

## East Sugar Ball Road Trail

### Access to the trail:

This very short trail connecting East Side Drive and Portsmouth Street. From East Side Drive go east to the end of East Sugar Ball Road. The paved path is in front of you.

### The trail:

Hiking travel time: about 10 leisurely minutes  
Distance: about 1200 feet.

Most people use this trail as part of an exercise route. At the end of the path turn left on Portsmouth Street to Broken Ground Drive. Take Broken Ground Drive to East Side Drive, then left on East Side Drive to Sugar Ball Road, back to the area where you parked your car. The whole loop is an easy 1.5-mile walk.

### History:

This trail is short, but is long on history. Penacook Indians constructed a fort on the Sugar Ball bluff from which they could watch the whole river valley. The Penacooks and the Mohawks were at war in 1623. Through clever maneuvering the Mohawks were able to flush the Penacooks from their fort to the valley below and attack the fort. The artifacts that have been recovered near the fort site seem to indicate this battle may have further weakened the Penacook tribe. Archaeologists are not sure of the exact location of the fort.

On Friday May 13, 1726, 26 potential settlers, including surveyors and chain men arrived at the bluff called the Sugar Ball to begin to lie out the settlement of Penny Cook.

Shortly thereafter a meetinghouse was built in which Timothy Walker held his first church service, establishing the First Congregational Church of Concord. On the west side of East Side Drive there is a monument marking this spot.

Portsmouth Street itself was the first east-west turnpike in the state.



Volunteer trail maintainers and managers:  
**We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested call:**  
Concord Conservation Commission  
225-8515

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## *Concord Trail System*

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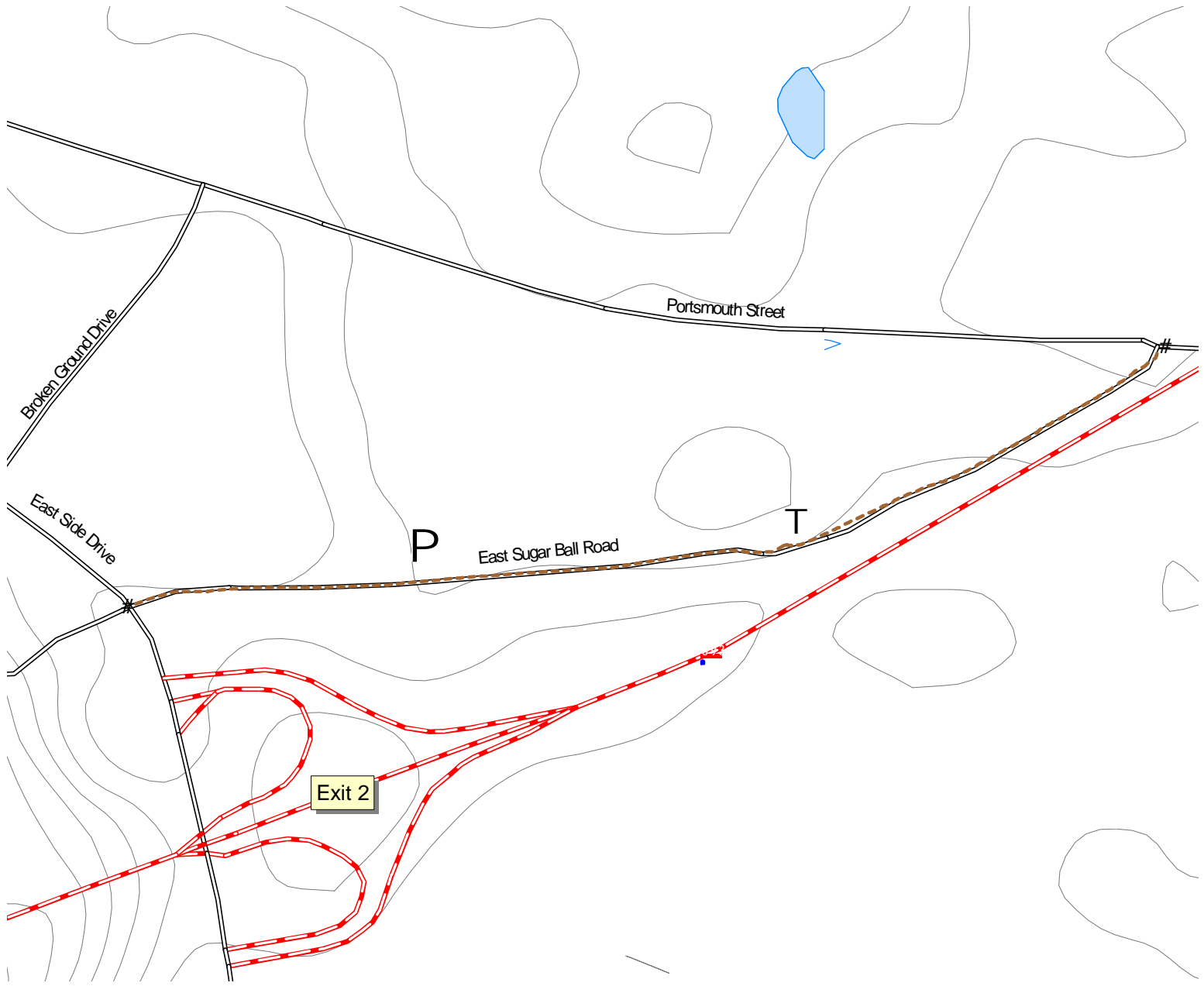
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	Public-Use Trail
	20' Topographic Contour Lines
	Interstate Highways
	Roads
	Political Boundary
	Water Bodies
	Rivers and Streams
	Heritage Trail
	Parking
	Accessibility
	Information or Kiosk
	Picnic Table or Bench
	Bridge
	Dam
	Point of Interest
	Trail Ends or Enters Private Land



To make your trip more enjoyable for you and for others who follow, please observe the following:

- Motorized recreational vehicles are prohibited on City land.
- Do not disturb the plants or animals.
- Keep to the marked trails.
- Respect the private property near the trails.
- Be equipped for country walking.
- Carry out all trash and litter and clean up after your pet.

