

Transportation

Limited parking is available throughout the day at the various trailheads. Hikers are instead advised to be dropped off or to use the island's bus system.

Start

From West Tisbury, the #2 bus departs town hall at 7:51 and arrives at Blackwater Pond at 8:12.

From Vineyard Haven, the #2 bus departs the steamship terminal at 7:22 and arrives at Blackwater Pond 7:38. Hikers who do not wish to arrive so early can instead take the #3 from the steamship terminal at 7:07, arriving at West Tisbury town hall at 7:36, and then transfer to the #2, departing town hall at 7:51 and arriving at Blackwater Pond at 8:12.

From Edgartown, the #6 bus departs Church Street at 7:12 and arrives at Grange Hall at 7:36; switch to the #2, departing town hall at 7:51 and arriving at Blackwater Pond at 8:12.

Morning

The #3 bus passes by the Tisbury Meadow Preserve southbound on the State Road about 15 minutes past the hour and northbound about 10 minutes before each hour.

The 11:15 checkpoint at the state forest is served by both the #7 and #9 lines, running hourly in both directions: northbound #7 is on the hour and #9 is 33 minutes past the hour; southbound #7 is 46 minutes past the hour and #9 is 19 minutes past the hour.

The #1 runs on the Vineyard Haven - Edgartown Road in both directions twice an hour in each direction.

Lunch

Some parking may be available at the YMCA but please park far from the building so as to leave the more convenient spaces for YMCA patrons. Check #1, #7 and #9 bus schedules for service to and from the YMCA.

Afternoon

#7 passes the entrance to the Trade Wind Fields Preserve southbound on the County Road 46 minutes past the hour; #9 passes northbound 43 minutes past the hour.

Finish

There is parking along the Beach Road. The #13 bus runs every 20 minutes in both directions and stops in the Oak Bluffs side of Big Bridge.