



Headwaters Forest Trails Challenge Hike

140 acres owned by the Hanover Conservancy

The Headwaters Forest is located on the western slope of Moose Mountain. From Etna Village, take Ruddsboro Road to Three Mile Road, turn left and proceed for 1.8 miles, then turn right onto Wolfeboro Road. Park on the right side before the red gate. Do not block the gate or private driveways. This is an easy 1.4-mile hike. Walk a short distance down Wolfeboro Road to the trailhead gate and kiosk on the left. Take the mowed path through the meadow and enter the woods on Peregrine's Path. Follow this red-blazed forested trail to the Harris Trail.

Destination: Look for the destination marker on Peregrine's Path just before you turn right onto the Harris Trail. Follow this well-traveled trail to Wolfeboro Road and back to the parking area. Did you know the Harris Trail (Fred Harris was the 1911 founder of the Dartmouth Outing Club) was the former route of the Appalachian Trail before it was relocated to the ridge line?

History and Features: The Hanover Conservancy purchased this property in 2023 to protect the important **headwaters** of two brooks: Mink Brook, Hanover's largest stream, and Hewes Brook which flows north to Lyme. Keeping stream headwaters forested and cool provides high quality habitat for brook trout and other wildlife, and helps with flood security for lands downstream including Etna Village. Dick Kendall acquired the land in the 1960s, rebuilding the early farmhouse and managing a small family farm. His heirs worked with the Conservancy to assure a healthy future for this land, adding to the nearly 3,000 acres of permanently protected and public land on Moose Mountain. Historic Wolfeboro Road (1772) was built so colonial governor John Wentworth could travel from the Lakes Region to attend Dartmouth's commencement. 19th century stone walls on the property reveal the land's agricultural past.

Destination Marker