

HISTORY

In February 2020, Ausbon Sargent accepted full ownership of the 201-acre Cassey Brook Preserve. Primarily forested, this property also has open areas and wetlands. It is the largest Ausbon Sargent protected property in Wilmot. This property most likely has an agricultural history into the 1800s, and then through the 1900s was converted to forest. Past agricultural use is evident in stonewalls and sections of wire fence.

Vernal pools dot the landscape as unique habitat for amphibians. Cassey Brook flows from the property southeast to Tannery Pond. The forested area provides natural filtration, supporting the health of the watershed.

Bears, deer, and moose can find winter shelter and summer foraging. Edge habitats along Cassey Brook and the open areas have the dual benefit of safety from predators and ideal hunting grounds for birds.

Today a network of woods access roads and log landing areas are used for recreation. Visitors can enjoy a hike to the cleared vista of Mount Kearsarge on the southeastern side of the property.

Why are there areas without trails?

Multiple management goals for Cassey Brook Preserve include recreation for people and habitat for wildlife. By leaving the section of the property with the highest ranked wildlife habitat free of trails, this area can be utilized by animals sensitive to human presence.



TRAILS

Taking the Lower Trail (.2 miles) to the View Trail (0.4 miles) along wide paths with a few short uphill sections leads to a view of Mount Kearsarge and the surrounding hills. The Ridge Trail (0.7 miles) narrows to a footpath as it winds between vernal pools. Trails are maintained with the help of the Wilmot Conservation Commission.

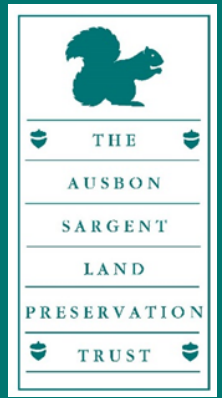
DIRECTIONS

From Rte 114 & Rte 11:

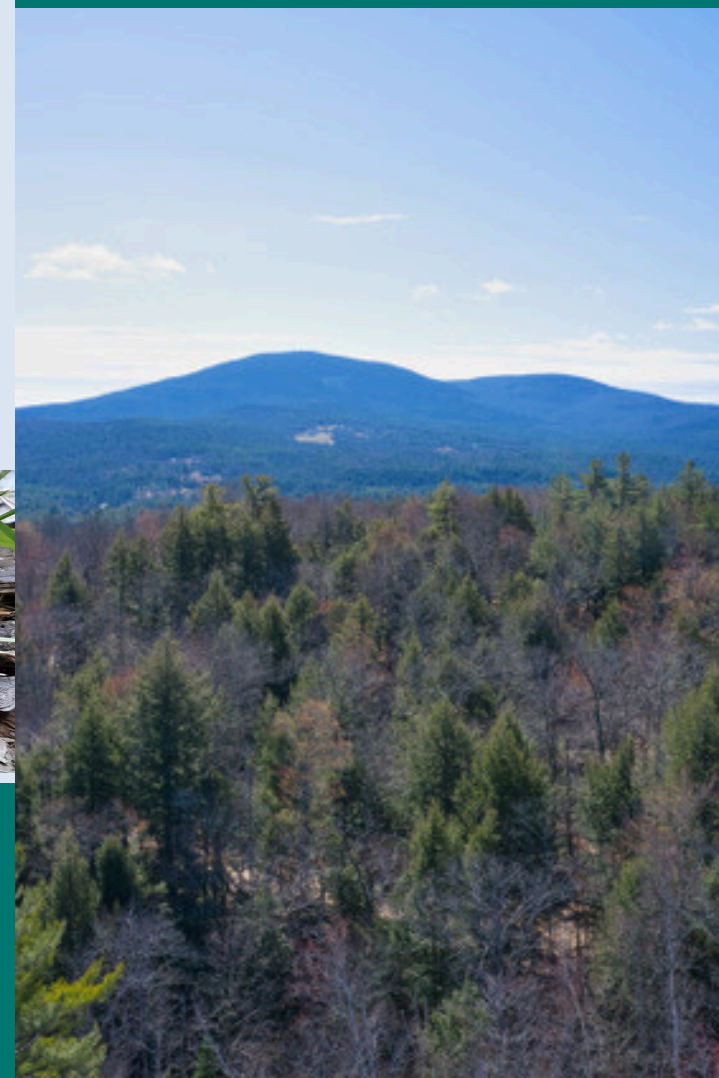
Follow Rte 11 northeast for 1 mile. Turn left onto Elkins Road/Old Route 11 and continue onto Wilmot Center Road for approximately 2 miles. Turn right on the right-of-way shared driveway with address 654 Wilmot Center Road and follow the right-of-way past the driveway, back to the right where the woods open up to the power line, and park before the forest gate.

Access and parking to this trail are not suitable in the winter months. When road is clear, please do not to block driveway of the residence on the access road.

Cassey Brook Preserve



201 Acres, Wilmot



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Helping preserve the rural landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region.

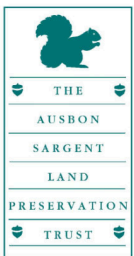
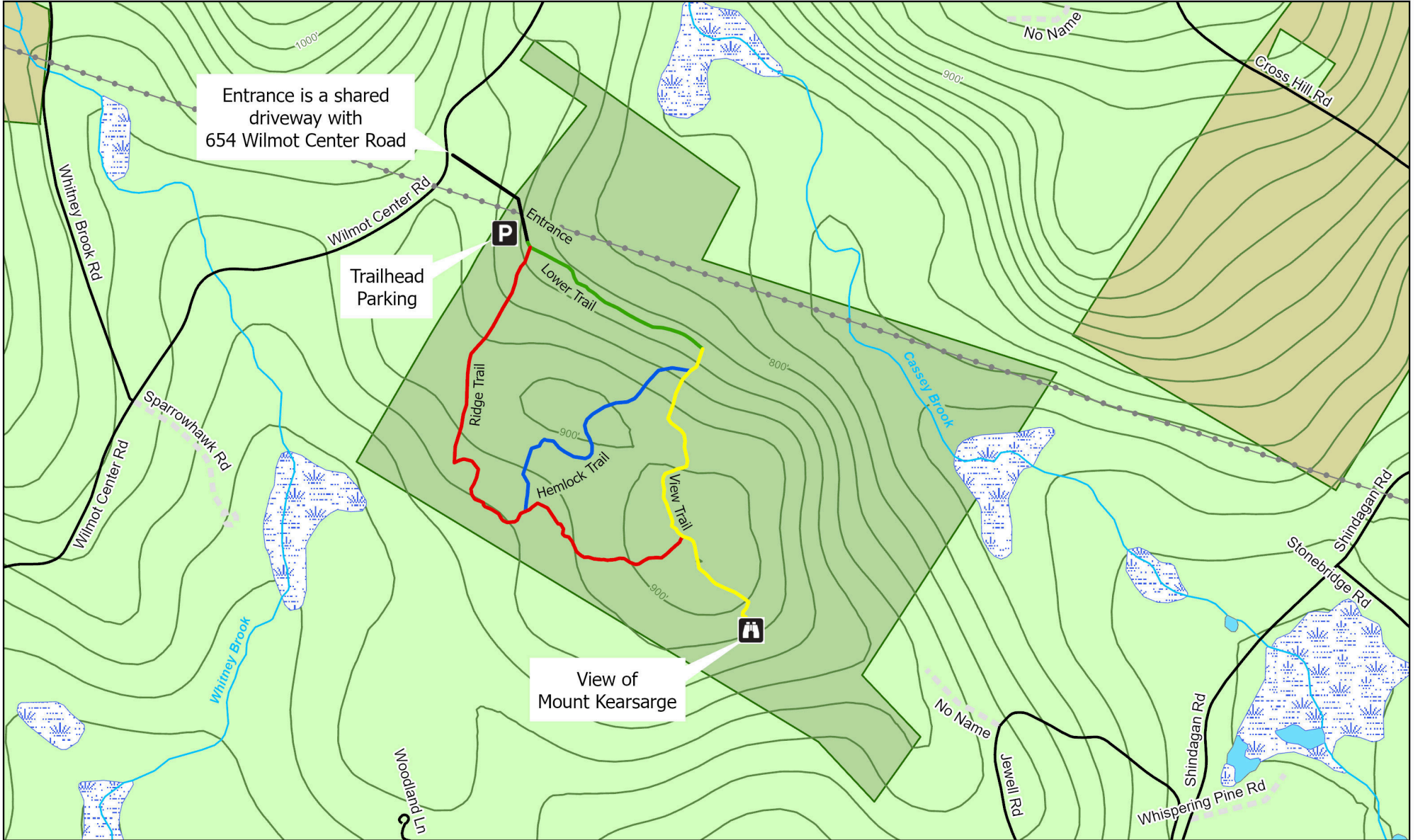
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201 acres, Wilmot, NH



Legend

Trails

- Entrance
- Hemlock Trail
- Lower Trail
- Ridge Trail
- View Trail

- Cassey Brook Preserve
- Other Conserved Lands
- Utility Line
- Local and State Roads

- Class VI & Private Roads
- Streams
- Lake/Pond
- Swamp/Marsh

