

## Guidelines for Use

- ◆ Trails are open for **foot travel** at all seasons.
- ◆ Class VI Ibey Road is legally open for motorized vehicles; these are not allowed on Conservancy lands.
- ◆ Please leave wildflowers, mushrooms, and other growth undisturbed.
- ◆ No fires or camping.
- ◆ Trapping is not permitted.
- ◆ Deer hunting is permitted in season. Hunting other species is not permitted.
- ◆ Please pick up after your pet. Dogs must be under the direct control of their owners.
- ◆ Please leave no trace of your visit.

**History:** A network of stone walls laces the land, indicating its 19th-century past as sheep pasture. The land has been cleared for much of its recent past, but now is completely forested.

**Geological features:** Moose Mountain's quartzite ledges, featured prominently at the abutting Mayor-Niles Forest, are also on display at the Britton Forest. A large boulder, called a glacial erratic, was deposited by receding ice as the last glacier melted 14,000 years ago.

### **Black Bear Loop:**

After careful observation of wildlife signs on the property, a trail loop was designed to wind through the peaceful forest to avoid key habitat. The trail and stream crossings were built in the summer of 2020 by the Upper Valley Trails Alliance Youth Trail Corps and by volunteers. From Hypertherm.

### **Habitat:**

Black bear, moose, snowshoe hare, red fox, ruffed grouse, deer, and likely bobcat inhabit the Britton Forest. Signs of black bear activity are plentiful on the northern end of the parcel.



## About the Britton Forest

Set on the western flank of Moose Mountain, the **79-acre Britton Forest** is the generous gift of Doug and Katharine Britton of Norwich. Prior to donating it to the Hanover Conservancy in 2018, the Britton family owned the land for nearly three-quarters of a century.

The forested parcel cloaks the west slope of the iconic Moose Mountain ridge just below the North Peak, surrounded on three sides by permanently protected and/or public land. On the east is an expanse of National Park Service lands surrounding the corridor of the Appalachian Trail. To the south is the Conservancy's own Mayor-Niles Forest, given to the Conservancy in 2013. To the north is the Plummer Tract, owned by the Town of Hanover.

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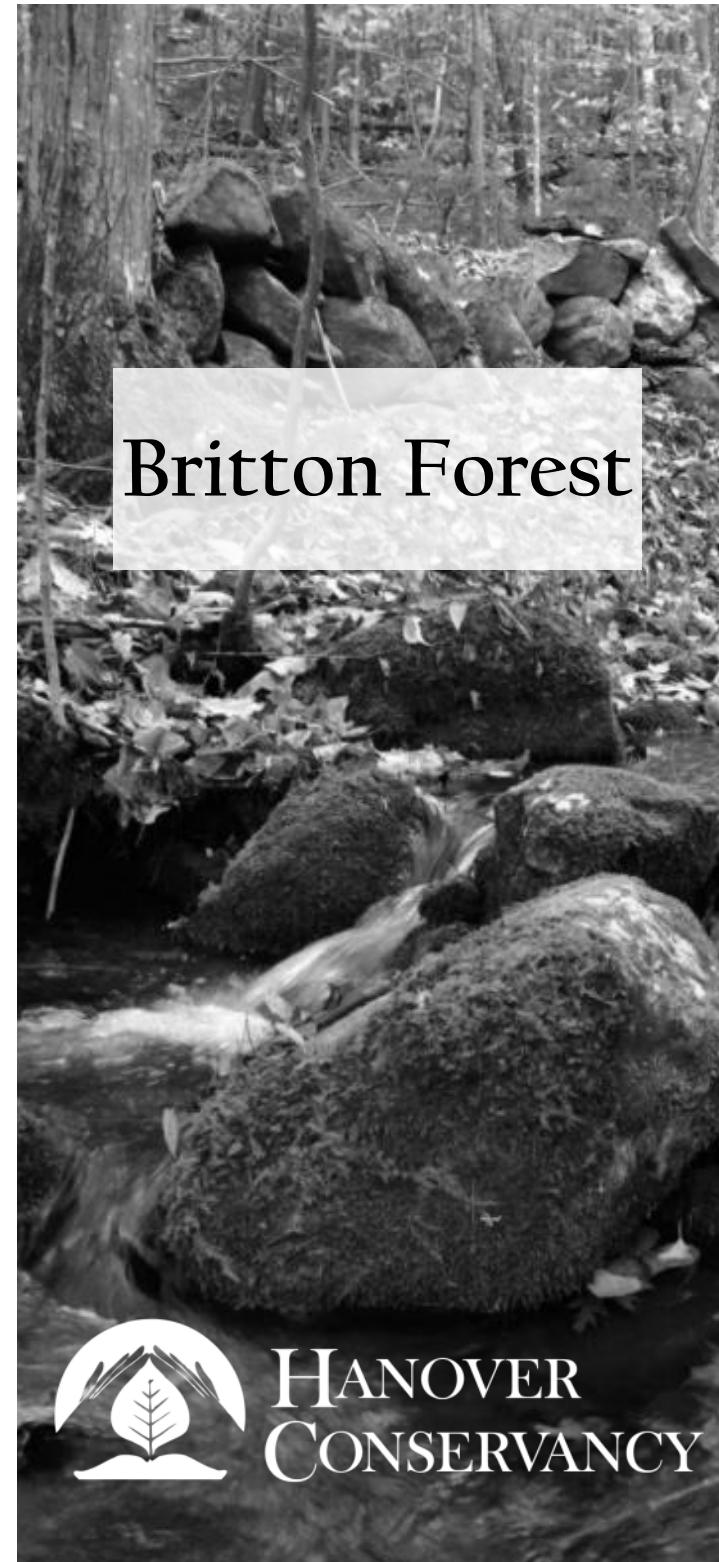
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