Bradford, NH
Trails and Public Lands Map

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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The trail reaches its highpoint. Here, the Knight’s Hill trail (see below). The Dunfield Road trail begins 0.3 miles from County Bibbo Farm to East Washington/Bradford Road – 1.9 miles. The east end of this road starts at Route 114 and line - 1 mile, town line to Farrar Marsh – 1.6 miles. This very steep road runs from the end of Massa-Brook. There is a short, easy trail from a highway turnout, watch for a Bradford Pines Natural Area. This is a small State-owned preserve. Trails here are maintained by the owner. They connect to Rowe Mountain Road and Knight’s Hill Trail. Some are steep with switchbacks. Rowe Mountain Road to Knights Hill Trail – 0.9 miles.

Bradford Bog. A boardwalk passes through a rare Atlantic White Cedar swamp to the quaking bog and viewing platform. A trail guide is available at the trailhead. Easy, level hike, but the boardwalk is slippery when wet. East Washington Road to observation platform - 0.3 miles. Old Mountain Road. The old road to Washington, it connects to the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and trails leading to Pillsbury State Park, Lovewell Mountain, and the Averys 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 to Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway - 3.0 miles.

Penshallow Road. This is a private road, please respect the owners and park at the Bradford Springs Hotel site. Laid out originally as a subdivision, a sometimes faint trail goes to a ridge with nice views east toward Lovewell Mtn. The west side of the loop is rugged, indistinct and difficult. No motorized traffic is allowed. Round trip loop - 2.9 miles.

Pierce Road. Horse and carriage trade used this road as access to Lake Massabesic from Warner. The Mink Hills and Harrison Chan- dler State Forests are nearby. Moderate hike. Lake Massabesic to Bradford town line - 0.7 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 Massabesic 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 easy cuttings. Day Pond Road to Bradford town line - 1.2 miles.

Tilley Wheelwright Trail and Whitman Park. This is a short trail from Gillingham Drive to Church Street. Once a 1960s style ‘Fitness Trail’, 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. It was donated in memory of Richard Whitman and is known for its wildflowers and maturing trees. Church Street to Gillingham Drive - 0.5 miles.

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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 instrument that is placed on a property, even as the property changes hands over time. Public or private lands outlined with a conservation easement or deed restriction in place may change usage.

Alken Pasture Town Forest. Named for an early resident who main- tained the pasture for his herd of cattle, it is open and grassy with a conservation easement. Access by foot, ski, or snowshoe from the private Penhallow Road. There are no marked trails and it is a steep hike.

Ayes Pond. This secluded 25 acre 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 145 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 information.

Bradford Bog. The New England Wild Flower Society donated the core property in 1972. It includes the Atlantic White Cedar swamp, quaking bog, and associated plant communities. Combined with the adjacent Goodridge Conservation Area, this property covers approximately 180 acres, protected by easement.

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

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

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

Goodridge Conservation Land. This 72-acre piece was purchased in 2005 with generous cooperation from the former owners to protect the Bradford Bog and to preserve the largest of the rare Atlantic white cedar. A logging road runs into the property along the eastern boundary (the Bradford town line). Governor’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.

Kisakamini Easement. This easement consists of 318 acres of forest and wetland surrounding sheep pasture. It also includes a large beaver pond and headwaters of Hoy Brook and West Branch Brook. There is a trail maintained by the Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club. It abuts other land owned by local conservation groups and wildlife

Low State Forest. This woodsy, high of 1117 acres in total with 900 acres within Bradford. The state has created several open- ing to increase diversity of forest. Gillingham 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 Massabesic. 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. Road a Mountain Road trail - 1.2 miles. This is a short trail in a season a short distance along the former Butman Road. Cellar holes of Bradford Training School 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 thousands acres with 400 in Bradford and 2500 in Suna- pee State Parks. Public access is allowed and there are some estab- lished snowmobiling and hiking trails.

Town Forests

The town’s Wetlands Inventory notes the value of this 42.8 acre property for flood control and wildlife. The best time to explore this wetland is in winter when its views can be appreciated. It was once dammed for Leviston’s mill in the 1800s.

Selected Historic Sites

Village Area

Old Post Office. The first stand-alone post office was built in the early part of the 1900s and was originally located on land leased from the train depot. It now sits by Route 114 and currently houses the Historical Society with a small museum open most Saturdays. Call 938-5372 for information.

Town Hall. The Town Hall was built in 1797 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 National Register of Historic Places.

Baptist Church. This church was built in 1830 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 following the railroad line.

Bement Bridge. The covered bridge was built in 1854 at a cost of $500 and was extensively rebuilt in 1968. It is on the National Regis- ter of Historic Places.

Bradford Center

Originally this was heart of downtown Bradford, and the geometri- cal center.

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

Center School House. Built in 1793, there were at one time a dozen one room school rooms serving the town. This one was renovated and is now a home for the Bradford Historical Society.

Town Pound. Built in 1789, delinquent livestock was held here to await retrieval by owners.

Other Points of Interest

French’s Park. The town beach on Lake Massawesic was willed to the town in 1928 by John E. French. A transfer station sticker is required and parking is limited.

Bradford Springs Hotel Site. A hotel was established in the 1840s at what was thought to be a medicinal spring. Many cellar holes mark the site. Owned by the Bradford Historical Society, the property has owned the hotel and nearby farm for many years. There is a conservation easement on this 20.3 acre site.

Indian Tie-Up. This is an interesting overhanging rock formation. It is said to have been used for native encampment. Recent logging has obscured the abandoned butch site, but the ledges are more visible. Approximately 1 mile from Day Pond Road via Liberty Hill Road.