BUFFAM BROOK COMMUNITY FOREST
PELHAM, MA
DISTANCE: 1 - 1.5 MILES

OK to walk informal trails inside the Community Forest. Please respect our neighbors' privacy and boundaries.
Winding through woodlands with trees of many sizes and ages, a network of formal and informal hiking trails includes several that are well suited to cross-country skiing. A short hike from the parking area brings visitors to a historic quarry that shelters a vernal pool.

**Suggested Route**

Trail signs guide you along this short hike to a rewarding destination. When you leave the parking area, take the wide, straight trail slightly uphill to the John W. Olver Loop. At the sign, turn left toward the Quarry and follow blue blazes through a mixed age forest. On the way, you may spot a tall anthill (with harmless residents). There is one sharp left turn; don't miss it or you may end up on an old forest road that leads nowhere. At the next fork, turn left again onto the Quarry Loop, then bear right at the intersection with a private trail. Soon you will reach a trail that runs along the top of the Quarry. Turn left here and quickly look for a right arrow that will direct you onto a footpath that descends along the side of the Quarry. At the bench, pause for an interesting overlook. Just beyond the bench, the trail turns right, then sharply left. It descends a short distance, then veers right onto a wide trail with a full view of the Quarry, easily enjoyed from a second bench located along the trail. The vernal pool is on your left as you face the Quarry. You can complete the 1/3 mile Quarry Loop by continuing on the blue-blazed trail, following it past several informal intersecting trails as the loop curves around the north end of the Quarry and climbs the hill. Soon you will be back at the John W. Olver Loop. From here, you can either turn right to return the way you came for a total 1 mile hike, or turn left to follow the Olver Loop to the parking area (adds ½ mile to your hike). Those seeking a longer hike can explore the Northern Extension Trail and the informal trails on the McClung Conservation Area.

**What to Look For**

- Historic quarry with a vernal pool
- Rock outcrops and glacial erratics
- Large, old trees

**Directions**

- **GPS address:** 220 North Valley Road, Pelham MA
- Parking available off North Valley Road (5 cars). Look for the bus turnaround sign; parking is just beyond on the left.

**What You Can Do Here**

- Walk/Jog
- Watch Wildlife
- Visit Wetlands
- Sit a Spell
- XC Ski / Snowshoe

**You Should Know**

- Open dawn to dusk, year round
- Keep dogs on leash or in your sight under effective voice control (comes immediately when called)
- Respect adjacent private property by staying on public trails
- Use caution with children at the quarry

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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 portions are monitored by Kestrel through a Conservation Restriction. Funding was provided by the U.S. Forest Service Community Forest Program.

For more information, contact:

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