

DURHAM

CONSERVATION AREAS AND PARKS



Woodridge Park– Father Lawless Fields

Fogg Drive
Ample Onsite Parking



Acquired by the town in the 1970s, this park is located in the Woodridge neighborhood off of Mill Road and has several sports and family-friendly facilities.

Amenities: Playground, skateboard park, baseball fields, open field space, tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts, picnic tables, and portable restroom



Mill Pond Park and Milne Sanctuary

Mill Pond Road
Parking along Mill Road



The adjoining Mill Pond Park and Milne Sanctuary are located within walking distance of the Durham Town Hall and downtown. It's a beautiful spot for picnicking, wildlife watching and fishing. Kayaks and canoes can be carefully launched from the Sanctuary.

Amenities: Benches and picnic tables with scenic views, water access to Oyster River



Jackson's Landing

10 Old Piscataqua Road
Onsite Parking



Jackson Landing is a 15-acre conservation and park area on the Oyster River. Along with its scenic views, the park offers a skating rink, walking trails, play area, dock and public boat ramp. Know the tides - the water can't be accessed from the park around low tide! During the winter, public skate times can be found churchillrink.org.

Amenities: Ice rink, family friendly trails, picnic area, playground, boat ramp, dock, cartop boat access, universally accessible parking, and portable restroom

Trails: 1 mile of family friendly walking near the waterfront, ½ mile nature trail with modest grade changes north of Old Piscataqua Road



Wiswall Dam and John Hatch Park

Wiswall Road
Limited Onsite Parking



John Hatch Park is a 5-acre conservation area on the Lamprey River. This tranquil park offers excellent birdwatching and fishing. A kiosk provides history of the area and the mills, the foundations of which are still visible. Use caution near the river, especially during peak river flows!

Amenities: Informational kiosk, and access to the Lamprey River



Packers Falls Park

Bennett Road
Limited Onsite Parking



This 2.3-acre park is a favorite of both fishermen wishing to access the Lamprey River and people wanting a tranquil respite along its banks. Visitors are reminded to use caution on the slippery rocks along the river – especially during peak river flows.

Amenities: Lamprey River access



Wagon Hill Farm

Piscataqua Road (Rte 4)
Onsite Parking



Wagon Hill Farm, known for its iconic wooden wagon on the hill, is a 139-acre farm acquired by the town to preserve its scenic vistas and provide an attractive outdoor environment. The property spans from Route 4 to its living shoreline along the Oyster River. Be sure to look at a trail map before venturing out!

Amenities: Trail network, shorefront picnic area, interpretive signs, community garden, sledding, cross-country skiing, universally accessible parking, and portable restroom

Trails: 2.7 miles - Family friendly walking with bridge crossings



Thompson Forest
 Wednesday Hill Road
 Limited onsite parking

Thompson Forest is a quiet 54-acre property between the Lamprey River and Wednesday Hill Road. Stands of saplings, wildflower meadow and an oak-pine forest along the Lamprey River provide a variety of wildlife habitats. Thompson Forest is a wonderful area for bird and nature watchers.

Amenities: Information kiosk, loop trail, benches, picnic area at Lamprey River



Trails: 1.3 miles (Easy walking with modest elevation changes)



Doe Farm
 Bennett Road
 Onsite Parking

The 87-acre Doe Farm is tucked between Bennett Road and the Lamprey River and includes Moat Island. The property offers walking trails through oak and pine forests and along the Lamprey River. Explore the historic Doe family homestead marked by stone foundations and family cemetery.

Amenities: Informational kiosk, trail network, shorefront picnic areas, access to the Lamprey River



Trails: 3.6 miles (Easy walking with bridge crossings over marshes and wetlands)



Oyster River Forest and Spruce Hole
 Packers Falls Road
 Onsite Parking

Enjoy this diverse 172-acre property using its well-maintained trail network connecting to UNH's College Woods. Trails pass through meadow and young forest, and managed woodlands along the Oyster River. View the nationally recognized spruce hole bog, a geologic phenomenon formed by glaciers 10,000 years ago, using the bog loop trail.

Amenities: Information kiosk, benches, trail network



Trails: 3.3 miles (Easy walking with modest elevation changes)



Longmarsh Preserve
 Longmarsh Road via Route 108
 Onsite Parking

Longmarsh Preserve is a 73-acre parcel, much of which is in the Crommet Creek watershed. The preserve provides great diversity including blocks of forest, wetlands and reverting field habitat. Nesting heron, wood ducks and active beavers can be found in the Colby Marsh. The Sweet trail starts at Longmarsh Road and turns south meandering through marshes, rocky outcrops and mature oak and pine forests to the Great Bay in Newmarket.

Amenities: Information kiosk, trail network



Trails: 2.2 miles (Modest elevation changes with challenging marsh and pond crossings)



Stevens Woods
 Orchard Drive
 Limited Parking

Stevens Woods is a 25-acre parcel with frontage on the Oyster River and trails connecting to the UNH's East Foss Farm. The property is within walking distance of the downtown using the Kenny Rotner footbridge across the Oyster River at the end of Thompson Lane within the Faculty neighborhood.

Amenities: Informational kiosk, trail network



Trails: 0.6 miles with access to 3.6 miles of trails on adjoining UNH and NHTG land (Easy walking with modest elevation changes)



Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary
 Old Bagdad
 No Parking – Near Downtown

This 4-acre property is embedded within the Oyster River Cooperative School District conservation area and contains a trail that connects the Middle School and High School to an abandoned portion of Old Bagdad Road and passes through private property. It was conveyed in the memory of Marion J. Stolworthy as a wildlife sanctuary. This parcel is unique because of its close proximity to the downtown with its variety of birds and wildlife. Access is from Old Bagdad Road and both schools.

Trails: 0.75 miles including ORCSD land (Easy walking)



All properties open dawn to dusk

More information and maps are available at:
<https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/conservation-lands-parks>



Please Preserve and Respect Durham Conservation Areas and Parks!