

LEAVE NO TRACE

Drinking water for Dartmouth College and much of Hanover flows off these lands, into the reservoirs, and out of your faucet.



Help keep your water pure

Reservoirs and the 250' orange-blazed buffer around them are off limits to the public.

Share the trail & respect posted closures. Trails may change with forest operations – check kiosk for updates.

Yield to forestry vehicles – forest management is key to ensuring clean water into the future.

NH Rule Env-Dw 902.15 protects Hanover's public water supply by prohibiting recreation access to the waters and ice of Camp Brook, reservoirs, and their tributaries, and requiring pick-up of dog manure and other waste. Violation is a misdemeanor. RSA 485:24

About the Water Supply Lands

The Trescott Company (Town of Hanover and Dartmouth College, 50/50, established in 2010), owns 1,165 acres here in the upper watershed of Camp Brook. The Town separately owns 178 acres around the reservoirs and water filtration plant, closed to the public. Professional foresters manage the lands to ensure a healthy forest and pure water for tomorrow. Hunting is necessary to protect native tree growth from over-browsing by deer.

History: In the 1800s, ten farms thrived here on fine soils and ready access to water. One became the town's Poor Farm, where the community's indigent citizens lived and worked. The farm included an ice-cutting operation and busy sawmill. Local children attended the one-room District No. 4 School at Mason's Four Corners.

Disastrous fires in 1880 and 1890 revealed the need for a better water supply for fire-fighting. In 1893, the village precinct and college formed the Hanover Water Works Co., damming Camp Brook and buying 50 acres for a reservoir. News of a typhoid epidemic in Ithaca, NY, prompted buy-out of the entire watershed by 1912. The farms were dismantled and human occupation ended, but their cellar holes and impressive stone walls remain.

The 2007 Patriot's Day Windstorm blew down much timber that had been planted to protect water quality. Reforestation efforts, including control of invasive plants that followed the blowdowns and protection of rare plants, continue under a new forest management plan.



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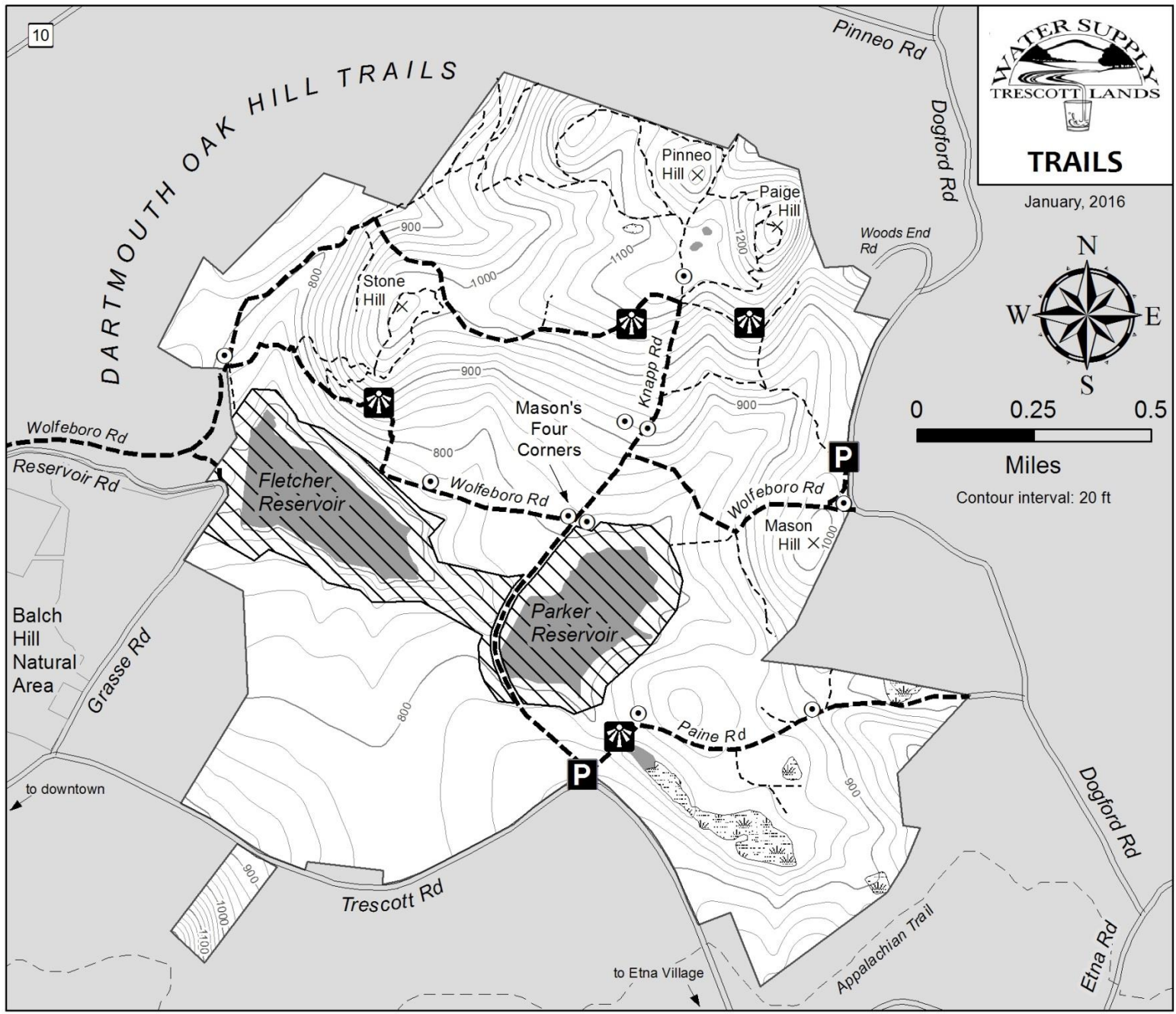
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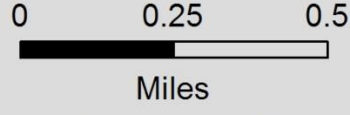
**Hanover
New Hampshire**

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TRAILS

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Contour interval: 20 ft

- P** Parking
- Historic Sites
- View
- Water protection area - No public access
- Trails:**
- Recommended routes
- Unmaintained trails or temporary logging roads

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WELCOME

Except within 250' of reservoirs

- Walk/Hike/Run
- Snowshoe/Ski
- Bikes
- Leashed dogs
- Horses
- Photography
- Nature study
- Hunting in season

PROHIBITED

- Motorized vehicles
- Dogs off leash
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Boating
- Camping
- Alcohol
- Disturbing historic sites
- Access within 250' of reservoirs

Pick up after pets
Open dawn to dusk
Use at your own risk
Stay off trails in mud

Questions?
 Contact Hanover DPW
 643-3327

Visit with care today – you may drink this water tomorrow!