



Hiking Areas Nearby Princeton – TAP

Note: See Princeton Hiking areas for sections 1-13

14. **Midstate Trail:** Runs from Rhode Island to New Hampshire including a segment from West Princeton (Old Colony Road Extension) to Leominster State Park (Crow Hill). Connects Old Colony Road to Four Corners, Wachusett Meadow, Wachusett Mountain, Redemption Rock, and Crow Hill. Guide books available through website. [Information](#)

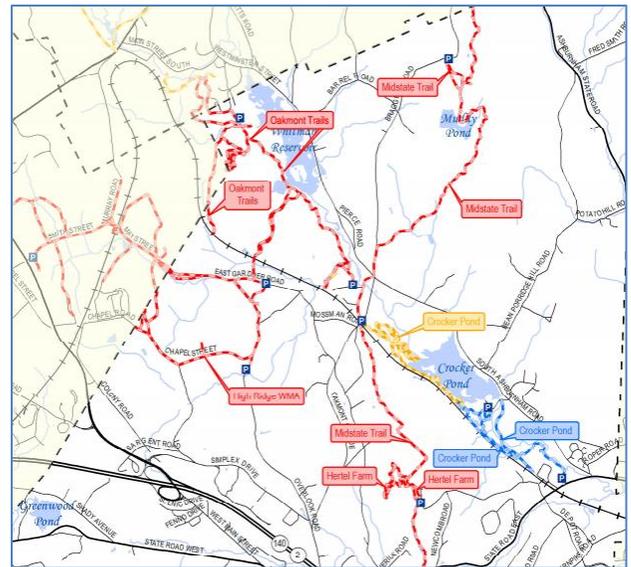


15. **Poutwater Pond:** 3 Miles of trails from Mason or Sterling Roads over to a small wildlife pond. This is a Wildlife Management Area. Several information trails can be used to loop back to the Power Lines and out to Sterling and Mason Roads. [Information and Map](#)
16. **Trout Brook:** 15 Miles of trails connecting Mason Road to Manning Street with many loops. 660 acres Holden conservation land with a system of trails for walking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking. Entrances on Manning Street, Mason Road and Sterling Road have parking. Manning Street parking also provides picnic tables and recreation area. [Information and Maps](#)
17. **Central Mass Rail Trail:** About 25 miles are now open with more scheduled to open soon. A cooperative effort between the state, local government and real estate owners can help to open the rest. Several segments including 3 miles between Thomas Street in West Boylston and River Road in Holden, 2 Miles up Route 68 in Rutland, and 9 miles Glenwood Rd (Rutland) to South Barre. These trails are generally flat, excellent for walking biking or cross country skiing. The Oakdale section follows the Quinapoxit River. [Information and Maps](#)
18. **Wachusett Reservoir:** Many miles of access roads and trails are available on the three main sides of the reservoir. There are many places to park, including on both ends of the Route 12 causeway in West Boylston, off route 110 near Chace Hill Road, and to the left off 140 on the way the Boylston. No horses or dogs. [Information and Maps](#)
19. **Rutland State Park:** Many miles of trails and access roads including a section of the Midstate trail. The Central Mass Rail Trail also crosses the park. There are many trails in the park but now good online source of maps...hiking outside of the Midstate and Rail Trail may be left to exploration! [Information and Maps](#)
20. **Mount Jefferson Conservation Area:** Several miles of trails through the woods and across agricultural fields. A loop of 7 mile can be made. [Information Maps](#)
21. **Heywood Reservoir / Sholan Farms:** Loops around reservoirs in Sterling and Leominster, and connections to Leominster State Forest. The Heywood Reservoir Trail traverses a portion of Wekepeke Watershed lands owned by the Town of Clinton in both Sterling and Leominster. The Hapgood trailhead is located at the north side of Upper North Row Road, about 0.8 miles west of the intersection with Heywood Road. Trails extend from there around Fall Brook Reservoir, to

Sholan Farms, and to the Monoosnoc and Leominster State Forest hiking areas. [Information and Maps](#)

22. **Lynde Basin/Wekepeke Reservoir:** This 2.7 mile loop trail offers several interesting man-made and natural features. The trail passes by dams, gate houses and spillways, part of the former Clinton Water Works. In terms of natural scenery, it offers views to lakes and basins, crosses wetland areas and passes by the Wekepeke Brook with beaver activity. The trailhead is located at a yellow gate on the east side of Heywood Road, between the intersection of Upper North Row Road and Rowley Hill Road. [Information and Map](#)
23. **Monoosnoc Ridge:** Spans the West side of Leominster from North to South. About 9 miles length with several side trails, going from the end of West Street (near route 2) to Sholan Farms. Lookouts to Leominster and points east. Connections to Leominster State Park, Midstate Trail, and Heywood Reservoir. [Map](#)
24. **Eagle Lake (Mass Audubon):** 2 miles of trails with many pleasant overlooks. Walk along a brook to admire large oaks and look for barred owls in winter. [Information and Map](#)
25. **Stillwater Farm (DCS):** Interpretive farm located on Route 140 just south of Rte 62. Includes trails up to 2 Miles. [Information and Map](#)
26. **Hagar Park:** Small hiking area with a two mile loop trail and a few other trails. Located on the east side of Route 140 in Westminster a half mile south of Route 2. [Map](#)

27. **High Ridge WMA and Oakmont Trails:** Located on the North side of Westminster are several trails that connect into the Midstate trail. The Oakmont trails are on the west side of Whitman Pond. High Ridge trails are to the south of the Oakmont trails.



28. **Quinapoxit Rail and Bike Trails:** Located near the corner of Route 31 and Quinapoxit streets, there are several trails including 3-4 mile loops, which connect over to Maple Springs Pond near Jefferson. Great for biking and XX Skiing. A small parking area can be found on Quinapoxit Street just past Mill St. on the right.
29. **Ware Rive Trail:** This is a rail trail and extends 13 miles from Baldwinville to Barre along the Burnshirt River. It is well maintained and very flat, great for hiking, biking, and XX Skiing. The best access from Princeton is off of Route 62 in Barre, about 1.5 miles west from the turn for Barre Falls Dam. A kiosk is located on the right. From there it is about three miles north to Williamsville, nine miles north to Route 101 in Templeton, and 2 miles south to the trail terminus in Barre.

30. **Hogg Hill Trails:** At the end of Merrill Road (off route 140 just North of Sterling Greenery), there is a network of gravel and grass roads owned by DCR. The main road loops over Hogg Hill and around to the north/east, forming a pretty two mile loop. Return along the edge of the fields. These are pretty roads, going through forests and fields.



31. **Pine Esker Trail:** Rocky Brook Conservation Area in Sterling. This can be found off Beaman Rd. Enter from Rte 140 near the 140 club and drive toward Sterling for about a mile. The Rock Brook area is on the right. The trail is a nice open trail through fields, woods, and scrubbrush over toward Rte 62 (one mile walk). A one-way trail veers off to the right at about .8 miles and this goes down to a large open beaver pond.

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