

## *Princeton has many great areas for hiking!*

Wachusett Mountain, Leominster State Forest, Wachusett Meadow Wildlife refuge, and three State Wildlife Management areas all provide great hiking experiences. Also, the Midstate trail passes through the northern side of town with many miles of great trails.

In April 2017, in an effort to showcase the trails in the area, the Princeton Open Space Committee began a series of guided hikes in Princeton and surrounding towns.

Besides showing off the trails, the program goals were to provide a social network of hikers, provide safe hiking options, and provide a good fitness activity for the town.

## *We live in such a great place for getting outside!*

A variety of hikes are offered roughly twice per month. Hikes range from easy walks through established trails like Wachusett Meadow, to more difficult climbs up the North side of Mt. Wachusett. Hike information is provided through the *Hikes!* mailing list or through local publications and the NextDoor social app.

No pre-registration is required. On average, 20 or so people have participated in each hike. Participants are free to choose which hikes to do and which to skip.

Hikes go out year-round as long as the weather is not terrible! Details of each hike, including information on trail conditions and footwear recommendations, are sent out to the *Hikes!* mailing list before each event. To join the mailing list, send an eMail to:

TrailAroundPrincetonMA@GMail.com,  
or call Rick at 978-660-8664.

The Open Space Committee website also provides details on Princeton Hiking areas on the town website (under “Boards and Committees” and “Open Space”). This information includes write-ups on specific loop or one-way hikes that hit various town landmarks.

The Princeton OSC is also working to expand the network of trails and the trail connections in town, to build the “Trails Around Princeton” (TAP) so that there are good avenues for walking between town areas. People who wish to help with this effort can also call or eMail.



November 2018 Hike up Mt Wachusett

# Princeton Hikes!

*A program of guided hikes designed to showcase area hiking trails, provide safe hiking experiences, and build Princeton community.*

*Sponsored by the Princeton Open Space Committee (OSC)*

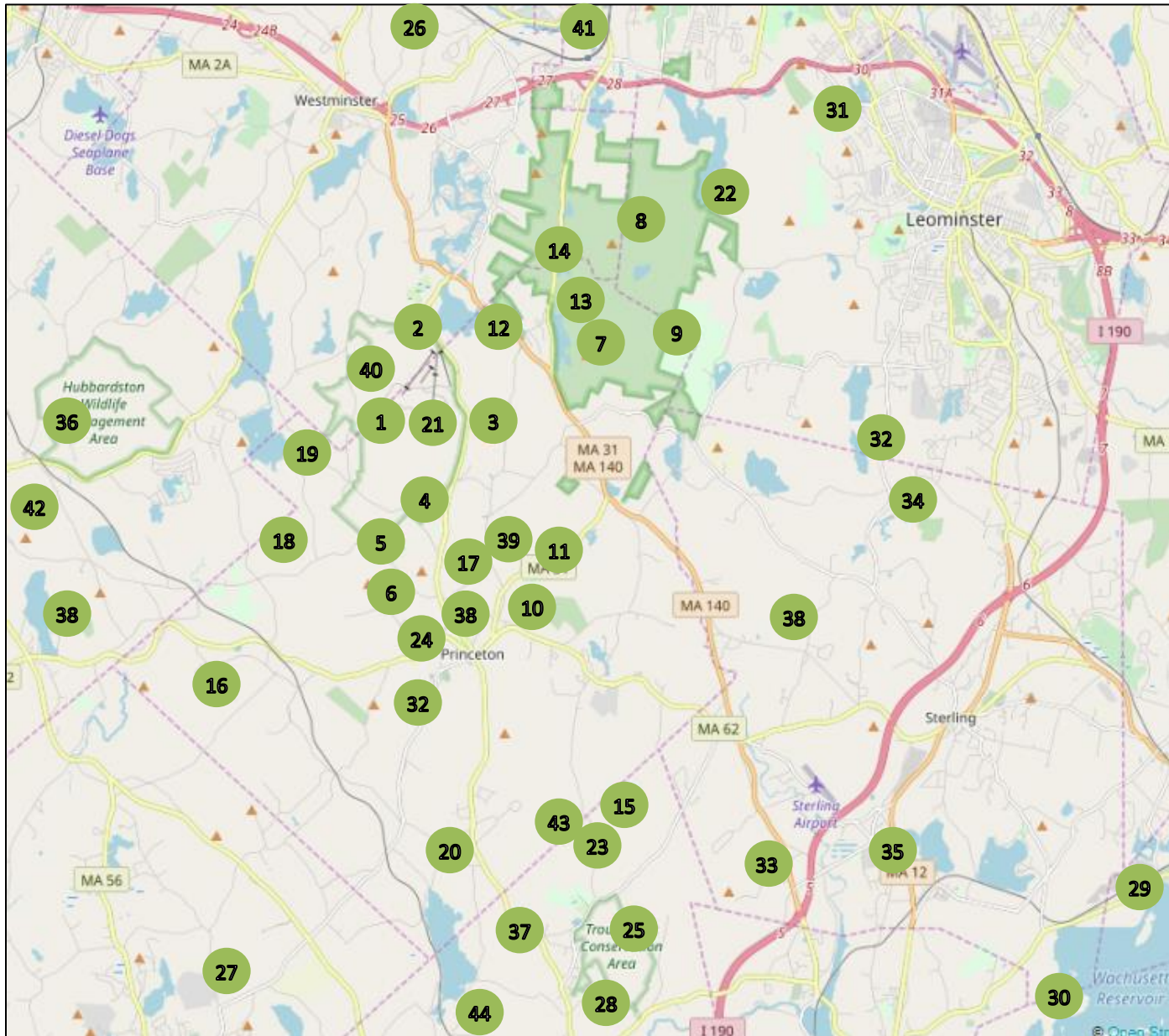


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#### Future Plans

- 39) PLT Central Princeton Trails loop
- 40) Wachusett Perimeter Loop
- 41) Muddy Pond (Westminster)
- 42) Barre Falls Dam/Flood Plain Loop
- 43) Red Fox Farm to Oakdale
- 44) Eagle Lake (Holden)

# Princeton Hikes Locations

(Hikes through 2018)

#### Guided Hikes To-Date

##### In-Town Hikes

- 1) Wachusett Mountain West
- 2) Wachusett Mountain North
- 3) Wachusett Mountain East
- 4) Wachusett Mountain South
- 5) Wachusett Meadows North
- 6) Wachusett Meadows South
- 7) Leominster SF Paradise Pond
- 8) Leominster SF Ball Hill
- 9) Leominster SF Hells Highway
- 10) Princeton Land Trust Peabody
- 11) Princeton Land Trust Bullock
- 12) Ski Area to Redemption Rock
- 13) Crow Hill to Redemption Rock
- 14) Crow Hill North
- 15) Poutwater Pond WMA
- 16) Savage Hill WMA
- 17) Minns / Little Wachusett WMA
- 18) Four Corners Loop
- 19) Bickford Pond
- 20) Lovers Lane
- 21) Moonlight Wachusett Hike
- 22) North Monoosnoc to Rocky Pond Road
- 23) Mason Fields to Red Fox Farm
- 24) Calamint Hill Cons Area

##### Neighboring Town Hikes

- 25) Trout Brook (Holden)
- 26) High Ridge WMA (Westminster)
- 27) Central Mass Rail Trail (Rutland)
- 28) Central Mass Rail Trail (Holden)
- 29) Clinton Dam and Tunnel
- 30) Northwest Side Wachusett Reservoir
- 31) Monoosnoc Ridge
- 32) Heywood Reservoir
- 33) Hog Hill (Sterling)
- 34) Lynde Basin/Wekepeke (Sterling)
- 35) Stillwater Basin (Sterling)
- 36) Jefferson Hill Cons (Hubbardston)
- 37) Quinapoxit St Trails (Holden)
- 38) Rocky Brook Trail (Sterling)