

Guidelines for Use

- Leave no trace — please carry out your own trash
- Trails are open for foot travel at all seasons
- Please pick up after your pet; dogs must be under the direct control of their owners.
- Leave wildflowers, mushrooms, and wildlife undisturbed
- No camping or fires
- Hunting is permitted in season
- Please park courteously near private driveways and do not block the red gate on the Wolfeboro Road

Trails: The Harris Trail, early route of the Appalachian Trail, crosses the property for ¾ mile. Peregrine's Path, created in 2024, links it to a woods road and the Tamarack Trail, which tours meadows and valuable wetlands. The historic Wolfeboro Road (Class VI) was built over the mountain in 1772 so colonial governor John Wentworth could travel from the Lakes Region to attend Dartmouth's commencement.

History: This land is part of Ndakina, homeland of the Abenaki people. Euro-American settlers first arrived here in the late 18th century. 19th century stone walls line the old road, sheep lanes, and enclosed mountainside pastures, and are signs of the land's agricultural history. Cows followed in the 20th century. Dick Kendall acquired the land in the 1960s, rebuilding the early farmhouse while managing his small farm. His heirs worked with the Conservancy to assure a healthy future for their family's long-time lands.

Wildlife: Black bear, moose, deer, fisher, snowshoe hare, red fox, ruffed grouse, bobcat, hawks, and owls inhabit the Headwaters Forest. Woodcock and bobolink frequent the wetlands and meadows. Headwater seeps and streams support healthy aquatic life, and a survey of wild brook trout found these waters to be among the top five sites in the Mink Brook watershed.

Plant life: Northern hardwoods, hemlock, and white pine dominate the diverse forest. A rich variety of ferns and ephemeral spring wildflowers enliven the understory. Golden tamaracks burnish the wetlands in autumn.

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Set on the western slopes of Moose Mountain, the 140-acre **Headwaters Forest** is the source of Mink Brook—Hanover's largest stream—and also feeds Hewes Brook, which flows north to Lyme. Protecting these headwater streams by keeping them forested and cool provides high quality habitat for wild brook trout and other wildlife, and offers flood security for Etna Village downstream. Naturally vegetated land acts like a sponge during heavy storms—increasingly common events caused by a changing climate.

The Headwaters Forest is a major addition to nearly 3,000 acres of permanently protected and public land on Moose Mountain. The forest abuts the federal corridor of the Appalachian Trail on the mountain ridge and the Conservancy's Mayor-Niles and Britton Forests to the north. Nearby are the Shumway and Mill Pond Forests, also protected by the Hanover Conservancy. Connecting these lands provides vital room to roam for wildlife and plants.

The Hanover Conservancy purchased and protected the Headwaters Forest in 2023 in partnership with The Conservation Fund and with the support of many agencies, organizations, and individuals. These include the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, NH Fish & Game Department, and the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The trailhead kiosk is a gift of Peter and Peregrine Spiegel.

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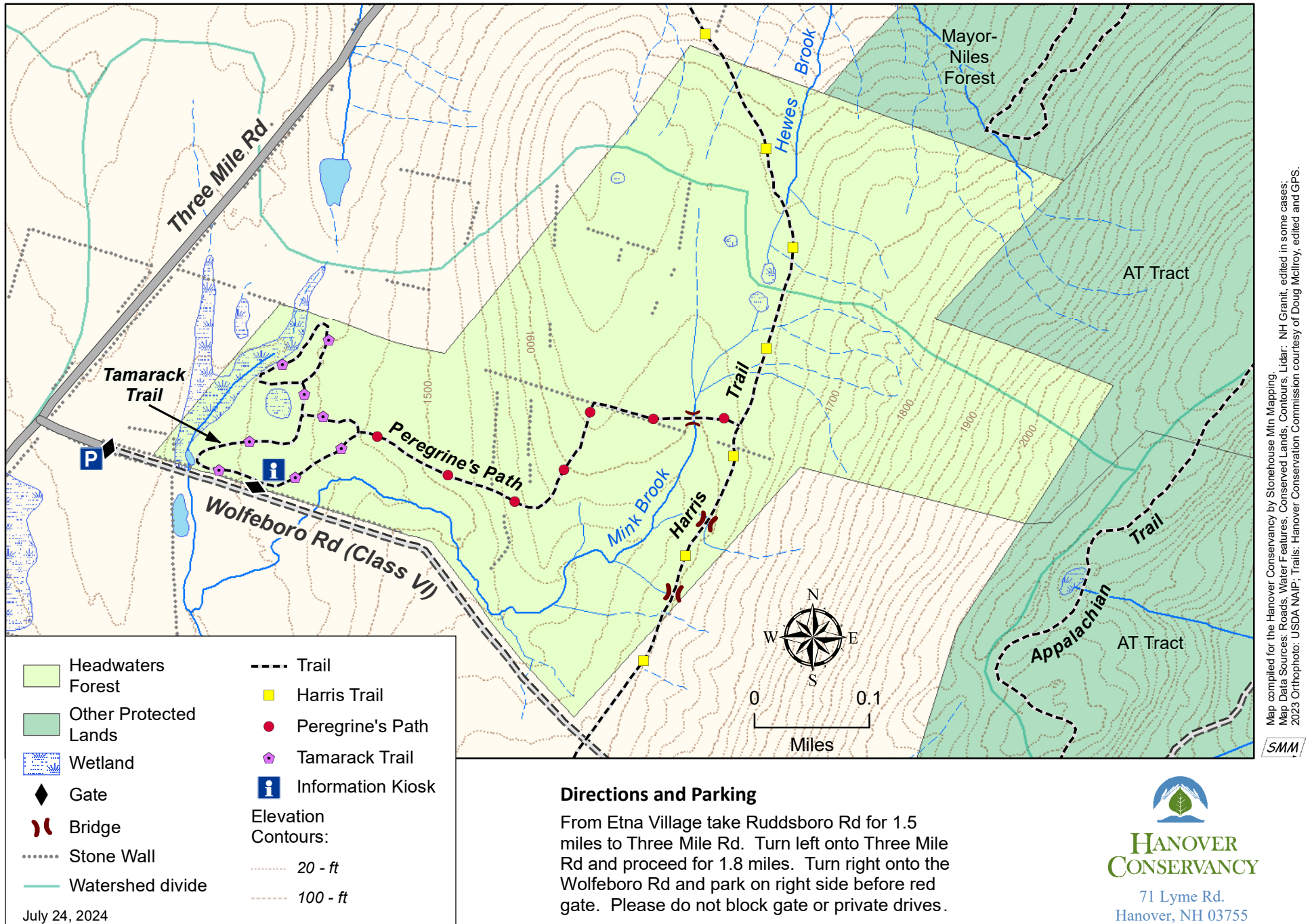
Headwaters Forest

Map and Guide



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Headwaters Forest at Moose Mountain



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Directions and Parking

From Etna Village take Ruddsboro Rd for 1.5 miles to Three Mile Rd. Turn left onto Three Mile Rd and proceed for 1.8 miles. Turn right onto the Wolfeboro Rd and park on right side before red gate. Please do not block gate or private drives.