



Mink Brook Nature Preserve and Tanzi Tract Natural Area Trails Challenge Hikes

This map includes two hikes, each with its own destination. Both are easy, 1-mile hikes that could be done on the same day or on different visits. Located just south of downtown Hanover, turn onto Brood Road and park at the end of the road at the entrance gate.

Hike #1: Follow the Quinn Trail until you come to a right turn which takes you to the log crossing made in 2023. Cross over Mink Brook and turn left onto the Wheelock Trail. Walk northeast along this path amidst towering hemlocks and white pines. Soon you will encounter more and more rocks, including some especially large boulders on the left. Search for the marker near the biggest of these boulders, just before the trail narrows and turns to the right. Return the way you came. You may also continue along the Wheelock Trail to extend your hike, but note that portions of this trail are more challenging.

Hike #2: For this hike stay on the Quinn Trail until you reach the Angelo Tanzi Tract, located just beyond a historic stone wall. Turn left onto the Forest Trail. Halfway around the loop are a few boardwalks to aid in crossing wet areas. Look for the marker on the trees nearby, then continue around the loop and return on the Quinn Trail.

Features and History: The 112-acre **Mink Brook Nature Preserve** is owned by the Hanover Conservancy, with an easement held by the Upper Valley Land Trust (UFLT). Slated for development in the 1990s, this valuable property was conserved by the Conservancy and UFLT with support from the Town of Hanover, Dartmouth College, and many generous donations from community members. Mink Brook is the largest stream in Hanover formed about 13,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age. Both Mink and Trout Brooks are home to healthy native brook trout and other fish species. The 18.6-acre **Tanzi Tract** is owned by the Town of Hanover. This is one of the Town's first conserved lands, purchased from Angelo Tanzi in the late 1960s through joint efforts of the Hanover Conservancy and the Town's Conservation Commission.

