

Welcome to the Woods Without Gile

Ann and Marc Davis bought the Woods Without Gile in 2002. The land is *outside*, or without the 6,725-acre John F. Gile Memorial State Forest, thus the name. They protected it from development in 2007 with a conservation easement, held by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. It was certified as a NH Tree Farm in 2009.

Since 2004, the Davises have conducted four timber harvests. Objectives for these harvests embraced the American Tree Farm System's four tenets: providing recreational opportunities for the public, improving the timber stand, protecting water quality, and diversifying wildlife habitat. After timber harvests, the Davises convert skid trails into hiking paths. Hunting is permitted.

For their exemplary, sustainable management, the NH Tree Farm Program honored the Davises as the 2022 NH Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year.

Access to the property is via a Class VI road. Vehicles should have a 6-inch clearance to use the gravel road safely. Trails on this 498-acre property are open for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. All trails are wide and maintained. The network includes a private way, Class VI roads, and converted skid trails.

Please help everyone enjoy this beautiful property by following these rules:

Please take your trash.

Please do not block gates.

Camping, fires & motorized recreation are not allowed

Hanna Hill Connector

(Easy, yellow, 1.1 miles) Access this out-and-back trail via first the sections of Otter Point & Warbler Way. Views.

Otter Point Trail

(Moderate, purple, 1 mile; cut-off, 1 mile): One steep hill. Views of Morrill Marsh from several vantage points. Some sections can be wet in summer and fall.

Sap House Road Connector

(Moderate, black dashes & red, 2 miles): From northern-most parking area at the Morrill Homestead with great views, walk south on Fowlertown Road to trail on the east side of the road. Sugarhouse foundation on north side of trail. You can continue east across Blackberry Boulevard to connect with Otter Point Trail on east side of open area.

Warbler Way

(Easy, blue, 0.5 mile): Loop. Bridges over streams. Great birding area. Views.

West Side Loop Trail

(Moderate, green, 1.7 miles). This loop starts at about 1,500 feet and leads to the highest point on the property - about 1,750 feet. Stone cairn marks the spot at the height of land. Some areas can be wet. Return to your vehicle via the gravel road.

West Side Loop Trail - A

(Moderate, green dashes, 1.3 miles). This follows a historic farm road. Return to your vehicle via the gravel road.

West Side Loop Trail - B

(Moderate, green dashes, 1 mile). This short trail includes portions of an old woods road. Return to your vehicle via the gravel road.



Photo of Morrill Marsh from Otter Point

Woods Without Gile

498 acres

Springfield & Wilmot, NH

DIRECTIONS:

From NH Route 4A, ½ mile from the Springfield/Wilmot town line, turn north on Fowlertown Road (GPS might ID it as Piper Pond Road). Travel north 1.5 miles on the gravel road. Continue past the small cemetery on your right (east side of the road). First entrance on east side of the road. Park near the gate.

Woods Without Gile Trail Map



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 Property boundaries are approximate and not for survey use.
 Basemap data source: United States Geological Survey

Property boundary

Roads

Parking areas

Scale: 1:11,000

0 500 1,000 Feet

- Trails**
- Hanna Hill Connector
 - Otter Point Cutoff
 - Sap House Road
 - Warbler Way
 - West Side Loop Trail
 - West Side Short Loop

