

Mast Yard State Forest Trails

Access to the trails:

From Carter Hill Road, take Broad Cove Drive to its junction with West Parish Road or connect directly to West Parish Road off of Carter Hill Road. Turn right onto West Parish Road. About 1000 feet down from the intersection with Broad Cove Drive, there is an opening on the right and a small area to park your car. Step over the large log to begin your walk.

The trails:

Hiking travel time: about 2 hours
Distance: about 5 miles total

The Mast Yard trail on the Concord side is a loop starting at the northwest corner of the parking lot, taking the left fork after crossing Dolf Brook, turning right onto the old railroad bed, right again at the power lines and returning over Dolf Brook. A total of about five miles, the trails also travel into Hopkinton and are flat and excellent for hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing with children.

History:

According to *Bouton's History of Concord*, in the early 1800s this area was famous for supplying trees, two to three feet in diameter, that were used as masts for His Majesty's Royal Ships and later as masts for various other vessels built on the seacoast. The best masts were from the northwesterly side of Horse Hill. The trees were drawn to the Contoocook River to an area now called the Mast Yard, then floated down to the Merrimack River. Larger logs were drawn by 52 teams of oxen (104 animals) along Borough Road to the sandbanks below Sewalls Falls and there thrown into the Merrimack River and floated to the coast.



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Volunteer trail maintainers and managers:

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Map 1

Concord Trail System

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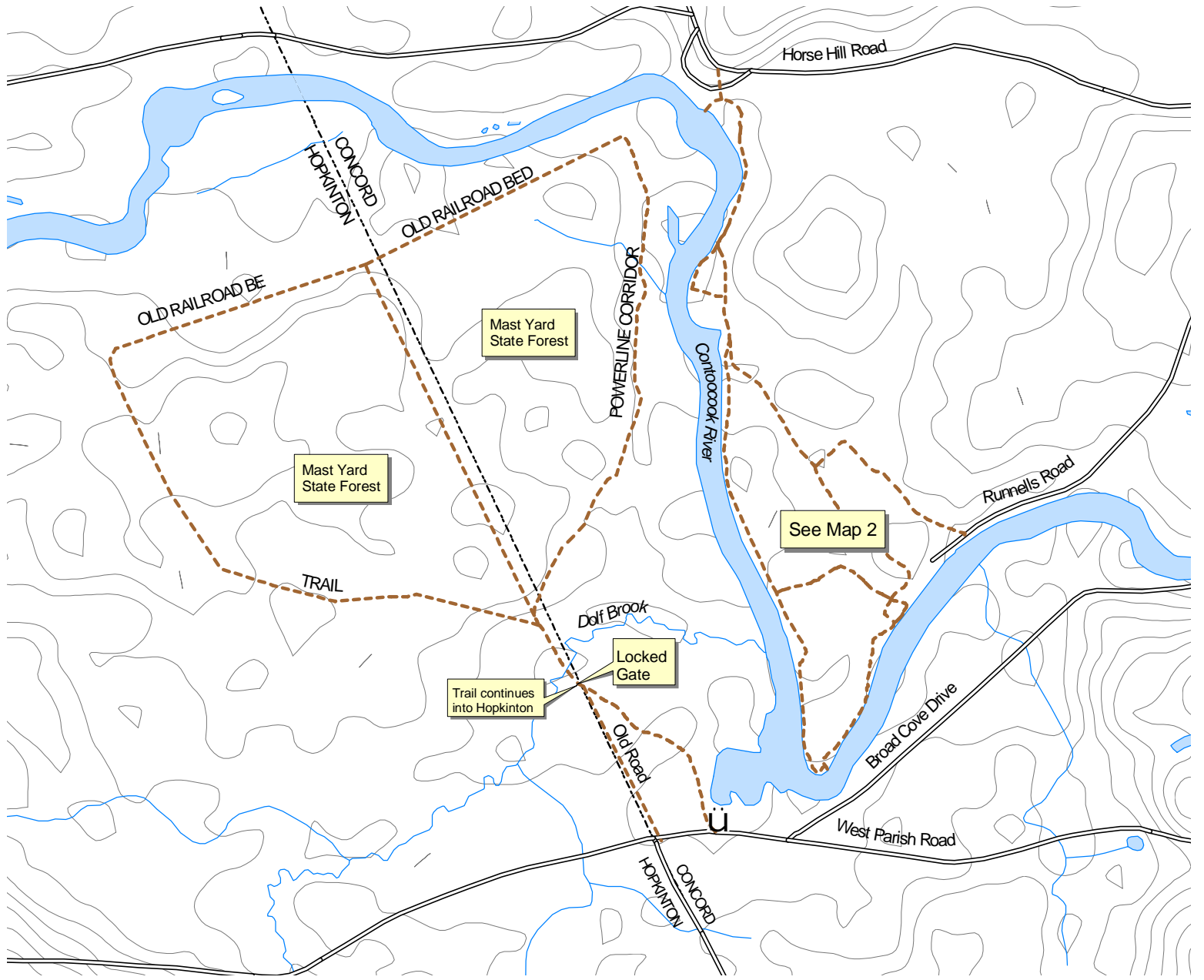


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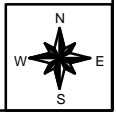
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	Public-Use Trail
	20' Topographic Contour Lines
	Interstate Highways
	Roads
	Political Boundary
	Water Bodies
	Rivers and Streams
	Heritage Trail
	Parking
	Accessibility
	Information or Kiosk
	Picnic Table or Bench
	Bridge
	Dam
	Point of Interest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

