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.
Trails and Old Roads

Alden Plains Road. This Class 6 road is often flooded by beaver activi-
ty. In some years hohen root at the west end of Brown’s. Alden Plains Marsh is open and grassy with views of Mount Suna-

pee. 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 and the trail is rough and steep in places. At the west side of the trail you are above Jewett Hill and the spur are well marked with signs. Rowe Mountain Rd to start of Hillsborough. (via Dunfield Road) 1.3 miles. Knights Hill Trail to Rowe Mountain Road – 1.4 miles. The spur to Jewett Hill is 0.6 miles.

Liberty Hill Road. This Class 6 unmaintained road is one of the oldest routes to Henniker and there was an early grain mill on west side by a brook. Use this road to access Indian Tie-Up. Easy hike. Day Pond Road to Bradford town line – 0.5 miles. Town Line to Grose Farm, Henniker 2.4 miles.

Old Mountain Road. The old road to Washington, it connects to the Montadnock-Sunapee Greenway and trail leading to Pillsbury State Park, Lovellswoods, and the Ayers Pond area. 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 Montadnock-Sunapee Greenway – 3.0 miles.

Pennhallo Road. This is a private road – please park at the Bradford Houses Hotel site. Laid out originally as a subdivision, a faint trail goes to a ridge with nice view west toward Lovellswinds. The west side of the loop is rugged, indistinct and difficult. No motorized traffic is allowed. Round trip to 2.9 miles.

Pierce Field. Horse and carriage trade used this road as access to Lake Massasecum from Warner. The Mink Hills and Harriman Chan-
dler State Forest are nearby. Moderate hike. Lake Massasecum to south of East Washington Road - 1.3 miles.

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 Massasuc Avenue, and Carter Hill Road. Moderate hike. Smith Road to Day Pond Road – 1.5 miles.

Smith Road. Also known as ‘Goose Street’, it is predominantly down-
hill from Rowe Mountain Road to Forest Street. 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 a parking lot. Once a 1960s style ‘Fitness Trail’, it is an easy walk that follows the old railroad bed. Whitman Park, 1.8 miles. The spur to Knight’s Hill summit is 0.6 miles.

Public Lands and Conservation Easements

A conservation easement is an agreement between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that protects specific properties or natural resources. It is a legal document that 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. All land in this area is subject to conservation easements. For more information, contact the town or the local conservation organization.

Aiken Farm. Treated as an early resident who main-

tained this area as a pasture, it is now a 136 acres that will be managed for forestry uses. Access by foot, ski, or snow-

shoe. In private Perballow Road. There are no marked trails.

Axey Pond. This secluded 25 acre pond is listed by the State as public wildlife habitat. However, there is no easy access to public.

Battles Farm. Conservation easement protects 143 acres of important agricultural and forest soils, nearby a mile of Hoyt Brook, valuable wildlife habitat, views, and an important flood control area. See trail information.

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.

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 170 acres.

Bridges Farm Easement. This state-owned preserve of 2.2 acres protects a small Atlantic white cedar swamp, quaking bog, and associated plant communities.

Browns Pond Road. Two landlocked parcels, totaling 15.5 acres, are largely wet and inaccessible.

Budd Farm. This 148 acre tree farm is largely wet and inaccessible.

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

Footpath Easement. A conservation easement protects this 63 acres of 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 marked trails. The property adjoins a conservation easement totaling more than 16,000 acres.

Gondolore 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 last of the rare Atlant-
ic white cedar. The access road marks the western boundary (the Bradford town line).

Governeur’s Grant Easement. This private easement is approximately 170 acres in total. It is on the Dunfield Road and just within Bradford. It abuts the Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands block of forestland.

Kisakanari Easement. This property consists of 318 acres of forest and wetland wildlife habitat. It also includes a large beaver pond and headwaters of both Hoyt Brook and West Branch Brook. The property is held in trust by the White Mountains Club. It abuts other conservation land creating wildlife habitat for wide-ranging species.

Low State Forest. This is wooded, high country of 1117 acres in total with 980 acres within Bradford. The state has created several open-

ings to increase diversity of wildlife habitat off the Dunfield Road which runs through it. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

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. It is a short walk through maturing woods with wetlands on either side of a small ridge. Parking is possible in dry seasons. The trail system along the Dunfield Road. Ceder holes of Butman and Jackson farms are at the end of the road. An additional 6.5 acres of landlocked wetland has been added to this town-owned property.

Pillsbury/Sunapee Highlands. This easement comprises several thousand acres with 451 ft in Bradford. It connects Pillsbury and Suna-
pee family owned the hotel and nearby farm for many years. This remains of the 1800s Leviston’s mill dam can be seen from Center Road.

Selected Historic Sites

Village Area

Old Post Office. The first stand-alone post office was built in the early part of the 1980s and was originally located on land leased from the train depot. It now sits on East Main Street and currently houses the Historical Society with a small museum open most Sat-

days.

Town Hall. The Town Hall was built in 1979 and was originally located at Bradford Center. It was dismantled and enlarged at its current site on West Main Street in 1863. It is included on the Nation-

al Register of Historic Places.

Baptist Church. This church was built in 1850 and remodeled in 1906. The church clock is owned and maintained by the Town of Bradford.

Bradford Train Depot. The train ran through Bradford from 1850 until the early 1900s. Town business shifted to the north because of the railroad and for a time Bradford was the last stop with a stage coach ferrying tourists to the nearby springs.

Bement Bridge. The covered bridge was built in 1854 at a cost of $500 and was extensively rebuilt in 1989. It is on the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places.

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Bradford Center

Originally this was heart of downtown Bradford, and the geographi-

cal center.

Center Meeting House. Built in 1838, it is now maintained by the Union Congregational Society. The wall and ceiling stencils have been repainted.

Center School House. Built in 1785, there were at one time a dozen or so rooms servicing the town. This one was renovated and is now owned by the Bradford Historical Society.

Town Pond. Built in 1789, delinquent livestock owners were held here to avoid retrieval by owners.

Other Points of Interest

Fremont Village. The town beach on Lake Massasecum was willed to the town in 1928 by John E. Freeman. A transfer station sticker is required and parking is limited.

Hoyt Brook. The old post office hotel was established in the 1840s at what was thought to be a medicinal spring. Many cellar holes mark the site. The small brick well is still visible in the marsh. The renovated springhouse is at the Meaderfield Farm in Sutton. The hotel was dismantled and rebuilt in Antrim as the Maplehurst Inn in 1921. In 1949 it was purchased by Robert Keating whose family owned the hotel and nearby farm for many years. There is a conservation easement on this 20.3 acre site.

Indian Camp. This is an extinct large-scale rock formation that may have been used for native encampment. Recent logging has obscured the unmarked trail but has made the ledges more visible. Approximately 1 mile from Day Pond Road via Liberty Hill Road.