A Trail for Everyone at

Scarborough Brook Conservation Area
Belchertown, Mass

The conservation lands around Scarborough Brook are loved for the two fishing ponds and the surrounding field and forests. It is also home to a section of the long-distance New England National Scenic Trail with a nice view from the land’s high point.

Suggested Route

This loop is just over one mile. Walk over the bridge and into the field that borders the two ponds. There are picnic tables and bird nestboxes in this area, and the upper pond is readily accessible. Follow the trail, which has white blazes, past the ponds to where the forest begins. The trail slowly rises, and a short side trail on the left leads down to the shady brook, which is worth a visit. Back on the main trail, the path rises more sharply and traverses the top of a small ridge, allowing excellent views into the forest. You will soon enter private property, so please be respectful of the landowner’s generosity. Turn right at a T intersection. You are soon at the high point of the walk, and approximately half-way through the loop. Pause here to enjoy the forest and the views through the trees. The trail weaves through undulating terrain to Gulf Road. Turn right and follow this quiet road back to the beginning.

What You Can Do Here

- Watch Wildlife
- Take Photographs
- XC Ski / Snowshoe
- Spy Butterflies and Insects
- Share a Picnic

What to Look For

- An open field close to the parking area, with picnic tables and two wonderful ponds that attract a variety of wildlife
- A short side trail leading to a shady brook

Directions

- GPS address: 499 Gulf Rd., Belchertown, MA 01007
- Parking is available on the left hand side of Gulf Road, near the four way intersection of Gulf Road with North and South Gulf Roads, opposite house # 454 Gulf Road

What to 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

Partners Make Conservation Possible

Kestrel Land Trust partners with towns to create, conserve, and care for public lands to help everyone connect with nature. The conservation lands here are owned by the Town and monitored by Kestrel through a Conservation Restriction. For more information contact Kestrel or:

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