

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

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

For more information, visit
www.hanovernh.org/water-department
www.hanoverconservancy.org

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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 Trescott 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 forest health and water quality. 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.

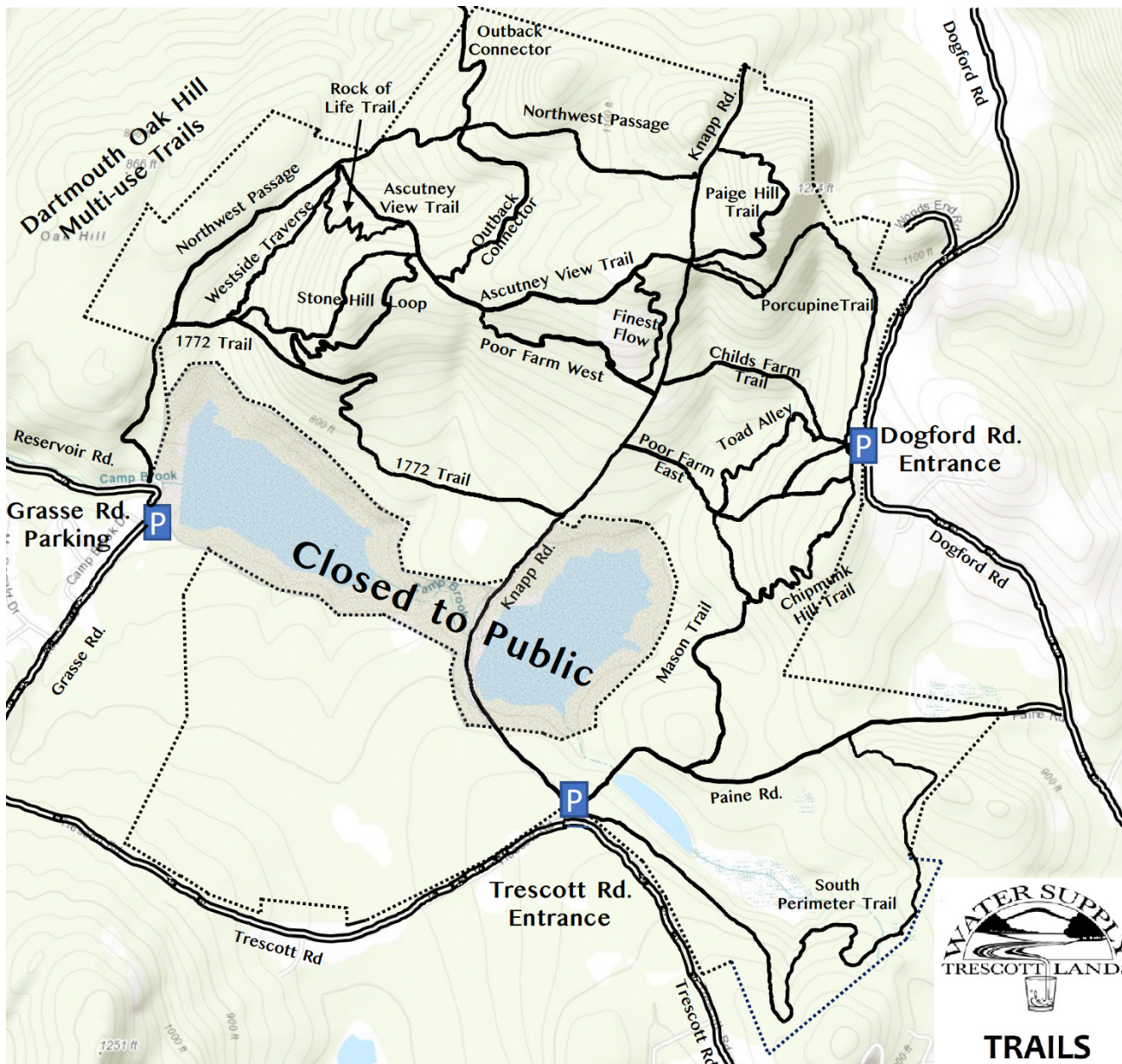
Disastrous fires in 1880 and 1890 revealed the need for a better water supply for fire-fighting. In 1893, the village precinct and college formed the Hanover Water Works Co., damming Camp Brook and buying 50 acres for a reservoir. News of a typhoid epidemic in Ithaca, NY, prompted buy-out of the entire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

The Trescott Recreation Committee thanks our partners at the Hanover Conservancy, Hanover Department of Public Works, Hanover Conservation Commission, Quabbin to Cardigan Partnership, and the Trescott Company for help and financial support with developing the trail network and recreational opportunities. For trail construction and maintenance we thank our partners from the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and a recent grant from the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program.







HANOVER CONSERVANCY
Protecting land & water in our community





TRAILS

-  Trail
-  Trescott Boundary
-  Town Road
-  Parking

WELCOME

Walk/Hike/Run
Snowshoe/Ski
Mountain Bike
Leashed dogs
Horses
Photography
Hunting in season

PROHIBITED

Motorized vehicles
E-bikes
Dogs off leash
Swimming
Fishing
Boating
Camping/Open Fires
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 when muddy

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

Questions
Contact Hanover DPW
643-3327