











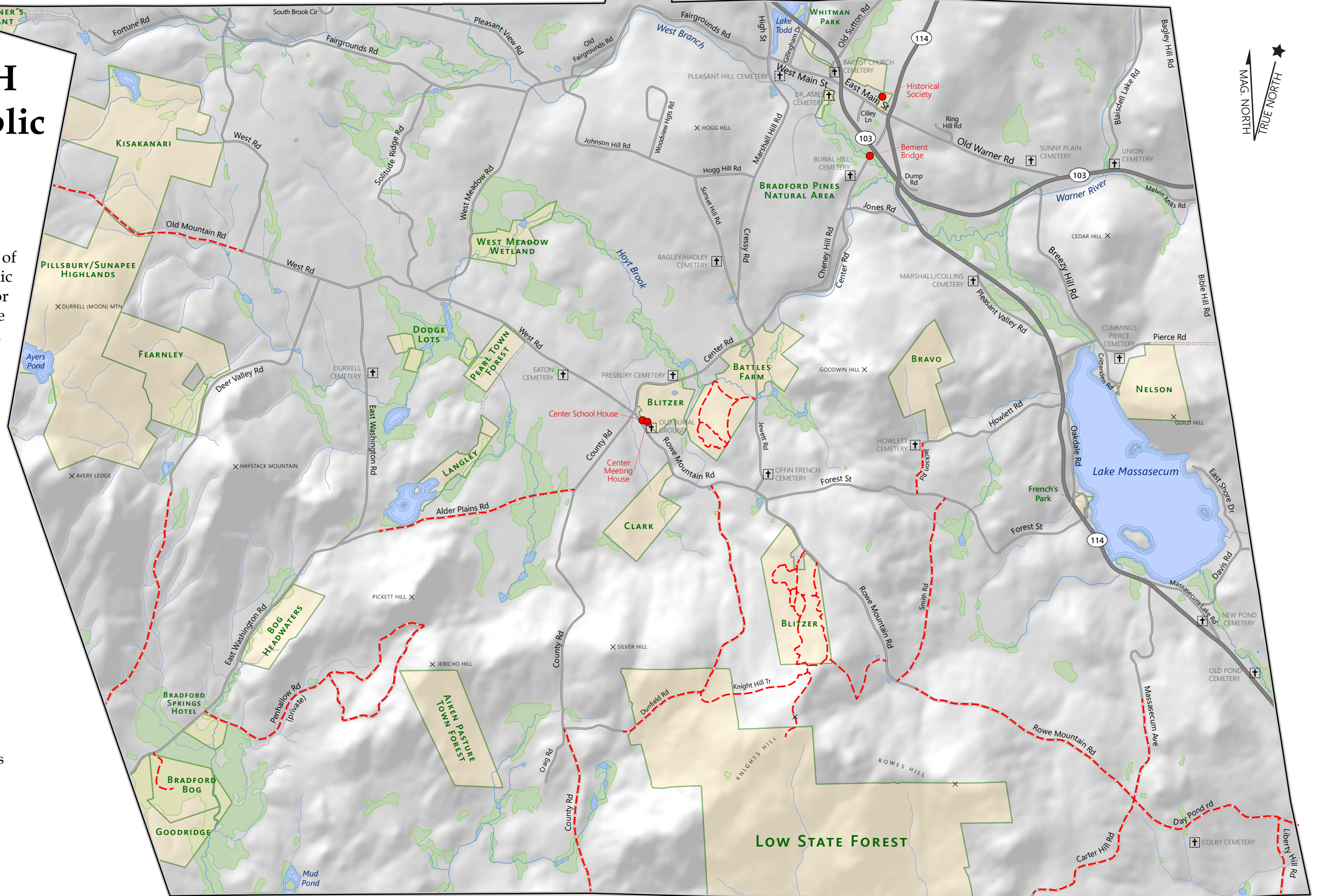


Bradford, NH Trails and Public Lands Map 2023

This map shows the system of trails and non-maintained public and private roads available for recreation in Bradford. These trails and roads are described on the reverse side of the map along with other points of interest and natural features.

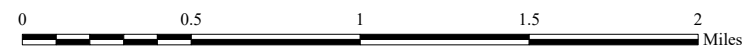
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Indian Tie-up 

Trails and Old Roads

Alder Plains Road. This Class 6 road is often flooded by beaver activity. Easy hike. County Road to East Washington Road, 1.4 miles.

Battles Farm. A loop trail starts and ends at Jewett Road by the bridge over Hoyt Brook. It rises over the top of Jewett Hill. The trail is rough and steep in places. Round trip from the parking area over Jewett Hill is 1.9 miles via the inner loop, or 2.2 miles via the outer loop. Parking is available.

Blitzer Easement – Rowe Mountain Road. Trail is steep with switchbacks. Connects to Knight's Hill Trail. Rowe Mountain Road to Knight's Hill Trail, 0.9 miles. Limited parking.

Bradford Bog. A boardwalk passes through a rare inland Atlantic White Cedar swamp to a quaking bog and viewing platform. A trail guide is available. Easy, level hike, but the boardwalk is slippery when wet. East Washington Road to viewing platform, 0.3 miles. Parking is available along road.

Bradford Pines Natural Area. This is a small state-owned preserve with a stand of very large white pine on the banks of West Branch Brook. There is a short, easy trail from a highway turnout. Route 103 to large pines, 0.1 mile.

Carter Hill Road. This very steep road runs from the end of Massasecum Avenue (at the intersection of Day Pond and Rowe Mountain Road) to Farrar Marsh State Wildlife Management Area in Hillsborough. There are some eroded sections. Day Pond Road to Bradford town line, 1 mile. Town line to Farrar Marsh, 1.6 miles.

Day Pond Road. The east end of this road starts at Route 114 and intersects with Massasecum Avenue and Carter Hill Road where its name changes to Rowe Mountain Road. Easy hike. Route 114 to Massasecum Avenue and Carter Hill Road, 1.4 miles.

Deer Valley Road. Some wet and eroded sections. Easy hike. Bibbo Farm to East Washington Road, 1.9 miles.

Dunfield Road. This trail begins 0.3 miles from County Road. It gradually climbs past a series of fields reclaimed by the State for wildlife habitat diversity. After approximately 0.5 miles, the trail reaches its highpoint. Here, the Knight's Hill Trail (see below) branches east. Dunfield Road then turns north and descends past a private residence to Rowe Mountain Road. There is some erosion on the north end. Moderate hike. Dunfield Road to Rowe Mountain Road, 1.8 miles.

Knight’s Hill Trail. This trail leaves the Dunfield Road trail south of the site of the Knight’s farm cellar hole opposite a field reclaimed for wildlife habitat. The trail passes through Low State Forest and climbs across private land and the south end of the Blitzer Easement before descending to the Rowe Mountain Road. A 0.6-mile spur trail leads south to the summit of Knight’s Hill with views to the south. The main trail continues to Rowe Mountain Road. Dunfield Road to Rowe Mountain Road - 1.4 miles.

Liberty Hill Road. This Class 6 road is one of the oldest routes to Henniker and there was an early grain mill on the west side. Use this road to access the Indian Tie-up – a difficult to find, but dramatic overhanging rock formation that may have been used for native encampment. Easy hike. Day Pond Road to Bradford town line, 0.5 miles. Town line to Goss Farm, Henniker, 2.4 miles.

Old Mountain Road. This road connects to the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and trails leading to Pillsbury State Park, Lovewell Mountain, and Ayers Pond. The first 1.5 miles are steep and badly eroded in places. West Road to Bradford town line, 1.2 miles. Bradford town line to Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway, 3.0 miles.

Penhallow Road. This is a private road. Laid out originally as a subdivision, a faint trail leads to a ridge with a nice view west toward Lovewell Mountain. The west side of the loop is rugged, indistinct, and difficult. Round trip loop, 2.9 miles. Park at Bradford Springs Hotel Site.

Rowe Mountain Road. This is a pretty woodland walk with some views. There are a few short, wet eroded places. It connects with Day Pond Road at its intersection with Massasecum Avenue and Carter Hill Road. Moderate hike. Smith Road to Day Pond Road, 1.5 miles.

Smith Road. This trail is predominantly downhill. Wooded, with several early cellar holes. Rowe Mountain Road to Forest Street, 1.2 miles.

Tilly Wheeler Trail and Whitman Park. This is a short trail from Gillingham Drive to Church Street. It is an easy walk that follows an old railroad bed. Whitman Park, 1.8 acres, is on the north side of the trail, along Route 103. Church Street to Gillingham Drive, 0.3 miles.

Public Lands and Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is an agreement between a landowner and a land trust or other qualified organization that permanently protects specified conservation values. It is a legal document permanently attached to the deed, even as the property changes hands over time. Public or private lands without a conservation easement or deed restriction in place may change usage.

Aiken Pasture Town Forest. Named for an early resident who maintained this area as a pasture, it is now a wooded 136 acres that will carefully be managed for forestry uses. Access is by foot, ski, or snowshoe from the private Penhallow Road. There are no marked trails and it is a steep hike.

Ayers Pond. This secluded 25 acre mountain pond is listed by the State as a public waterway. However, there is no easy access for the public.

Battles Farm Easement. A conservation easement protects 143 acres of important agricultural and forest soils, nearly a mile of Hoyt Brook, valuable wildlife habitat, views, and an important flood control area. See trail description.

Blitzer Easement – Center Road. 41 acres of well-managed forest and agricultural land along with 1860ft of road frontage are protected with this easement safeguarding a very visible piece of Bradford’s rural history. See trail description.

Blitzer Easement – Rowe Mountain Road. This 148 acre tree farm is a fine example of a working forest. See trail description.

Bradford Bog. The New England Wild Flower Society donated the core property to the town in 1971 to protect the rare Atlantic white cedar swamp, quaking bog, and associated plant communities. Combined with the Goodridge Conservation Area, this property covers approximately 180 acres.

Bradford Pines Natural Area. This state-owned preserve of 2.2 acres protects a small number of gigantic white pines on the West Branch Brook. See trail information.

Bradford Springs Hotel Site. A hotel was established on this 20.3 acre site in the 1840s at what was thought to be a medicinal spring. Many cellar holes mark the site. The small brick wellhead is still visible in the marsh. The renovated Spring House is at Musterfield Farm in Sutton. The hotel was dismantled and rebuilt in Antrim as the Maplehurst Inn in 1911.

Bravo Easement. This 91.9-acre property is highly ranked for wildlife habitat. Streams that run across it flow into Lake Massasecum and the easement protects this vital watershed. There is no public access.

George Clark Woods. A conservation easement protects this 63 acres of forested and well-watered hillside.

Dodge Lots. These two landlocked parcels, totaling 15.5 acres, are largely wet and inaccessible.

Fearnley Easement. This 158 acre easement is forest and wetland, including the headwaters of Hoyt Brook. It surrounds pasture and rises up steeply to the highest point in town, Durrell Mountain. There are no formal trails. This property adjoins additional conserved land totaling more than 16,000 acres.

Goodridge Conservation Land. This 72-acre piece was purchased in 2003 with generous cooperation by the former owners to further protect the Bradford Bog and to preserve the largest of the rare Atlantic white cedar. A logging road marks the western boundary (the Washington town line).

Govener’s Grant Easement. This private easement is approximately 170 acres in total with 30 acres within Bradford. It abuts the Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands block of forestland.

Kisakanari Easement. This easement consists of 318 acres of forest and wetland surrounding sheep pasture. It also includes a large beaver pond and headwaters of both Hoyt Brook and West Branch Brook. It abuts other conserved land creating wildlife habitat for wide-ranging species.

Low State Forest. This is wooded, high country of 1117 acres in total with 900 acres within Bradford. The state has created several openings to increase diversity of wildlife habitat off Dunfield Road which runs through it.

Nelson Farm Easement. This 89 acre property includes part of Guild Hill, a prominent overlook to Lake Massasecum. There are no marked trails.

Pearl Town Forest. John and Lena Pearl donated this 37-acre parcel to the town in 1980. There is a short walk-through maturing woods with wetlands on either side of a small ridge. Parking is possible in dry seasons a short distance along Butman Road. Cellar holes of the former Butman and Jackson farms are at the end of the road. An additional lot of 6.5 wetland acres was added on the west edge and 5 acres added to the south. A recent donation adds 42.7 acres continuing south for protection of the Hoyt watershed area.

Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands. This easement comprises several thousand acres with 451 in Bradford. It connects Pillsbury and Sunapee State Parks. Public access is allowed and there are some established snowmobile and hiking trails.

West Meadow Wetland Conservation Area. This 42.8 acre property is valuable for wildlife and for controlling flooding downstream. Explore this wetland in winter when its views can be appreciated. The remains of the 1800s Leviston’s mill dam can be seen from Center Road.

PLEASE NOTE

Unless otherwise noted, parking for trails is along public roads and is often limited.

Please be considerate of neighbors and the community.