

Winter Hiking & Snowshoeing Trail Etiquette

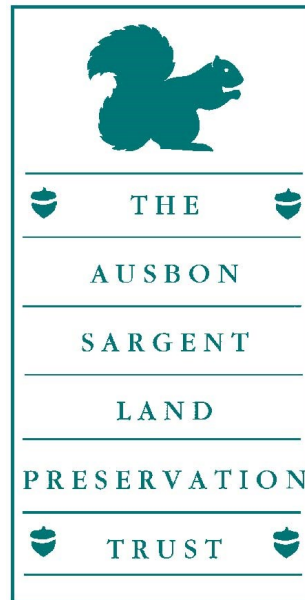
Winter is here and we invite you to bundle up and explore some of the beautiful lands that you have helped protect. Please keep in mind the following to insure an enjoyable time on the trails for all:

- ◆ As you explore, please remember that these trails are multiuse in the winter; hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.
- ◆ Please be mindful of other visitors by following posted instructions and respecting snowmobile's right-of-way by moving aside to allow them to pass.
- ◆ If walking with a dog or wearing bare boots with crampons, avoid punching holes through laid ski and snowshoe tracks by walking to the side when possible.

Happy exploring!



Choose your own path at the Phillips Preserve



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Where will you begin?

Maps for each trail can be found on our website: ausbonsargent.org. Look for "Trail Series" under "Connect with the Land."

KEY: * = Snowmobile Trail, R = right, L = left
E = east, W = west, S = south, N = north

Grantham: Sawyer Brook Headwaters

Driving Directions: Take I-89 Exit 13 for NH-10S. Drive through the center of Grantham, past the fire station and town hall. Turn R onto Dunbar Hill Rd, in .8 turn R to stay on Dunbar Hill Rd. In 1.5 miles continue on the paved road as it swings R and becomes Olde Farm Road. Drive 1.1 miles and make a sharp L onto Walker Rd. Park at the end of Walker Rd.

Hiking Route: Turn L to walk S on Croydon Turnpike, which is a *. In about 1 mile turn L on a woods road next to a 'Caution Sled Dogs' sign. Bear L at any forks along the trail, until you reach a second woods opening (log landing). Continue E across the openings and follow the old road. At the T-intersection, turn L onto Dunbar Hill Rd, a Class VI Rd, which will take you back to Walker Rd.

Total Length: Approximately 2.25 miles.

New London: Phillips Preserve

Driving Directions: From New London town center take Newport Rd W for 4 miles. Turn R onto Otterville Rd and continue for .5 miles. Turn R to stay on Otterville Rd, crossing the bridge to Goose Hole Rd, and continue until you see the Stephen Phillips Memorial Preserve on the L. Park along the shoulder of the road near the sign.

Hiking Route: Follow the orange blazes, at the Y intersection stay R for the Stone Wall Trail for .39 miles. Turn R at the end of the T-intersection to take the Shore Loop Trail along the shore of Otter Pond for .57 miles, before ascending the Western Ridge Trail for views of Lake Sunapee. Return via the Stone Wall Trail.

Shorter option: At the end of the Stone Wall Trail, turn L for the Ridge Trail, take the western branch for the scenic views of Lake Sunapee, then make a L to return .3 miles along the Shore Loop Trail to the trailhead.

Total Length: Short: 1 mile. Long: 1.72 miles.

Sunapee: Webb Forest Preserve

Driving Directions: From New London take Rte. 11 towards Sunapee. Turn L onto Rte. 103 E for approx. 1.7 miles. Turn L onto Stagecoach Rd. In .2 miles turn R onto Harding Hill Rd. The Webb Forest parking area will be on your R.

Hiking Route: Follow the * E through the gate. Keep straight on the trail to a viewpoint of Mt. Sunapee in .5 miles. At the viewpoint turn L onto a trail marked for * as a "Dead-End." Continue for .5 miles to intersection S4. Take a sharp R onto the trail with SRKG blazes. Follow blazes to S5 and S6. At S6 take a 200 ft. out and back detour for another view of Mt. Sunapee. Return to the trail to follow SRKG markers for .7 miles. Then turn R onto the * for .25 miles. When SRKG forks as a small footpath turn L, remain straight on the *. Take a R turn with SRKG markers and follow for .6 miles back to parking lot.

Shorter option: At the first viewpoint on the *, turn R at the fork to take the connector trail to the southern *. Turn R onto the * and follow it to the intersection where you can take a R onto the SRKG trail. Follow the SRKG to the parking lot.

Total Length: Short 1.25 miles. Long: 2.55 miles.

Please park in designated areas
and avoid blocking roadways
and private drives.



One of the many inviting trails at the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property



Grab your snowshoes and set out to explore!

Sutton: King Hill Reservation

Driving Directions: Follow Rte. 11 W for a mile from the intersection with Rte. 114. Turn L onto Hominy Pot Rd for 1 mile to reach a parking area on your R next to the King Hill Reservation sign.

Hiking Route: Pass through the gate onto Hominy Pot Trail. In .13 miles, turn L onto Lyon Brook Trail at point B. Follow the trail along the river for .49 miles. After the sharp L before the bridge, take an immediate R onto Gene's Walk and follow over and around vernal pools for .11 miles. Turn L onto Lower Felch Trails. Briefly follow this trail before turning R onto Nichols Trail at point D for .28 miles. At intersection C either return to the parking area via the Hominy Pot Trail, or continue on the Nichols Trail and ascend the Mad Hatter Ski Trail for a steep climb and scenic view.

Total Length: Short: 1.77 miles. Long: 2.25 miles.

Warner: Courser Farm

Driving Directions: Take I-89 to Exit 9. Turn L onto NH-103 E for 2.5 miles. Turn L onto Schoodac Rd for 1.4 miles, then R onto Poverty Plains Rd for approx .8 miles to the gate with ASLPT sign on the L. Parking is available along the road, please do not block or drive through the gate. Parking is also available along the W side of Schoodac Rd near Sap House Rd. Make sure not to block the * entrance.

Hiking Route: From Poverty Plains Rd, follow the woods road N through the property. **Note: an active timber harvest by the landowner is happening this winter, please stay on the trail.** The * heads N on the property through three Courser Family conservation easement properties up to the fields on Schoodac Rd. **Please refer to map.**

Total Length: This out and back route has a one-way distance of 2.4 miles from Poverty Plains Rd to Schoodac Rd.

Please be courteous of other hikers and clean up
after your canine companions!