

# Bachelder Town Forest Trails

## Description:

The Bachelder Town Forest Trails consist of three loops connected by a bridge over Bumfagon Brook. The first loop (white loop) is a shorter and easier 1.2 mile walk (Harry-O Circuit) that parallels a marsh and beaver pond and returns over a slightly higher terrain. At about the halfway point, there is a short Connector Trail (.1 mile) (red) that leads to the foot bridge. The second loop starts on the other side of the foot bridge and is 1.55 miles (Blue Loop), is a little hillier and more of a workout, but winds through beautiful woods, by several vernal pools, and passes through an historic range way. The third loop is the newest trail, as of 2022, it is a 1.7 mile undulating loop with interesting geologic features. There is a connector trail midway. The Kenney Road Connector, new as of 2021, connects the north end of the Blue Loop to Kenney Road. This 1 mile walk has a parking lot on Kenney. When walking along Kenney Road users should stay to the left with the blazes. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail network.

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## Location:

The Bachelder Town Forest Trials can be accessed from Youngs Hill Road in Loudon, NH. Parking is available at the trailhead during non-snowy months. Otherwise, parking is available 2/10 of a mile down the road by the Bachelder Town Forest sign or along the road. Access can also be reached via the Kenney Road Connector. The parking area on Kenney Road is about one mile down the road when accessed from Lower Ridge Road.

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## History:

Back on December 31, 1991, the Bachelder Town Forest, consisting of over 150 acres, was generously given to the town by Albert Bachelder. In working with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, this property was chosen to put a trail on as it is a beautiful piece of land with several very interesting sites to see. Harry MacLauchlan has also generously allowed the use of a parcel of his property for parking and for the trail.

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- The project was a community effort with many individuals volunteering their time, companies donating supplies, and funds from the Loudon Conservation Commission.
- The trail is managed by the Loudon Trails Sub-Committee of the Loudon Conservation Commission.