TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

GATEWAY TRAIL (1.3mi) YELLOW

The central trail in Grater Woods, Gateway links to many of the other trails on the property. The trail is a wide gravel woods road and can be accessed via several entry points.

SCHOOL LOOP (0.5 mi) BLUE

Provides a loop out and back to the MMS parking lot,, or it can be used to loop back to the school via Gateway Trail. There is a mild climb up to Gateway Trail.

RIDGE TRAIL (0.6 mi) BLUE

Using the Madeline Bennett entry point, the trail has a moderately steep climb. At the top, it follows a ridgeline and consists of mostly rolling varied terrain covered in rocks and roots.

EDUCATION LOOP (0.2 mi) BLUE

This trail passes the outdoor classroom and joins School Loop.

SKYLINE TRAIL (1.8mi) BLUE

Entry is from the Ridge Trail (eastern) or Grater Road (western). This is a fairly technical trail featuring several moderate climbs and switchback turns.

LINK TRAIL (0.1 mi) BLUE

A short trail providing an additional entry point to Ridge Trail via Gateway Trail that passes a small beaver pond.

BRICKYARD TRAIL (0.3 mi) RED

Features a few bridges and many rocks and roots as it travels along a mild side slope. When accessing the trail from School Loop, this trail provides a shortcut to Eagle Trail.

EAGLE TRAIL (0.5 mi) RED

Its name reflects the Scout project that created it. The trail connects the Brickyard Trail to the Red Maple Trail and consists of varying mild terrain with small changes in elevation with a bridge crossing and views of a large beaver pond

RED MAPLE TRAIL (1.2 mi) YELLOW/BLUE

A large portion of this trail is a wide gravel woods road and becomes a single track trail near Beebe Ln. A focal point is a wood deck/seating area, providing an overlook of a beaver pond. Red Maple also features a small bridge crossing near Beebe Ln.

DRILLED ROCK TRAIL (0.7 mi) BLUE

Drilled Rock Trail has several features including the large "drilled rock", a small rock wall crossing, and 2 bridge crossings with views of a number of ponds. Drilled Rock cuts Maple Trail in half.

VIEW TRAIL (0.3 mi) BLUE

Short trail originating from Gateway that forks midway with both ends stopping at viewing areas of two different ponds.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

GATEWAY HILL TRAIL (0.4 mi.) YELLOW

A steep and rocky trail connecting Gateway Trail to Grater Road. There is a very steep section with a loose surface at the Gateway end. Trail provides access to Millipede Trail and the eastern end of Salamander Trail.

MILLIPEDE TRAIL (1.5 mi.), CENTIPEDE TRAIL (1.1 mi.), and SILVERFISH TRAIL (1.3 mi.) RED

All are winding mixed terrain technical trails which can be used for hiking but were designed with mountain biking in mind.

SALAMANDER TRAIL (1.1 mi.) RED

A winding mixed terrain trail with several features, including log crossings and a bridge. Fun for hiking and mountain biking.

TADPOLE TRAIL (0.3 mi.) BLUE

This trail is a beaver pond bypass of South Grater Road.

OUTLOOK TRAIL (0.3 mi.) BLUE

This steep trail leads to the Wapack View and into Amherst.

PERMITTED USES





There are no hours restrctions on this property, but you are not encouraged to park and access the property from the Middle School parking lot while school is in session.

NOTICES

HOURS

Grater Woods 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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