

## 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, & 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.

### BLODGETT HILL SUMMIT TRAIL (0.52 mi.)

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 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 abutters. 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



## PROHIBITED USES



## HOURS

There are no hours restrictions on this property

## NOTICES

Horse Hill Nature Preserve 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](http://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](http://merrimackoutdoors.org)

COVER PHOTO—Horse Hill by Doug Sparks available under a Creative Commons (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0) license.

Merrimack Outdoors logo courtesy of Wetherbee Creative

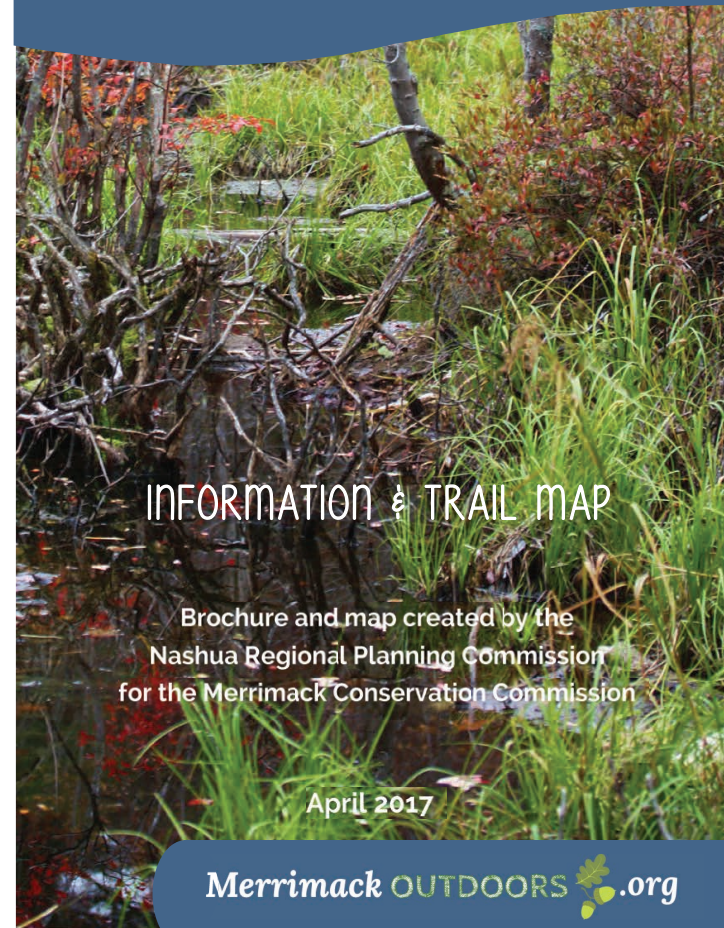
Printing courtesy of Papergraphics



Scan for  
interactive map



# HORSE HILL NATURE PRESERVE



## INFORMATION & TRAIL MAP

Brochure and map created by the  
Nashua Regional Planning Commission  
for the Merrimack Conservation Commission

April 2017

Merrimack OUTDOORS .org

# HORSE HILL NATURE PRESERVE

184 AMHERST ROAD



**Legend:**

- P** Parking
- i** Kiosk
- Trail Junction Marker
- ⌈** Bridge
- ⛶** Bench
- ▲** Point of Interest

Loop Trail blazed with white  
Connector trails shown in black on map

0 2,000  
FEET

MAP BY  
NRPC

Merrimack  
OUTDOORS

**Trail Segment Lengths**

1-2-3	0.4 mi
3-4-5	1.2 mi
5-6-7-8	0.41 mi
8-18-9	1.4 mi
9-17-10-11-12-3	0.6 mi
Loop Trail	4.41 mi
Twister Trail	1.4 mi
East Slope Trail	0.2 mi
Quarry Trail	0.6 mi

- Trail Intersections are identified by the following post numbers
- 1 Parking Lot/Loop Trail
  - 2 Loop/Blodgett Hill Summit (W)
  - 3 Loop Trail Split
  - 4 Loop/Long Pond Bypass (S)
  - 5 Loop/White Pine Swamp
  - 6 Loop/Horse Hill Summit
  - 7 Loop/Rocky Trail (S)
  - 8 Loop/Quarry Trail
  - 9 Loop/Rocky Trail (N)
  - 10 Loop/Ledges Trail
  - 11 Loop/Long Pond Bypass (N)
  - 12 Loop/Blodgett Hill Summit (E)
  - 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 Trail (SW)
  - 18 Loop/Twister Trail (NE)
  - \* Unnumbered informational post

Quarry Trail connects to Wasserman Park

