TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

NORTH LOOP TRAIL
This trail has many changes in elevation. It is single-wide and mostly hard packed soil with some roots and rocks in places. It offers great views of the river and the detention pond near the parking lot. There is a small steep climb and a bridge crossing by trail junction post #3.

FALLS LOOP TRAIL
This trail varies along its path. It is wide with hard packed soil and gravel from the parking lot to the river. It then becomes mostly single wide with stones and soft sand through the power line area, turning to a fairly open trail with many protruding roots. The trail is steep in this area towards the sand pit and then becomes a fairly level single-wide trail with a few stones and roots leading all the way back to trail junction post #1.

POWER LINE TRAIL
This trail follows the power lines through the property. It is mostly single-wide and level except for where it has some deep ruts and sandy areas downhill near the river. The trail offers opportunities to view numerous types of birds and extensive blueberry picking in season.

HIGHWAY CONNECTOR
This is an unofficial trail that leads you under the turnpike to the Town Center trail system. It is steep and sandy with loose soil. The Conservation Commission does NOT maintain this trail.

DOG BEACH CONNECTOR
This trail is fairly wide at its beginning with some roots, and leads you downhill to the river with a limited shoreline area.

CONNECTOR 1
This trail is wide and hard packed from trail junction point 1 to the junction with Connector 4. It has gentle slopes with a view of an open field area leading into the sand pit area.

CONNECTOR 2
This is a short, level trail that is single-wide with some rocks and roots under foot.

CONNECTOR 3
This is a short, level trail that is single-wide with some rocks and roots that takes you gently uphill to the junction with the Falls Loop Trail.

CONNECTOR 4
This is a short, narrow trail that is single-wide and follows a ridgeline leading to a steep descent to the river.

PERMITTED USES
- Hiking
- Biking
- XC Skiing
- Horseback

PROHIBITED USES
- No Target Shooting
- No Hunting
- No ATVs
- No Snowmobiles
- No Campfires

HOURS
Per Town Code, Wildcat Falls is open from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

NOTICES
There are other unmaintained trails on the property. These trails may have erosion or other issues. Please refrain from expanding or altering them without first contacting the Merrimack Conservation Commission.

Wildcat Falls Conservation Area is kept in as natural a state 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.

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