



# HANOVER CONSERVANCY

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## Historic Northeast Hanover

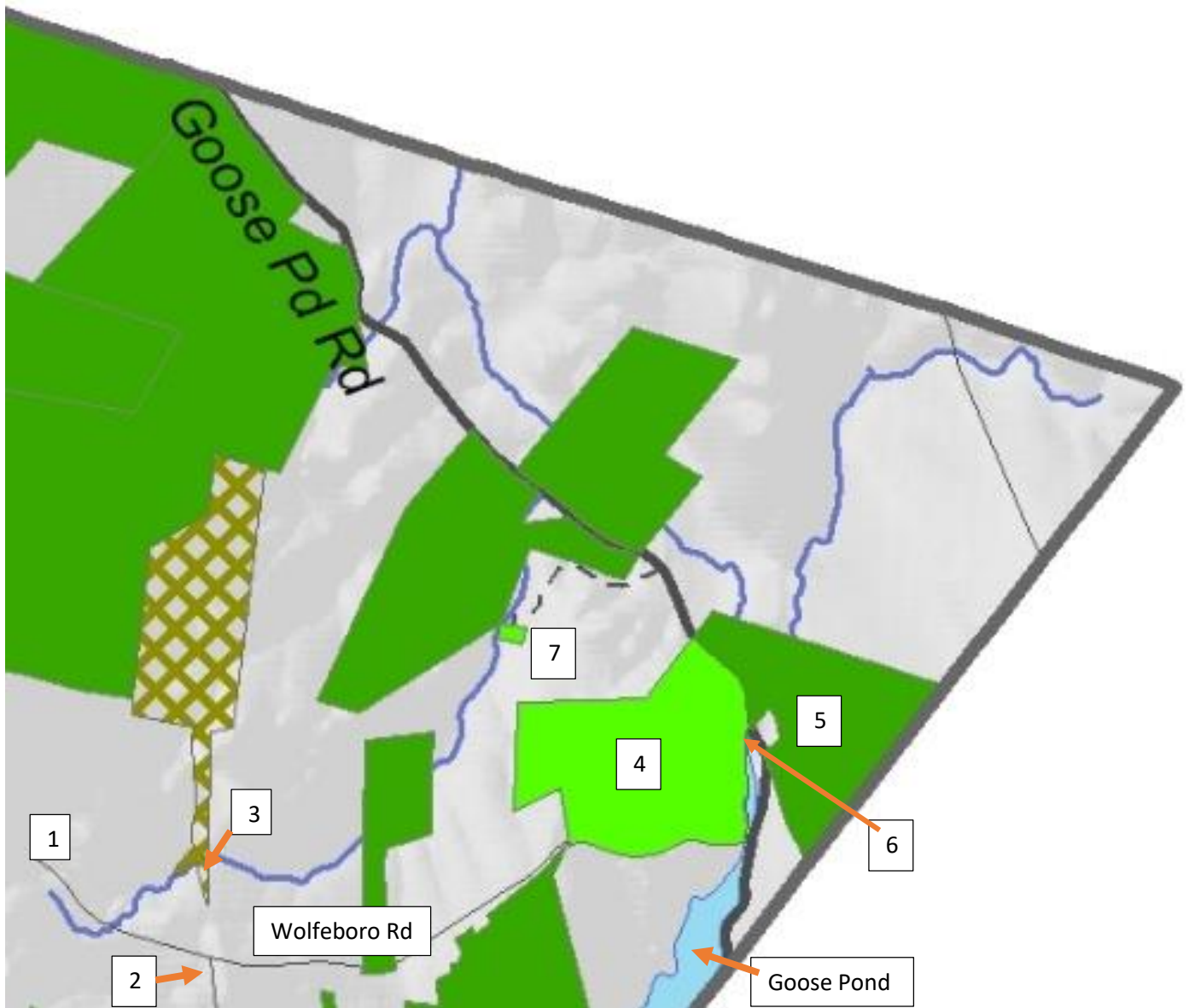
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**Tunis School** - We'll begin by celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beautifully restored 1822 Tunis Schoolhouse with a tour led by owners Barbara Fildes and Keith Quinton. This classic one-room district school served students from the once-busy neighborhood in the northeastern corner of town for 99 years. At one time it held 33 students! Teachers were paid \$32/month. For more, explore the website they created during restoration: [www.tunisschoolhouse.com/](http://www.tunisschoolhouse.com/)

**Tunis Brook Mill Lot** - Those who wish may continue on with us for an easy hike to the historic mill lot on the small brook draining this region. Sturdy shoes are advised for the half-mile trail (one way). We will drive to the trailhead after visiting the schoolhouse, with sights along the way.

### DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

- **From Hanover**, take Route 10 N to Goose Pond Rd., just over the Lyme line. Turn R and follow Goose Pond Rd. 6.2 miles around the N end of Moose Mtn. to Wolfeboro Rd. Turn R and drive 1.7 miles to the red schoolhouse, near the (2nd) drive for 88 Wolfeboro Rd.
- **Set your odometer! From the Tunis School to the Tunis Brook Mill Lot**, Return 1.7 miles to Goose Pond Rd.; turn L. Drive 0.7 mi. to the trailhead, opposite gate. Park along road.
- **On the way you'll pass (see map on reverse):**
  - **0.3 mi. from school - original site of Tunis School** at R, just before Tunis Rd crosses the Wolfeboro Rd. The N end of **Tunis Road** was laid out in 1839 but likely used by 1829 or earlier, and was discontinued in 1932 and 1942. An early **stone culvert** carried the road over Tunis Brook. By 2022, the culvert became clogged with silt and efforts to restore it were unsuccessful. A **cellar hole** remains close by; the 1855 map indicates one W. Withington here. His sons James and Moses were farming 300 acres in 1885, but the site was abandoned by 1892.
  - **1.2 mi. from school - cellar hole** on L, just past small house and well. Note the dressed granite foundation stones.
  - **1.3-1.7 mi. from school - McKinley Tract**. The Hanover Conservancy (then Conservation Council) purchased this 125.7 acre tract in 1993 and conveyed it to the Town, retaining a conservation easement on this deep forest that was slated to become a subdivision.
  - **1.8-2.2 mi. from school - Marshall Brook Natural Area**. The Council acquired this 96-acre tract of wetlands and uplands in the 1970s and resold it to the Town. It provides valuable habitat and filters water entering Goose Pond from Pressey Brook. Upstream is the Upper Valley Land Trust's **Pressey Brook Conservation Area**.
  - **Just past #38 Goose Pond Road - historic cemetery**.
  - **2.4 mi. from school - Trailhead to Tunis Brook Mill Lot** on L, opposite gate on R. Park along shoulder of the road.



1. Tunis School
2. Tunis School original site
3. Site of historic stone culvert & cellar hole on Town Forest
4. McKinley Tract
5. Marshall Brook Natural Area
6. Historic cemetery
7. Tunis Brook Mill Lot