

Russell Martin Park Trails

Access to the trails:

The trail can be accessed behind the softball backstop and also in the middle of the parking area for the large middle lacrosse / football field. In addition, there is a connector trail to the South End neighborhood off Rolinda Avenue near the intersection with Norwich street.

The trails:

Hiking travel time: about 20 minutes

Distance: about ½ mile

The Martin Field Hiking Trail is a loop trail through a small forest adjacent to the athletic fields at the Russell F. Martin Memorial Park off of Iron Works Road in the South End of Concord, NH. The trail is a 1/2-mile loop trail that is a delightful area to take a stroll or to walk your dog. What a great thing to do during intermission of your child's athletic event. For those wishing to take a longer loop by adding 1.7 miles, turn right onto Iron Works Road and then another right on the unpaved Birch Road that will take you past the many beautiful Public Gardens. Take a right on Clinton Street and a right on Norwich Street that will then take you back to Rolinda Avenue to hook back on to the Martin Field Connector Trail.

History:

Russell Martin Park (originally "Iron Works Park") was established by the City on a 29 acre parcel of land received in a trade with the Concord School District which had originally acquired the parcel in 1966 for an elementary school site. The School District proposed the land swap so that the Beaver Meadow Elementary School could be constructed on what then was City recreation land off Sewalls Falls Road, a site which the City acquired through federal assistance [Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)]. The federal government approved of the swap, and the LWCF encumbrances were placed on the Russell Martin Park site.

Russell Martin served 25 years on the Community Recreation Advisory Committee, and was a leading force in the construction of the Douglas N. Everett Arena. He was resident of the South End and served as a coach and Director of Little League Baseball. Mr. Martin volunteered countless hours coaching children in youth sports. Iron Works Park was re-named in his honor upon his passing in 1991.



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Concord Trail System

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