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.** The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user.

**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:** All hikers head southward and climb up to "The Cobbles," a rocky perch which offers spectacular views of the Cheshire reservoir below, Mount Greylock to the north, and Ragged Mountain to the right. For 13km hikers, continue further south to Gore Pond, a tranquil spot to linger before retracing your path north. Be aware that rain and snow can make footing on the trail treacherous whereas summer heat and humidity can be oppressive. We recommend sturdy hiking boots and trekking poles or a hiking staff. There are no services on the trail so **you must carry water and food**. Pets are allowed on the Appalachian Trail, but **must be kept on leashes six feet or shorter**. Be aware of bears as they are often seen on the Appalachian Trail in MA. For updated information on trail conditions, please see [www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/trail-updates](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/trail-updates)

**RATING:** Route is on natural surface hiking trail and has an AVA rating of 4E. **This strenuous hiking trail is NOT suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.**

**AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Appalachian Trail

**AWARD:** This is an IVV Credit Only event; no award.

**DIRECTIONS TO START:** Driving directions received **AFTER** completing Online Start Box event registration and payment. Specific hike instructions included in that packet.

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