



Henderson Swasey Town Forest

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Natural Resources

The Henderson-Swasey Town Forest is a 220-acre area of conservation lands managed by the Exeter Conservation Commission. The property was originally conserved in the 1970s with additional parcels added over the years. In 1991, by vote of the residents of Exeter, the land was officially designated as a Town Forest, giving it special allowances under NH Revised Statutes 31:112. The forest spans the area south of Route 101 between Commerce Drive and Newfields Road (Rte. 85) near the rail-road trestle underpass. Several trails cross onto private property and rely on permission from the landowners.

The large unfragmented block of deciduous and conifer forests is important for wildlife diversity, quality habitat and movement corridors. This makes it an excellent spot for viewing wildlife including beavers, deer, coyote, fox, rodents, reptiles, amphibians and many bird species. The land is characterized by numerous boulder and ledge outcrops, hummocky terrain, and a number of vernal pools and wetlands. Forestry management is guided by a long term forest management plan which includes occasional selective harvesting.

Trail Information

The area has a well-established trail system that provides a number of outdoor opportunities, including cross-country skiing, running and jogging, hiking, orienteering and mountain biking. The trail connects to the Oaklands Town Forest trail network to the north through a large culvert that runs beneath Route 101. Though the main trailhead is west of Newfields Road, several other access points exist on private lands including: via the C3i parking lot off of the Commerce Way cul-de-sac, Industrial Drive, behind the Meeting Place, and Norris Brook Condominiums.

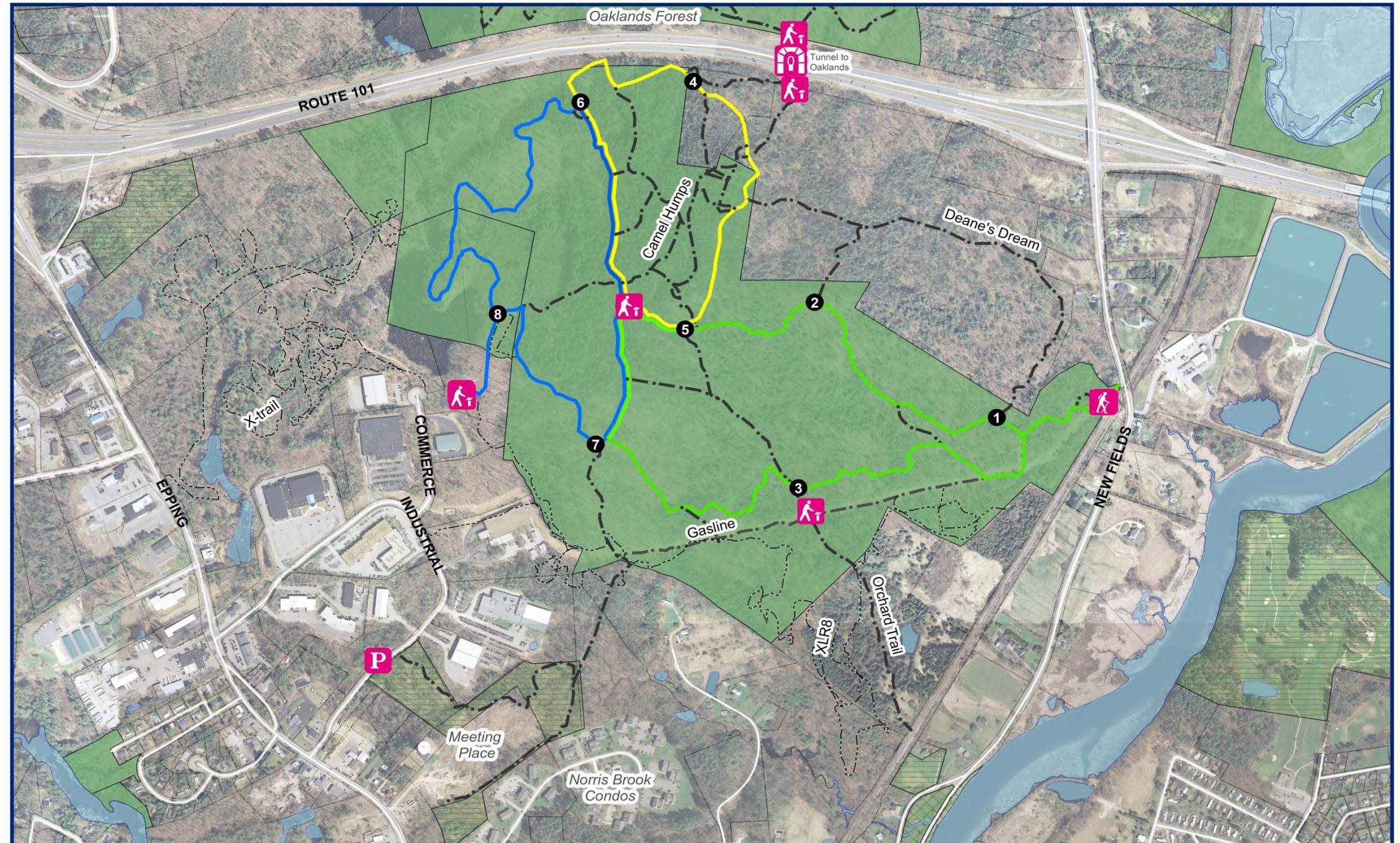
Temporary closures may occur during very muddy or wet conditions. Closures will be posted at entrance kiosks and the Town of Exeter website. Private landowners have the right to limit access. Please respect closures for the benefit of all users.

Compatible Uses

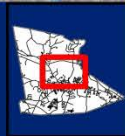
The property is open year round for passive recreation such as hiking, wildlife viewing, biking, and winter snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

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.

Hunting is not permitted on this property, but visitors connecting to the Oaklands Town Forest should be aware that hunting is permitted there.

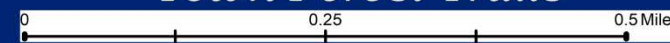


Trail Network
Town of Exeter, NH



Please Note:
Some trails cross onto private property. Please respect their property.

Henderson Swasey Town Forest Trails



Legend	
	Easement
	Fee Owned
	Parking Map
	Junction
	Blaze Color
	Unblazed
	Rogue



First Time to Our Trails?

This is a complex network of trails. Only our colored trails have painted blazes, with double blazes indicating direction changes. Though we attempt to keep blazes maintained, a forest is a dynamic system and markers may or may not always be visible. Always follow safe hiking standards, let others know your hike plan, be adequately dressed and carry food and water, be aware of sunset times, pay attention to your surroundings, weather and trail conditions. Staying safe is YOUR responsibility.

Compatible Uses:

- Hiking
- Snowshoeing/XC Skiing
- Wildlife Viewing
- Other passive recreation
- Hunting is NOT permitted

Distances:

- 1.65 mi. Green Loop
- 1.75 mi. Blue Loop
- 0.98 mi. Yellow Loop
- 0.50 mi. Gas Pipeline



YOU ARE HERE



REMEMBER
Please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

