Bradford, NH
Trails and Public Lands Map

This map shows the system of trails and non-maintained public and private roads available for recreation in Bradford. These trails and roads are described on the reverse side of the map along with other points of interest and natural features.

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Trails and Old Roads

Alder Plains Road. This Class 6 road extends from East Washington Road to County Road. It is often flooded by beaver activity. Heron occasionally nested at the west end at Brown’s Marsh. Alder Plains Marsh on east end is open and grassy with views of Mount Sunapee. Easy hike. County Road to East Washington Road - 1.4 miles.

Battles Field. A loop trail starts and ends at Jewett Road by the bridge over Hoyt Brook. It rises over the top of Jewett Hill and the trail is rough and steep in places. At the west end of the trail junction at Jewett Road there are two alternative routes to ascend Jewett Hill labeled ‘outer loop’ and ‘inner loop’. A round trip from the parking area over Jewett Hill is 1.9 miles via the inner loop or 2.2 miles via the outer loop.

Blitzer Easement. Trails here are maintained by the owner. They connect to Rowe Mountain Road and Knight’s Hill Trail. Some are steep with switchbacks. Rowe Mountain Road to Knights Hill Trail – 0.9 miles.

Bradford Bog. A boardwalk passes through a rare Atlantic White Cedar swamp to the quaking bog and viewing platform. A trail guide is available at the trailhead. Easy, level hike, but the boardwalk is slippery when wet. East Washington Road to observation platform 0.3 miles.

Bradford Pines Natural Area. This is a small State-owned preserve with a stand of very large white pine on the banks of West Branch Brook. There is a short, easy trail from a highway turnout, watch for a small trail sign. Route 103 to large pines - 0.1 miles.

Carter Hill Road. This very steep road runs from the intersection of Massasecum Avenue and Carter Hill Road where its name changes to Rowe Mountain Road. Colby Cemetery and the site of Colby district schoolhouse are on north side of road. Easy hike. Route 114 to Massasecum Avenue - 1.6 miles.

Dean Valley Road. This road was formerly called Nichols Road for the families that farmed here. It continues into East Washington. Easy hike. Tilly Wheeler Farm to East Washington - 1.6 miles.

Dunfield Road. The Dunfield Road trail begins 0.3 miles from County Road, just past a one room schoolhouse that was converted to a private residence. It gradually climbs past a series of fields reclaimed by agriculture. It continues into East Washington. Easy hike. Dunfield Road to Row Mountain Road – 1.8 miles.

Knight’s Hill Trail. This trail leaves the Dunfield Road trail, just south of the site of the Knight’s farm cellar hole opposite a field reclamation for wildlife habitat. The trail passes through a recent clear cut in Low State Forest and climbs, sometimes steeply, across private lands and the south end of the Blitzer Easement before descending to the Rowe Mountain Road. At the height of land along this trail, a spur leads south to the summit of Knight’s Hill. A rocky ledge there has nice views to the south. Both the main trail and the spur are well marked with signs. Rowe Mountain Rd to start of Knights Hill Trail (via Dunfield Road) 1.3 miles; Knights Hill Trail to Rowe Mountain Road - 1.4 miles. The spur to Knight’s Hill summer is 0.6 miles one way.

Liberty Hill Road. This Class 6 unmaintained road is one of the oldest routes to Heuniker and there was an early grain mill on west side by a brook. Use this road to access Indian Tie-Up. Easy hike. Day Pond Road to Bradford town line - 0.5 miles, Town Line to Goss Farm, Henriker 2.4 miles.

Old Mountain Road. The old road to Washington, it connects to the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway and trails leading to Pillsbury State Park, Lovewell Mountain, and the Ayrers Pond area. The first 1.5 miles are steep and badly eroded in places. West Road to Bradford town line 1.2 miles; Bradford town line to Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway - 3.0 miles.

Penhalow Road. This is a private road, please respect the owners and park at the Bradford Springs Hotel site. Laid out originally as a subdivision, a sometimes faint trail goes to a ridge with nice view west toward Lovewell Mtn. The west side of the loop is rugged, indistinct and difficult. No motorized traffic is allowed. Round trip loop - 2.9 miles.

Pierced Road. Horse and carriage trade used this road as access to Lake Massasecum from Warner. The Mink Hills and Harriman Chandler State Forests are nearby. Moderate hike. Lake Massasecum to Bradford town line - 0.7 miles.

Rowe Mountain Road. This is a pretty woodland walk with some views. There are a few short, wet eroded places. It connects with Day Pond Road at its intersection with Massasecum Avenue. And Carter Hill Road. Moderate hike. Smith Road to Day Pond Road - 1.5 miles.

Smith Road. Also known as ‘Goose Street’, it is predominantly down-hill from Rowe Mountain Road to Forest Street. Wooded, with several early cellar holes. It is a part of the Mid-state Trail. Smith Road to Kishkanari - 1.8 miles.

Tilly Wheeler Trail and Whitman Park. This is a short trail from Gilhamming Drive to Church Street. Once a 1960s style ‘fitness trail’, it is an easy walk that follows old railroad bed. Whitman Park, 1.8 acres, is on the north side of the trail, along Route 103. It was donated in memory of Richard Whitman and is known for its wildflowers and maturing trees. Church Street to Gilhamming Drive - 0.3 miles.

Selected Historic Sites

Village Area

Old Post Office. The first stand-alone post office was built in the early part of the 1900s and was originally located on land leased from the train depot. It now sits by Route 114 and currently houses the Historical Society with a small museum open most Saturdays. Call 938-5372 for information.

Town Hall. The Town Hall was built in 1797 and was originally located at Bradford Center. It was dismantled and enlarged at its current site on West Main Street in 1863. It is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Baptist Church. This church was built in 1830 and remodelled in 1906. The church clock is owned and maintained by the Town of Bradford.

Bradford Train Depot. The train ran through Bradford from 1850 until the early 1900s. Town business shifted to the north because of the railroad and for a time Bradford was the last stop with a stage coach ferrying tourists to the many summer hotels.

Bement Bridge. The covered bridge was built in 1854 at a cost of $500 and was extensively rebuilt in 1968. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bradford Center

Originally this was heart of downtown Bradford, and the geographical center.

Center Meeting House. Built in 1838, it is now maintained by the Union Congregational Society. The wall and ceiling stencils have been restored.

Center School House. Built in 1793, there were at one time a dozen one room schools serving the town. This one was renovated and is now the Bradford Area Historical Society.

Town Pound. Built in 1789, delinquent livestock was held here to await retrieval by owners.

Other Points of Interest

French’s Pond. The town beach on Lake Massasecum was willed to the town in 1928 by John E. French. A transfer station sticker is required and parking is limited.

Bradford Springs Hotel Site. A hotel was established in the 1840s at what was thought to be a medicinal spring. Many cellar holes mark the site. The large stone bridge is still visible in the marsh. The renovated springhouse is at the Musterfield Farm in Sutton. The hotel was dismantled and rebuilt in Antrich as the Maplehurst Inn in 1921. This land was donated to the town by Robert Keating, whose family owned the hotel and nearby farm for many years. There is a conservation easement on this 20.3 acre site.

Indian Tie-Up. This is an interesting overhanging rock formation. It is said to have been used for native encampment. Recent logging has obscured the outline and there are no ledges more than 6 feet high. Approximately 1 mile from Day Pond Road via Liberty Hill Road.