

Welcome to the Trails at Moose Brook State Park



Moose Brook State Park is comprised of 744 acres of former farmland that is now well-grown into mature mixed woodlands, as well as stands of much older magnificent forest. The park is also the site of a former Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) encampment that was active in the early 1930's. On a journey through the park you will encounter many historic remnants of the hard work that is the legacy of the recreational development performed by the CCC.

The trail network is not only on state park land, but in places extends onto private lands that are open for use by the generosity of the land owners. Please respect all of the lands when enjoying the trails and follow all rules.

The trails consist of a number of historic trails partly developed by the CCC that are named and signed at the trail junctions that provide pleasant travel. There is also a network of trails developed by local volunteers and our local cycling club, that are signed at junctions with numbers, and provide a more challenging experience.

Please stop at the park office before riding in order to pay the per person day use fee.

The Main Trails

Berry Farm Road is a former farm road that connected the Berry farmstead that was located near the park office, with the Perkins farmstead that was located partway up this road. There is evidence that the road was improved by the CCC. It is accessed by continuing up the road that passes the front of the park office building to a gate at the start. It continues on a wide gravel road on a moderate grade with occasional steep pitches that can be washed out in places—take caution! You reach an extensive beaver bog with limited views at 1.5 mi.

CCC Link Trail connects Berry Farm Road to the lower section of the CCC Perimeter Path. It starts out as a wide pathway developed by the CCC that descends towards Perkins Brook, but enters a section of a much rougher footpath before climbing a short steep pitch to join the CCC Perimeter Path at 0.3 mi.

CCC Perimeter Trail is considered a fine example of CCC craftsmanship that maintains mostly gentle to moderate grades for its entire length. The trail begins off the Berry Farm Rd. 0.5 from the roadway gate and rejoins the road after 1.6 mi.

Perkins Path leaves the field in front of the park office at a sign at the edge of the forest. It provides a short but interesting route to get close to Perkins Brook and a scenic rocky gorge with cascades at 0.3 mi. The trail formerly continued to connect with the CCC Perimeter Trail at 1.2 miles, but the collapse of a 40' bridge and deterioration of the tread way has forced it's closure. It can still be followed by more experienced hikers but caution must be observed.

The 'Bike' Trails

The network of paths developed and maintained by our local volunteers are a maze of interesting routes often with features to engage the skills of mountain bikers. These trails do provide pleasant

hiking, but are often not the most direct route between 2 locations since they often wind back and forth in order to provide more terrain.

Mountain Bike Trails are not signed at their junctions, but are instead identified by number signs placed at most junctions. When you are at a number sign while on a trail, the number corresponds to where the number is located on the trail map. Take note that not every junction has a number since it is difficult to differentiate too many close together on the map; but if you continue on a trail you should shortly encounter a junction number that will indicate your location.

Trail Use Rules

-Only foot travel, bicycles, snowshoeing, and XC skiing are permitted on the trails. Motorized use is prohibited except on Berry Farm Road for snow machines during winter.

-Camping is not permitted except by registered campers at designated areas and campsites in the state park.

-Fires are permitted only in the developed areas at the main state park grounds in fireplaces provided.

-Cutting of brush, trees, or any vegetation without written permission of the state park manager or a landowner is strictly prohibited.

Thank You

The trails and this map were developed with help from many volunteers, adjacent landowners, and state park staff for everyone's enjoyment. Special thanks to Gene Dennebaum of Gorham, NH and the Coos Cycling Club.

For more information about the Coos Cycling Club and more great riding trails in the Gorham/Berlin area. Contact or visit the Porky Gulch Bike Shop behind the White Mt. Café in Gorham, NH - 603-723-0709 - www.porkygulch.com