

A good recreation program creates a healthy and vibrant community. Durham is fortunate to have many recreation and leisure opportunities. The members of the Durham Parks & Recreation Committee invite you to experience all the great ways to have fun and explore nature around town. Some places may be very familiar and some may be hidden gems for you to discover. Either way, we encourage you and your family to get out and play!

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt—annual East Egg Hunt at the Town Landing

Durham Day—annual celebration in mid September

Light Up Durham—fun for the entire family annually-first weekend in December

Town Parades

RECREATION SITES

(AP) Adams Point Wildlife Area -- 80 acres

Site: Fields, woodlands, tidal marsh, bay

Trails: Perimeter trails

Boating: All types from Great Bay boat ramp (tide dependent)

Picnicking: No tables. Several benches.

Note: N.H. Fish and Game Reserve. Monument in memory of Adams family. Site of UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab. Unique stone bench on southeast tip.

(CW) College Woods -- 240 acres

Site: Reservoir, freshwater river, woodlands

Trails: Approximately 3-4 miles of well maintained trails, other trails are intermittent

Access: On south side of Main St, 500 feet east of Mast Rd.

Parking: On weekdays use UNH metered spots or get a permit at the UNH Visitors center. Weekends are free.

(DF) Doe Farm -- 80 acres

Site: Fresh water river, woodlands, wetlands

Trails: Class VI entrance road, 0.5 mile; two miles of additional trails

Boating: canoes or rowboats -- no ramp, launching difficult: 0.5 mile portage required

Access: Sign at parking area. Follow railroad ROW south to trails.

Parking: Located south side of Bennett Rd., just E of the railroad tracks.

Note: Site includes Moat Island to the southeast in the Lamprey River.

(EF) East Foss Farm -- 165 acres

Site: Field, woodlands, wetlands

Trails: 1.7 mile loop including a Class VI entrance road. Various side trails of varying quality diverge from this road, including one that leads down to upper Mill Pond.

(JL) Jackson's Landing -- 4.5 acres

Site: Tidal river and marsh

Playground: swings, slides, climbing structure, sandbox

Trails: *NEW* handicap accessible loop with educational trail signs—great for all ages

Boating: Ramp access for all boats; tide dependent for motorized boats.

Picnicking: Tables and benches at playground.

Note: Town operates both a playground for small children and a covered ice skating rink.

(LR) Langmaid (Longmarsh) Road -- 46 acres

Site: Class VI road approx 1 mile.

Trails: E and W ends of the road marked by locked gates. Side trails begin on the road. Additional trails at the E end of the Horsehide Creek. This trail is much used by mountain bikers.

(MP) Mill Pond

Site: Freshwater pond and marsh

Boating: Limited to canoes and rowboats: no ramps. Launching difficult

Picnicking: Benches and tables

(OR) Old Reservoir -- 155 acres

Site: Woodlands, freshwater pond and marsh

Trail: Approximately one mile

Picnicking: No facilities

(OL) Old Town Landing -- 3 acres

Site: Tidal river and marsh.

Boating: Limited to canoes, kayaks, rowboats; no ramp; dock provides access to boats moored in Oyster River

Picnicking: Tables and benches

(TF) Thompson Farm -- 219 acres

Site: Woodlands, field

Trails: One mile trail connects with West Foss Farm.

(WH) Wagon Hill Farm -- 139 acres

Site: Woodlands, fields, tidal marsh and bay.

Trails: Perimeter and other trails. Rough trail through N part of the Farm connects with Rt. 108 at the Evangelical Church

Boating: No ramp. Carry-on launching access 0.5 mile from parking lot

Picnicking: Picnic tables. Portable toilet at parking lot (Seasonal)

: Great area for cross country skiing and sledding at the hill.

(WF) West Foss Farm -- 93 acres

Site: Woodland and pasture

Trails: 2 mile loop with entrance off Mill Road. 1.3 mile trail connects with Thompson Farm

(WD) Wiswall Dam -- 2.5 acres

Site: Freshwater river and woodlands

Boating: Limited to canoes and rowboats.

Launch upstream of dam

Picnicking: Tables

Note: Information posted describes the area when the area was a center of activity in the 1800s.

(WR) Woodridge Rec Area -- 5 acres

Site: Playing fields

Playground: swings, slides, climbing structure

Picnicking: Tables and drinking water: portable toilet (seasonal)

Note: Father Lawless Baseball Field, baseball diamonds, basketball courts, soccer field, tennis courts



Other organizations providing recreation activities to Durham residents and visitors:

Oyster River Parents & Preschoolers
ORPP provides recreation activities, community service and social support to preschoolers (age 0 to 6) and their parents.
www.orppFamilyFun.org.

Oyster River Youth Association
ORYA provides extensive recreational sports programs for children.
www.oryarec.org.

Durham Public Library
www.durhampubliclibrary.org/

University of New Hampshire
UNH provides many recreation activities to the entire community. More info at:
<http://campusrec.unh.edu/>

Mill Pond Center for the Arts
Arts and education for all ages.
www.millpondcenter.org

Helpful town information:
Police— (603) 868-2324
Fire— (603) 868-5531
Department of Public works
Provides maintenance of all town property— (603) 868-5578
Durham Town Hall— (603) 868-5571

Durham website: <http://ci.durham.nh.us/>
Parks & Recreation Website:
<http://ci.durham.nh.us/community/recreation.html>
E-mail: parksandrec@ci.durham.nh.us

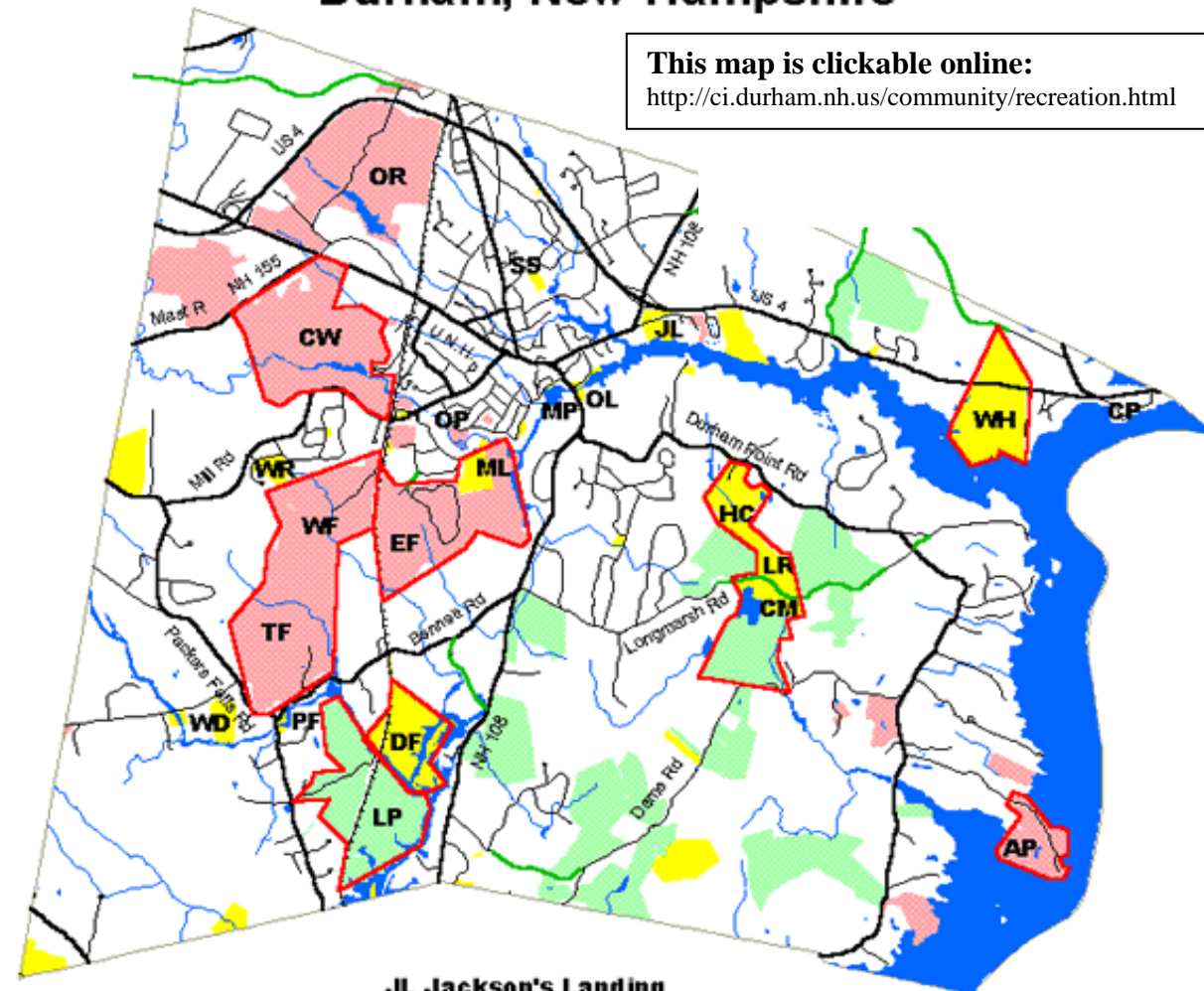
Parks & Recreation Durham, NH



Find more information at our website:
<http://ci.durham.nh.us/community/recreation.html>

Outdoor Recreation Sites Durham, New Hampshire

This map is clickable online:
<http://ci.durham.nh.us/community/recreation.html>



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| AP Adams Point | JL Jackson's Landing | PF Packers Falls |
| CP Cedar Point | LP Lamprey River Preserve | SS Stolworthy Sanctuary |
| CM Colby Marsh | LR Langmaid (Longmarsh) Rd | TF Thompson Farm |
| CW College Woods | ML MacDonald Lot | WD Wiswall Dam |
| DF Doe Farm | MP Mill Pond | WF West Foss Farm |
| EF East Foss Farm | OR Old Reservoir | WH Wagon Hill Farm |
| HC Horsehide Creek | OL Oyster River Landing | WR Woodridge Rec Area |
| | OP Oyster River Park | |

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| Main road | Area ownership |
| Other road | Town/School |
| Class 6 road | UNH/State |
| Railroad | Conservation Org. |
| Stream | |
| Water | |

Class 6 roads are town roads closed to vehicles but open for other public use.

Map by Tony Federer
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