Please stay on marked trails and respect private property rights.
This conservation land owned by the Town of Belchertown provides a short but challenging trail loop along the Hop Brook ravine, which offers views of a series of waterfalls.

**SUGGESTED ROUTE**

This loop trail is just over a mile, but feels longer due to the moderate ascent and descent. From the parking area, the yellow-blazed trail begins a gentle ascent. The terrain begins to get rocky and continues to be rugged for much of the loop. Stay right at the fork to cross a small bridge over Hop Brook, enjoying stream views. The trail begins to rise again, traveling through hemlock forest interspersed with mountain laurel, beech trees, and large mossy rocks.

The trail levels out but remains rocky, crossing a few seasonal streams before reaching an attractive waterfall. Continue at stream level, using step stones to cross the stream carefully. Once on the opposite bank, turn left to follow the trail, which levels out for a stretch high above the stream. Soon the trail curves left and begins a descent. Enjoy intermittent views of the stream below and the rocky slope on the opposite bank. The trail levels out again, passing mountain laurel and a triple-trunked oak, before beginning a last descent to the parking lot.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE**

- Walk/Jog
- Watch Wildlife
- Take Photographs
- Play in the Water
- Take in the View

**DIRECTIONS**

- **GPS address:** 314 MA-9, Belchertown, MA 01007
- Parking is available in a small unpaved lot at the trail head on the east side of Amherst Road (Route 9), just north of the Hop Brook bridge (north of house # 300)

**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
- Trails not cleared of snow/ice in winter

**WHAT TO LOOK FOR**

- One of the more significant waterfalls in the area, which flows all year round, but is particularly active in spring, and enchantingly icy in winter
- Variety of ferns & moss

**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:

**Town of Belchertown**

Conservation Commission:

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