

WELCOME TO NEWBURY'S HIKING TRAILS

Newbury has been endowed with some of the most beautiful clean streams and lakes in New England; they and our mountains and slopes are being protected through the hard work and planning of many people.

Please help the Newbury Conservation Commission preserve these resources as you enjoy our trails by observing the following hiking rules:

- Respect the rights of landowners of private property and property adjacent to the trails.
- Leave all trails and sites as you found them for others to enjoy.
- Do not litter. Carry out what you carry in.



This map will be revised and updated occasionally. Please send additions and corrections to:

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The Newbury Conservation Commission would like to thank Commissioner Charles Crickman for his exemplary dedication and hard work in updating the trail map and trail information.

An undeveloped 2.5 acre park on land donated to Newbury by Arthur Larson in 1989. Located on a strip of forested land between Route 103 and Colburn Farm Road, it straddles the cascading Andrew Brook for all of its length. A future development concept might include picnic areas, brook-side trails and foot bridges, and entrance/boundary signage.

Larson Memorial Park

Newbury hosts 11.3 miles of the 75-mile SRKG trail network. It begins near Newbury Harbor as SRKG Trail #1, as described in this guide as the *Newbury Trail* that joins the *Solitude Trail*, before leaving Newbury at the Goshen town line. It then proceeds about 0.3 mile to its western trailhead at the end of Old Province Road, off Brook Road in Goshen. The last section, SRKG Trail #14, re-enters Newbury in the Chalk Pond area, and is described herein as the *Fishersfield Trail*. Further information can be found at www.srkg.org. A detailed SRKG Trail Guide of its 14 sections of hiking trails is available at bookstores and the Newbury Library.

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway

Kearsarge and beyond on the right. The trail continues down the hill to Sutton Road near the Newbury/Sutton town line.

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Hiking Trails in Newbury, New Hampshire

\$1.00

Access is from Gillingham Drive about 0.4 mile from Sutton Road. An easy climb to the hilltop on a snowmobile trail (a Class VI road) is also suitable for limited mountain bike riding and cross-country skiing. Remains of the old Newbury Poor Farm can be seen on the left near the hilltop. Also good views of Mount

Poor Farm Hill Trail

A 94-acre town recreation area, Fishersfield Park, in addition to several ball fields and courts, has eight blazed hiking trails. These trails, totaling 5 miles, wind through 80 acres of forested land off Old Post Road. Trails vary in length and difficulty, from easy to challenging. The *Boundary Trail*, the longest at 2 miles, follows the stone walls around the park and rises several hundred feet up the rearward slopes. Others, such as the *Farmsstead Trail*, are more gentle. It follows the farmstead remnants and pasture areas of this original 1807 sheep farm. Signage and interpretive guides identify natural and historic features. Detailed maps are available at the trailhead kiosk, just beyond the parking area. Picnicking and fishing are encouraged around the pond, a short distance from the trailhead, reached via a small-scale covered bridge.

Fishersfield Park Trails

Beech Hill Trail – 0.9 mile beyond Marsh View parking, or 2.2 miles from NH Route 103A. Park on left at NH Audubon sign. Trail climbs into hardwood forest, beside a ravine. Especially good for snowshoeing.

and vernal pools. Follow the old road into the woods, and bear left at the V-junction. Note the trail can be very wet, especially in the spring.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWBURY HIKING TRAILS

Andrew Brook and Solitude Trails

Take NH-103 south of Newbury Harbor to Mountain Rd, turn right 1.2 miles to trailhead parking on side of road. Follow blue blazes for 2.0 miles climb to Lake Solitude. Trail starts on private land, crosses Andrew Brook, then enters NH State Park at 0.2 mi. Look left for Park sign-in box on large tree as trail moves steeply uphill and again crosses the brook. Arriving at Lake Solitude you can continue right, around north edge of the lake, to junction with *Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway* (a 50-mile north-south trail) and turn right again uphill to junction with the *Newbury Trail* (part of the SRK Greenway). From there the merged Greenway trails continue to White Ledges, overlooking the lake with grand views south, and then follow the *Solitude Trail* to the ski summit and Lodge.

Summit and Province Trails

For the moderate 2.4 mi *Summit Trail* hike, park at the ski resort parking lot and walk thru the service road next to the Handicapped Skiers building. Then turn right to a red-blazed trail over a foot bridge. From there it joins the *SRK Greenway* in 0.5 mile at the *Province Trail* junction. (See map for *Province Trail* access in Goshen.) At the summit a moderate 1.0 mile walk on the *Solitude Trail* leads to the White Ledges overlooking Lake Solitude.

Newbury Trail and Eagles Nest

From Newbury Harbor take NH-103 west to the first left (Newbury Heights Road), then bear right on Lake View Avenue to the trailhead sign on the right. Parking at the

trailhead is limited; find alternate parking in the caboose parking strip along NH-103. Climb the *Newbury Trail* (orange blazes) 0.5 mi to the *Eagle's Nest* spur, marked by a small stone cairn and red blazes to the right. It is a level 0.2 mi leading to open ledge above the lake and Newbury Harbor. Higher up, the *Newbury Trail* meets the *Rim Trail* at 0.5 mile, and at 2.5 mi joins the *Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway* above Lake Solitude. From there to the summit is another 1.0 mile.

Goshen Trail

Trail access is in Goshen off Brook Road from NH Route 103. At mile 2.5 where Brook Road takes a sharp right, bear left onto a dirt driveway (1550 Brook Rd) that crosses a rail-less wood bridge to reach trailhead parking. The blue blazed trail follows an old road formerly used to access buildings on the Mount Sunapee summit. At mile 2.3 it connects to the *Solitude Trail* and *SRK Greenway* just below the summit. This trail is maintained by the *Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail Club*. (See below for more.)

Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway Trail

This trail runs 48 miles from summit to summit, Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey to Mount Sunapee. From Lake Solitude it is a difficult 8 miles farther south on the white-blazed *MS Greenway* to Pillsbury State Park, or only to Lucia's Lookout 2.9 miles south of Lake Solitude. The ridge-line ledge of spruce-fir forest and views is outstanding. Go to www.msgrc.org for information about the trails and shelters.

NH Audubon Trails

The northern trailhead is reached from Chalk Pond Road near the west end of the pond. Turn right onto Gerald Drive, 1.2 miles from Route 103A. Then next right onto Skytop Drive to the end, and park in the cul-de-sac. Walk back 0.1 mile to the trailhead footpath on right, heading up a hill to the old SRKG trailhead sign at 0.25 mile. Trail follows east side of Sunset and Bly Hills through dense forest, passing many old stone walls, glacial rocks and boulders. Near 0.8 mile watch for the short spur trail off to the left for historic cellar holes and a livestock enclosure (a NH Audubon Sanctuary). At 2.1 miles it exits the forest onto a long private driveway. Turn right for about 40 ft to stone steps and descend to a Class VI road (Bartlett). Continue left (southerly) along Bartlett Road 0.3 mile passing Bly Hill Cemetery to Old Province Road, near the Red House Road intersection. (At the corner after the cemetery lies the location of Newbury's original 1791 town meeting house, when up to 1837 the town was known by the name "Fishersfield".) The SRKG trail continues right on Old Province Road for 0.8 mile to NH Old Post Road. Turn right for 0.7 mile to NH Route 103 and Newbury Harbor, marking the end of SRKG Trail 14. Or turn left at Old Post Road for 0.6 mile to reach the hiking trails in Fishersfield Park.

Fishersfield Trail

The *Sunset Hill Trail* begins on Forest Society land directly across NH Route 103A from The Falls parking lot. A moderate 2-mile round-trip that gradually ascends to a nice picnic spot summit, overlooking lower Lake Sunapee and distant mountains beyond. See cellar holes and foundations of 19th Century farmsteads along the lower part of the trail. For more see www.forestsociety.org/property/hay-reservation.

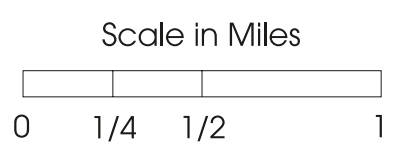
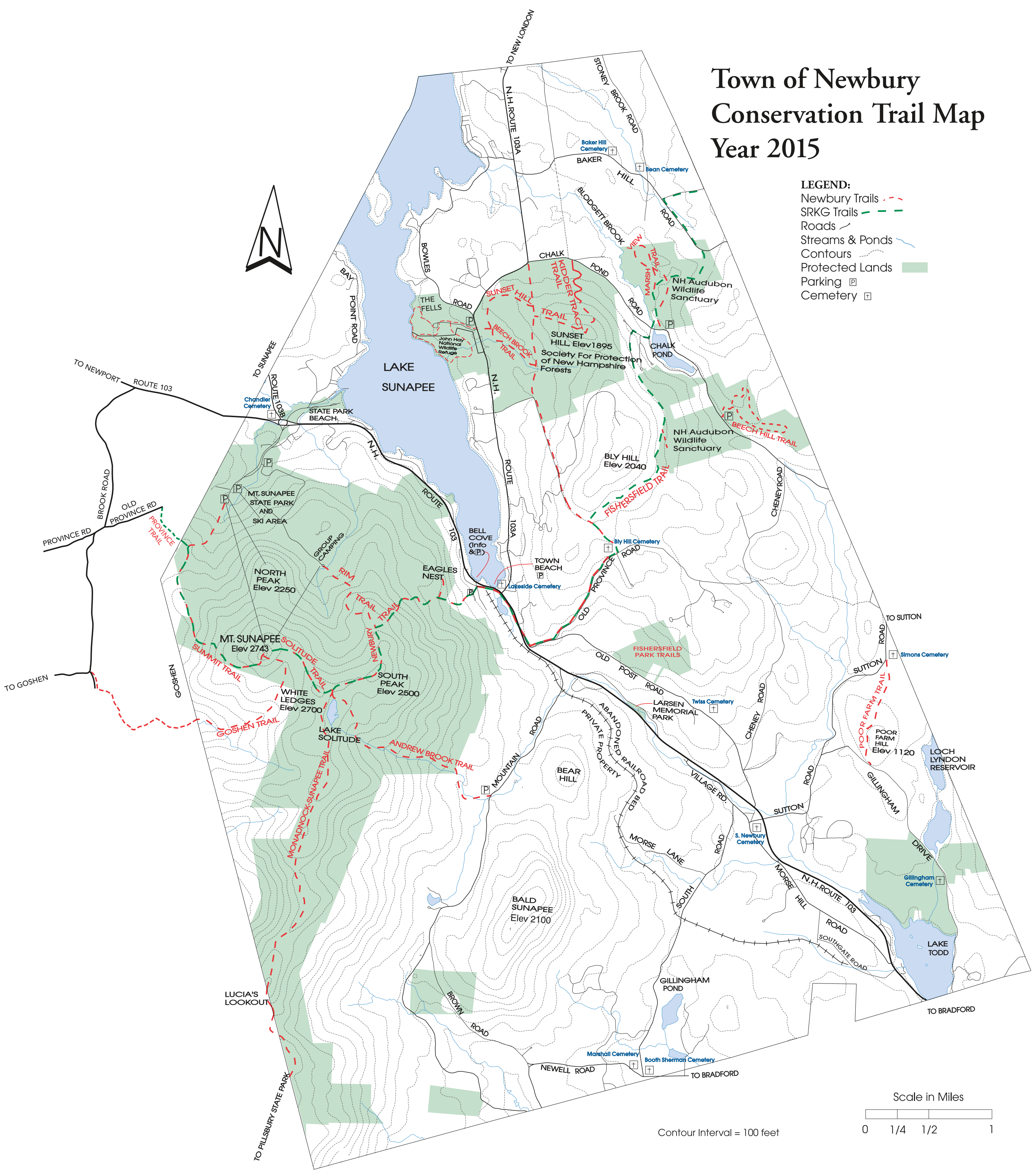
The *John Hay Forest Ecology Trail*, located primarily on NWR property, is accessed from The Falls parking lot off NH Route 103A. An interpretive trail guide/map is available at the entrance kiosk. To gain the full experience of this historic setting, take The Falls driveway to the right of the kiosk 0.25 mile to the Main House and gardens (admission fee for non-members). The trail begins just beyond the Main House. For those wishing to hike only the NWR portion of the trail and return, with no fee, take the short *Gatehouse Link Trail* left of the entrance kiosk, which intersects the *Forest Ecology Trail* after a left jog on the Woods Road. Trail leads southwest to Lake Sunapee shore through dense towering forest. About 1 mile into the trail you reach the NWR/Falls boundary sign. Continuing on to The Falls grounds incurs the admission fee, but includes access to the Hay Main House and gardens, as well as the Lake Loop Trail, a 0.5 mile walk offering an expansive view of northern Lake Sunapee and Minute Island. (See *The Falls Map & Guide* available at the parking lot kiosk and Main House).

John Hay National Wildlife Refuge, The Falls, and Forest Society Trails

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