JABISH BROOK CONSERVATION AREA
BELCHERTOWN, MASS

DISTANCE: JUST OVER 1 MILE

- Suggested route
- Streams & rivers

Key Points:
- Boy scout cabin
- Sitting rocks
- Big oak
- Low ridge with mountain laurel
- Footbridge
- Main parking area

Map Legend:
- Limited roadside parking
- Private land

Route Highlights:
- Bridge
- Rock “puzzle”

(Note: The map includes a detailed layout of the conservation area with marked points of interest.)
The easy forested loop trail here provides access to the pristine Jabish Brook and a window into abundant wildlife habitat.

**SUGGESTED ROUTE**

This counterclockwise loop trail is just over 1 mile, and includes a handful of bridges. Follow the trail down from the parking area that is located a few hundred yards off 202, to Jabish Brook. Cross over the main bridge and turn right where the trail forks. The trail is well marked with a yellow star on a blue blaze. You will walk up a low ridge with mountain laurel, which is spectacular in late spring. The walk is then slightly uphill through deciduous forest, and small bridges allow you to cross seasonal brooks. The many nibbled hemlock saplings indicate that moose visit the area. Look for a big oak and further on a rock puzzle. The trail enters a shady hemlock forest with an inviting, open understory. There are numerous large sitting rocks; find a favorite one to sit on and enjoy the forest with all your senses! The trail descends back to Jabish Brook and stays close to the water. Enjoy the flowing water and note the Boy Scout hut on the left. Head back over the bridge and up to the trailhead where you began.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE**

- Walk/Jog
- Watch Wildlife
- Take Photographs
- Sit a Spell
- Identify Tracks

**DIRECTIONS**

- **GPS address:** 513 U.S. 202, Belchertown, MA
- Parking is available on the east side of Route 202 (just over two miles north of the intersection with Routes 9) opposite House # 509. Parking is also available along the dirt road a couple hundred yards beyond (at the trailhead)

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR**

- The footbridge over the clean flowing water of Jabish Brook.
- Mountain laurels flowering in spring
- Signs of moose

**YOU SHOULD KNOW**

- Open dawn to dusk, year round
- Please keep dogs on leash and pick up after your pet
- Respect adjacent private property by staying on the trail

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