TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

LOOP TRAIL (4.41 mi.)
The loop is a circle. At post 3, choose to walk the Loop clockwise or counter-clockwise. Walking the entire length can be strenuous, and there are several connecting trails that allow visitors to design smaller loops of varying lengths.
The eastern portion of the Loop passes through the property’s main wildlife corridor. Please be sensitive to habitats in this area.

BLOODGUT HILL SUMMIT TRAIL (0.52 mi.)
A level walk over what was once the cow pastures of the Lastovka Farm (note the remaining stone walls) leads to two paths to the top—a short but steep ascent of Bloodgut Hill and a lovely meandering path to the top.
Note: the steep ascent is inappropriate for horses due to the rocky terrain

LONG POND BYPASS (0.12 mi.)
This short level trail provides a link between the two sides of the Loop Trail.

LEDGES AND OUTER LEDGES TRAILS (0.75 mi. combined)
Open to all passive users but designed with mountain bikers in mind, the sharp curves of these steep trails wind over a series of south-facing rocky ledges, the preferred home of various snakes.
Note: inappropriate for horses due to the steep terrain.

TWISTER TRAIL (1.4 mi.)
The name says it all—a twisting trail designed for mountain bikers but open to all passive users
Note: inappropriate for horses due to the tight curves

WHITE PINE SWAMP TRAIL (0.15 mi.)
An easy walk to one of the loveliest spots on the Preserve. White Pine Swamp is one of very few of its type in southern NH and is a rookery for great blue herons.

HORSE HILL SUMMIT TRAIL (0.2 mi.)
This is a somewhat steep trail over the summit of Horse Hill.

EAST SLOPE TRAIL (0.2 mi.)
This extremely steep trail is open to all passive users but was designed with mountain bikers in mind.

ROCKY TRAIL (0.52 mi.)
Once a logging road, this steep trail has washed out over the years to expose its rocky surface, which can be slippery when wet. Horse riders should use caution.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

QUARRY TRAIL (0.6 mi.)
Connects HHNP to Wasserman Park across Naticook Rd. Note that this trail crosses an easement on private property so please be respectful of alutters. On the Wasserman Park side, the trail passes a granite outcropping from which blocks were cut to build the foundations of many area homes in the 18th century.

OLD KINGS HIGHWAY
This is the last remaining intact segment of the historic route created to allow the king’s tax collectors to more easily travel between NH towns.

PERMITTED USES

Hiking  Biking  Xc Skiing  Hunting  Horseback  Snowmobiles

PROHIBITED USES

NO Target Shooting  NO ATVs  NO Campfires

HOURS

There are no hour restrictions on this property

NOTICES

Horse Hill Nature Preserve is kept as natural as possible. In a natural woods setting, it is possible to be stung, bitten, cut, or lost. Be prepared for these situations. Report problems to merrimackoutdoors.org

Dogs are welcome on the property, but please remove your dog’s waste from the trails.

For more information about activities on the Preserve or to join the Friends of Horse Hill please visit merrimackoutdoors.org

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