

**The Loop Trail, posts 1 - 12, 3, 2, 1**

**(4.41 miles)** The Loop is a circle. At post #3 you can choose to walk the Loop clockwise or counter-clockwise. Walking its 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 particularly sensitive to wildlife habitats in this area.*

**Blodgett Hill Summit Trail, posts 2, 16, 12**

**(.52 miles)** A level walk over what was once the cow pastures of the Lastowka farm (note the remaining stone walls) leads to two paths to the top - a short, but steep, ascent of Blodgett Hill, and a lovely meandering path to the top.

*Note: The steep ascent is inappropriate for horses due to the rocky, steep terrain.*

**Long Pond Bypass, between posts 4 and 11**

**(.12 miles)** This short, level trail provides a link between the two sides of the Loop trail.

**The Ledges and Outer Ledges Trails, between posts 10 and 16 (.75 miles 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: These trails are inappropriate for horses due to the steep terrain.*

**Twister, between posts 17 and 18 (1.4 miles)**

The name says it all – a twisting trail designed for mountain bikers, but open to all passive users.

*Note: This trail is inappropriate for horses due to its tight curves.*

**White Pine Swamp Trail, starting at post 5**

**(.15 miles)** *(under construction)* An easy walk to one of the loveliest spots on the Preserve. White Pine Swamp is one of very few swamps of its type in Southern NH, and is a rookery for Great Blue Herons.

**Horse Hill Summit Trail, between posts 6 and 14**

**(.34 miles)** Eroded, being rerouted. The new Plumber's Trail connects Rocky Trail with the HH Summit Trail, but does not yet have posts identifying its end points.

**East Slope Trail, between posts 13 and 15**

**(.2 miles)** This extremely steep trail is open to all passive users but was designed with mountain bikers in mind.

**Rocky Trail, between posts 7 and 14 (.52 miles)**

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.

**The Quarry Trail, between post 8 and Naticook Rd (.6 miles, HH segment only)**

This trail connects the Preserve with the parking lot at Wasserman Park. Note that the trail segment between HHNP and Naticook Road crosses an easement on private property; please be respectful of abutters.

On the Wasserman Park side, the trail passes a granite outcropping from which blocks were cut to build the foundations of many homes in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Old Kings Highway** This is the last remaining intact segment of the historic route created to allow the King's tax collector to more easily travel between NH towns.

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Welcome  
to the

# Horse Hill Nature Preserve



*Photo: Kimberly Komers*

*For information about activities on the  
Preserve or to  
join the  
Friends of Horse Hill  
visit [www.merrimackoutdoors.org](http://www.merrimackoutdoors.org)*

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**Trail Segments, post-to-post, in miles:**

- 1-2-3 = .4
- 3-4-5 = 1.2
- 5-6-7-8 = .41
- 8-18-9 = 1.4
- 9-17-10-11-12-3 = .6
- Complete loop = 4.41
- Twister Trail, post 17 to 18 = 1.4
- East Slope Trail, post 15 to 13 = .2
- Quarry Trail, post 8 to Naticook Rd = .6

**GPS COORDINATES, WGS 84**

- Post 1 N42 50.732 W71 32.851
- Post 2 N42 50.584 W71 32.833
- Post 3 N42 50.427 W71 32.719
- Post 4 N42 50.342 W71 32.476
- Post 5 N42 50.080 W71 32.242
- Post 6 N42 50.107 W71 32.202

- Post 7 N42 50.099 W71 32.133
- Post 8 N42 50.359 W71 32.275
- Post 9 N42 50.359 W71 32.275
- Post 10 N42 50.431 W71 32.383
- Post 11 N42 50.421 W71 32.427
- Post 12 N42 50.439 W71 32.558
- Post 13 N42 50.187 W71 32.084

- Post 14 N42 50.346 W71 32.259
- Post 15 N42 50.249 W71 32.290
- Post 16 N42 50.523 W71 32.482
- Post 17 N42 50.414 W71 32.345
- Post 18 N42 50.452 W71 32.033
- Rocky Trail Post N42 50.089 W71 32.050
- Watanic Parking Lot Post N42 49.996 W71 32.048

The Loop Trail is blazed with white.  
Connecting trails are blazed with blue.

**If you are not familiar with the HHNP trail system, be sure to refer to this map at all trail intersections.**

**Trail intersections are identified with the following numbered posts:**

- 1 Parking lot/Loop Trail
- 2 Loop/Blodgett Hill Summit
- 3 Loop/Loop (trail splits, makes a circle)
- 4 Loop/Long Pond Bypass
- 5 Loop/White Pine Swamp
- 6 Loop/Horse Hill Summit
- 7 Loop/Rocky Trail (south entrance)
- 8 Loop/Quarry Trail
- 9 Loop/Rocky Trail (north entrance)
- 10 Loop/Ledges Trail
- 11 Loop/Long Pond Bypass
- 12 Loop/Blodgett Hill Summit
- 13 Rocky Trail/East Slope Trail
- 14 Rocky Trail/Horse Hill Summit
- 15 Horse Hill Summit/East Slope
- 16 Blodgett Hill Summit/Ledges Trail
- 17 Loop/Twister (southwest entrance)
- 18 Loop/Twister (northeast entrance)
- \* Unnumbered (informational) post

- Informational kiosk/parking
- Bridge

**NOTICE:** HHNP 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 [www.merrimackoutdoors.org](http://www.merrimackoutdoors.org).

HHNP is open to hikers, bikers, horseback riders, hunters, and other passive users. Motorized vehicles, except snowmobiles, are prohibited.

*Dogs are welcome on HHNP, but please remove your dog's waste from the trails.*