



Hiking Areas in Princeton – TAP

1. **Wachusett Mountain:** Over 18 miles of trails up and around the summit. Many loops ranging from one to seven miles. Trails form loops to the top of the mountain or around the sides. Some features of note:



Summit tower, Wachusett Ski Area, Several picnic areas, Hawk Migration, steep and rocky trails on Pine Hill, Harrington, and Old Indian Trails, Old Growth forests. Dog allowed on leash. Visitor Center off Mountain Road. Biking and horses limited to roads. There is a Fee for parking at the Visitor Center and on the mountain, but no fee if entry is via the other trail heads around the mountain. [Map](#) [Information](#)

2. **Leominster State Forest:** Over 50 miles of trails, Some note: Rock Pond, NoTown reservoir, swimming area, Crow climbing area, Wolf Rock formations, Ball Hill, and Notown Connection via mid-state trail to Wachusett Mountain and Watatic. Also, connections to East Princeton and to and Sterling trail systems. Many loops of one to ten miles. biking and horses. [Map](#) [Information](#)



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3. **Wachusett Meadow (Mass Audubon):** 12 Miles of trails. Two miles from Princeton Center. Trails traverse many interesting landscape features, including Summit, Glacial Boulder, ancient trees, and beaver ponds. connect to Wachusett Mountain, Midstate, and Fieldstone systems, offering many options for short or extended benches along many of the trails and several scenic offering expansive views. Guest Fee for non-members. hiking. Wachusett Meadow conducts frequent programs adults. [Map](#) [Information](#)



Brown Hill The trails Farm Trail hikes. There are overlooks Limited to for children and

4. **Bullock/McElroy Trails from Krashes Field - Princeton Land Trust (PLT):** Several trails connect Krashes Field to Bullock Lane. Kiosks exist on both sides of the trail system. The trails run over a high esker on the Krashes Field side, and beautiful fields with views of Mt. Wachusett on the Bullock/McElroy parcel just off Bullock Lane. A short walk from Bullock Lane leads to the Peabody/Metcalf/Poor trails or the Gregory/Alexander trail. [Info and Map](#)
5. **Peabody/Metcalf/Poor Trails (PLT)** – 2 Miles of trails over several PLT properties from the south side of Route 62 (near the junction of Mirick Road) out to a Beaver Pond. Parking is provided at the Trail Head, which is marked with a Land Trust sign. [Info and Map](#)
6. **Gregory/Alexander Trails (PLT)** – A half mile trail that runs from Prospect Street in the center of town down to East Princeton Road, near the intersection with Merriam Road. This provides a nice connection between other PLT properties and the center of town. A side rail leads down to Gregory Spring, a still functioning natural spring which historically served as the water supply for the center of town. [Info and Map](#)

7. **Little Wachusett/Minns Wildlife:** The Minns Wildlife Refuge, located between Westminster, Mountain, and Thompson Roads, features a trail over the top of Little Wachusett Mountain. The trail is about .8 Miles in length. A nice walking loop back around Thompson to Mountain Road (approx. 3 mile loop) affords great views to the East. Also by heading west on Thompson Road, the Wachusett Meadow trails can be reached in less than a mile. The summit of Little Wachusett is known for blueberries in early July.
8. **Thomas Prince Nature Trails:** 3 Miles of trails behind Thomas Prince School. Several short (.5 to one mile) trails were constructed by Students. Trails are used as a teaching aid at TPS. Some key features include the Butterfly Garden, Vernal pools, and a boardwalk crossing. [Map](#) [Information](#)
9. **Boylston Park:** Trail from Calamint Hill Road North 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:** 2 mile segment of Midstate Trail from west Princeton, off Route 62 at the Old Colony Road Extension. Midstate trail goes into Rutland (Paddock Rd, Bushy Lane). Also, the extension of Bigelow Road to Bushy Lane in Rutland can turn the Midstate Trail into a six mile loop through beaver pond and other wood roads and then back to Old Colony via Lyons and Wheeler Roads. See Midstate trail for map of the Midstate through Savage Hill. [Information](#)
12. **Four Corners and Old Colony:** One Mile section of the Midstate Trail connects the walking bridge over the Ware River to the four corners property (Gates, Thompson and Old Colony Roads). From there Goodnow Road can be used to go to Wachusett Meadow. Trail Heads are located near the Ware River bridge at the end of Old Colony Road, and in the open field a small distance south on Gates Road. A two mile loop can be made back to the Ware River Bridge by following Old Colony Road (which is largely unpaved) back to the West.
13. **Goodnow Park:** Small parcel in back of town offices with some short trails. Used also for Frisbee golf.



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