

The Trails

1. **Wold Property:** 1 mile. The Loise S. Wold Conservation Land has a wooded trail that is accessed above an area of field and has two scenic vistas, including a view towards Mt. Chocorua. Park at the field along Allard Hill Road.
2. **Madison Boulder:** ½ mile. Madison Boulder is the largest known glacial erratic in New England, and among the largest in the world. The short trail leads from the parking area up to the boulder.
3. **Hathaway Trail System:** Varied trail lengths. An extensive system of trails and an expansive view of Mt. Chocorua and the Moats. Park at the Hypnosis Center on Rt. 113. For additional information and a trail map go to <http://www.whitemountainhypnosiscenter.com>.
4. **Madison Cascades:** 1 mile. A trail takes you from the parking area at the Madison Historical Society uphill to the top and then along the cascades on Forest Brook.
5. **Ward Parcel:** ¾ mile. A loop trail through the woodlot of mixed hardwoods and softwoods. See plenty of animal tracks and a mossy brook that runs all year. In the winter; park behind the Town Offices on Rt. 113. In the summer; park at Burke Field.
6. **Silver Lake Railroad Tracks:** Varied lengths. The railroad tracks travel through Madison from W. Ossipee in the south to Conway in the north. While there are many parking areas to access the tracks, it is best to park at the Silver Lake Railroad Station and take in the historic train station.
7. **McNair Conservation Easement:** 1 mile. A loop trail runs around the extent of beautiful Durgin Pond where wildlife abounds. Be mindful of traffic during the short walk along East Madison Road back to your car.
8. **Hurricane Point:** ¼ mile. Walk the short path to Silver Lake where poet e.e. cummings sought inspiration and partially wrote his famous book, *The Enormous Room*. Limited parking off East Shore Drive.
9. **Ossipee Pine Barrens:** Trails owned and maintained by The Nature Conservancy. Varied lengths. Walk through the globally rare pitch pine/scrub oak ecosystem. Multiple trails. Parking at trailhead off Rt. 41. Kiosk has additional information. Accessible trail scheduled to open in fall of 2018. For further information and a trail map go to <http://naturenh.org/OPBguide>
10. **West Branch:** Trails owned and maintained by The Nature Conservancy. 2+miles. Park at the boat ramp on East Shore Drive. Trail begins across the road and travels along the West Branch River towards Camp Calumet in Freedom (3.2 miles) or head east along the power lines to Lead Mine Road (2 miles).
11. **Goodwin-Burke Town Forest – Jackman Ridge Loop:** 1+ miles. Loop trail to the summit of Jackman Ridge. Take time to explore the historic Lead Mine Site but be careful, it is a deep hole in the ground, filled with water and can be dangerous.
- 11A. **Goodwin-Burke Town Forest – Black Brook Trail:** 1 mile. Loop trail around the expansive wetland area associated with Black Brook. Parking along the side of Lead Mine Road.
12. **Hoyt Wildlife Sanctuary:** Varied lengths. Audubon Sanctuary lands along the east side of Purity Lake. Limited Parking. For additional information and a trail map go to <http://www.nhaudubon.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Hoyt.pdf>

The Ten Essentials For Every Hike:

Map	Compass
Warm Clothing	Extra Food & Water
Flashlight/Headlamp	Matches/Fire starters
First Aid Kit	Whistle
Rain gear	Pocket knife

Plan ahead and hike safely

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Hiking Trails In Madison, NH



Please use this brochure to explore the splendors of Madison, NH. We hope to encourage everyone to lead a more active and healthier lifestyle.

Hiking is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors. Be responsible and safe.

- Never hike alone.
- Emergency Notification: tell someone where you are going, the trails you are hiking, and when you will return.
- Familiarize yourself with the terrain, conditions, weather and your equipment before you start.
- Know your limitations and know that weather changes quickly in the mountains. Turn back with any changes in weather or conditions that you are unprepared for, fatigue or loss of equipment.
- Emergencies: injury, severe weather or a wrong turn could become life threatening. Don't assume you will be rescued; know how to rescue yourself.
- Know and share the hiker code.