

OAKLANDS TRAIL NETWORK

The Oaklands Town Forest is a 230 acre area managed by the Exeter Conservation Commission for conservation and recreation purposes. Management is also guided by a long term forest management plan which includes occasional selective harvesting. The area is located north of Route 101, west of Newfields Road (Route 85).

The area has a well established trail system used primarily for hiking and mountain biking. The trail network is connected to the Henderson-Swasey Town Forest and trail network to the south through a tunnel that runs beneath Route 101. The trail is connected to the Forest Ridge and Captains Meadow Subdivisions, and continues into the Town of Newfields.

Non-motorized activities including hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing allow for year-round enjoyment on established trails.

Hunting in season within the Oaklands Town Forest is permitted unless otherwise posted. All visitors should wear day-glow orange for safety during hunting seasons.



Temporary closures may occur during very muddy or wet conditions. Closures will be posted at entrance kiosks and the Town of Exeter website.

The uneven terrain contains numerous boulder and ledge outcrops. The mixed woodland is home to a variety of wildlife and includes a number of vernal pools and isolated wetlands.

Location: West side of Newfields Road, North of Route 101

Length:

Red Loop – 5.1 miles

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Compatible Uses:

- Hiking
- Wildlife Viewing
- Other passive recreation
- Hunting in season

Leashed dogs under their owners control are permitted. As a courtesy to others and out of respect to your trail system, please carry in - carry out all trash and clean up dog waste.



Report any misuse to the Town of Exeter Planning and Building Dept at (603) 778-0591

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Newfields Road Town of Exeter, N.H.

