

Princeton Trails

1. Wachusett Mountain: Over 18 miles on dozens of trails up and around the summit. Biking and horses limited to roads.
2. Leominster State Forest: Over 50 miles of trails, Rock formations and Notown Reservoir. Connection to Leominster and Sterling trails. Open use for biking and horses.
3. Wachusett Meadow (Mass Audubon): 10 Miles of trails including trails around a beaver pond and Brown Hill. Limited to hiking.
4. Bullock/McElroy Princeton Land Trust (PLT)*: 2 Miles of trails at the end of Bullock Lane to Krashes Field
5. Peabody/Metcalf/Poor (PLT): 2 Miles out and around a beaver Pond
6. Gregory/Alexander (PLT)*: 0.5 miles from Prospect Street to East Princeton Road/Merriam Road.
7. Little Wachusett*: Trail over the top connecting Westminster to Thompson Road
8. Thomas Prince Nature Trails*: 3 Miles of trails behind Thomas Prince School.
9. Boylston Park*: Trail from Calamint Hill Road to South Wachusett Brook, with connections to Fieldstone Farm via Calamint Hill Road.
10. Fieldstone Farm*: 3 Miles of trails to Beaver Pond and from Route 62 near Princeton center over to Calamint Hill toward Boylston Park. Also connection to Wachusett Meadow.
11. Savage Hill Wildlife: 2 mile segment of Midstate Trail into Rutland, plus extension of Bigelow Road through beaver pond and other wood roads.
12. Four Corners and Old Colony*: 2 Mile section of the Midstate Trail that connects the walking bridge over the Ware River to the four corners (Gates, Thompson and Old Colony Roads) land (then on to Wachusett Meadow) via PLT, DCR, and town-owned lands.
13. Goodnow Park*: Small parcel in back of town offices with some short trails. Used also for frisbee golf.

Surrounding Town Trails

14. Midstate Trail: Runs from Rhode Island to New Hampshire including a segment from West Princeton to Leominster State Park. Connected Old Colony Road to Four Corners, Wachusett Meadow, Wachusett Mountain, and Redemption Rock.
15. Poutwater Pond: 3 Miles of trails from Mason, Sterling, or Esty Roads over to a small wildlife pond.
16. Trout Brook: 15 Miles of trails connecting Mason Road to Manning Street with many loops.
17. Central Mass Rail Trail: Several segments including 3 miles between Holden and River Road in Holden, 2 Miles up Route 68 in Rutland, and 9 miles Greenwood Rd (Rutland) to Oakham.
18. Wachusett Reservoir: Many miles of access roads in the three main sides of Wachusett Reservoir. No horses.
19. Rutland State Park: Many miles of trails and access roads including a section of the Midstate trail.
20. Hubbardston State Forest: 7 mile loops over Mount Jefferson and through fields and woodlands.
21. Heywood Reservoir / Sholan Farms: Loops around reservoirs in Sterling and Leominster, and connections to Leominster State Forest.
22. Lynde Basin/Wekepeke Reservoir: 3.7 Mile loop around several bodies of water
23. Monoosnoc Ridge: Many miles of trails, with lookouts to Leominster and points east. Runs from Esty Rd (near Route 2) to Leominster State Park and near Sholan Farms/Heywood Reservoir.
24. Eagle Lake (Mass Audubon): 2 miles of trails around Eagle Lake in Holden.

* More information available on Princeton Town Website, Open Space Committee



Trails Around Princeton

There are many great hiking and biking trails in and around Princeton. The Princeton Open Space Committee (OSC) has documented some of these areas in the enclosed map. References to detail trail descriptions and maps are provided on the reverse side.

The trails range from well-marked and heavily used trails to somewhat less obvious trails. Several of the trails exclude certain uses. Most are open to non-motorized traffic only.

The Princeton OSC is working to link trails. The Midstate Trail, running from the Rhode Island to New Hampshire Border provides a great framework, entering the very west side of Princeton and Exiting into Leominster State Park. Side trails can be taken to get west to the Sterling Heywood Reservoir trails, and south through Audubon Wachusett Meadow to Fieldstone Farm.

There are also many informal trails in Princeton which are not mapped, but are left to be explored.

Maps and more information can be found by doing a web search on the trail system name, or by visiting the Open Space Committee Pages on the town website.

We ask hikers and riders to act appropriately while using the trails. Respect the quiet of the woods, leave no trace, stay on-trail, etc.

Also, hike safely! Always wear hunter orange in the fall and dress warmly and bring microspikes in the winter.



Princeton and surrounding town trail areas



Midstate Trail



Central Mass Rail Trail

