

JACKMAN POND WILDLIFE AREA

Jackman Pond is a small waterbody at the east end of a large marsh. It offers a remarkable sense of seclusion and wilderness, and is a popular resting place for migrating waterfowl. Most of the shoreline and trails are within a 32-acre tract managed by the Conservation Commission. In addition, easements and trail rights-of-way provide another 300 acres open to the public. Some trail sections on private land are subject to permission by the landowners, so please respect their rights by staying on the trail.

Parking is available on the wide shoulder of Route 113 (Jackman Pond Road) at the Wildlife Area sign 0.7 miles north of Route 25, or at the Community School on Bunker Hill Road. Park at the dirt road just beyond the school, on the same side of Bunker Hill Road. Jackman Pond is a short walk (400 feet) along this road which follows the edge of the field.

NORTH SHORE TRAIL starts at the Route 113 parking area 200 feet west of the Wildlife Area sign. It enters the woods and follows Meadow Brook to a signboard and map where the trail turns left, follows the edge of the marsh and crosses Meadow Brook on a small footbridge. It continues along the marsh and reaches a gravel pit. The trail threads its way between the gravel pit on the left and a swampy area on the right, until it climbs a short bank to a terrace. Again it follows the edge of the marsh, and crosses a peninsula to a nice view of the pond. The trail continues along the edge of the pond, and enters private lands – please stay on the trail! A boardwalk crosses a brook and the trail follows the edge of pond and marsh to its end at Bunker Hill Road.

Distance: 1.0 mile. Walking time: 30 minutes.

SOUTH SHORE TRAIL can be used to make a complete circuit around the pond. At the end of North Shore Trail, turn right on Bunker Hill Road and at 0.1 mile, turn right on South Shore Trail. The trail follows the edge of the pond. There are nice views of the pond and the Sandwich Range. The trail continues along the edge of the pond, crosses the dirt road leading to the Community School and re-enters the woods where it parallels the edge of the marsh. When it reaches an area of brush and brambles, it is once again on private land - please stay on the trail! It soon ends at Route 113, 150 feet east of the Wildlife Area sign.

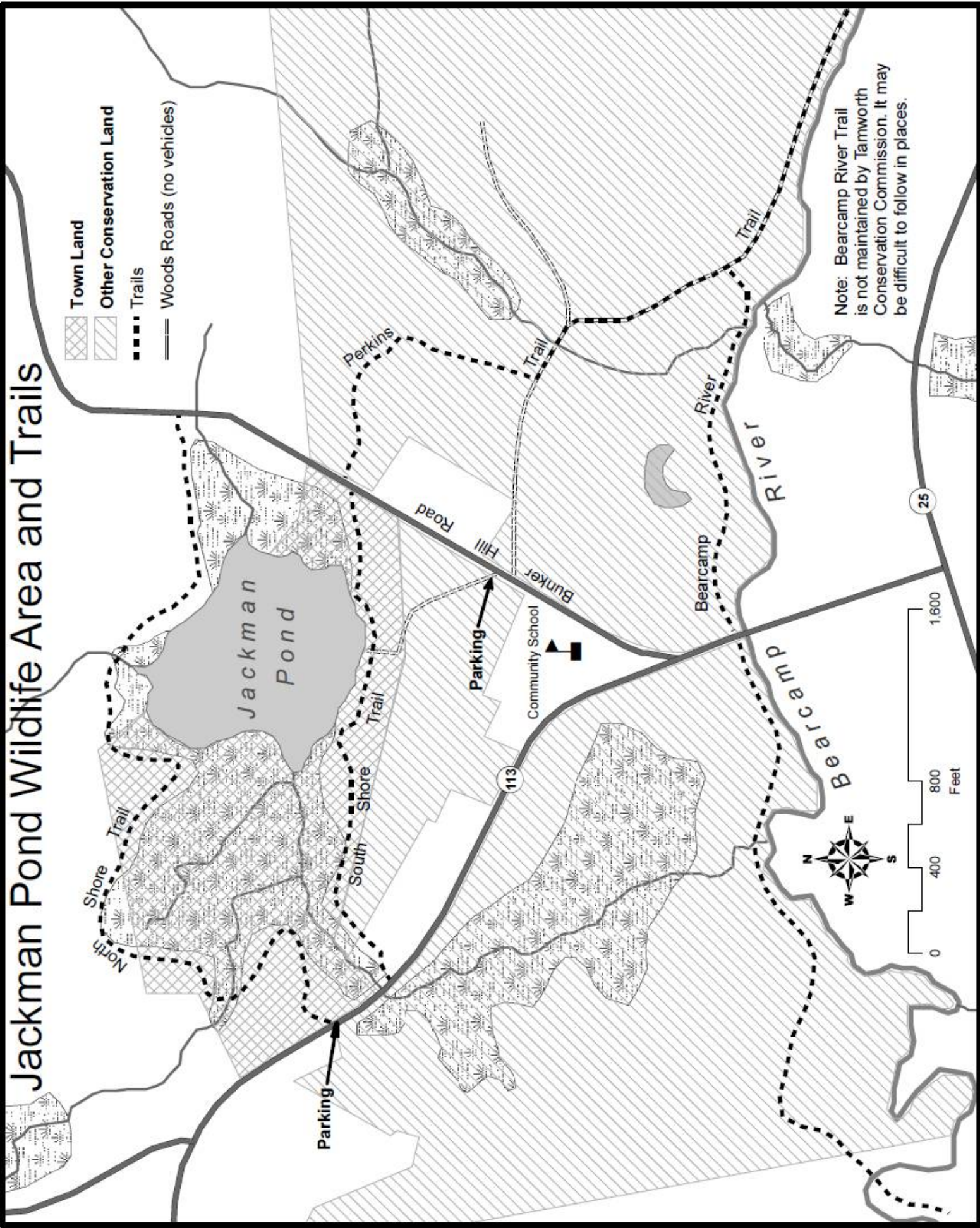
Distance: 0.75 mile. Walking time: 20 minutes.

PERKINS TRAIL begins directly across Bunker Hill Road from the East end of South Shore Trail. It traverses through a well managed pine forest, sometimes following logging paths, until it turns left on a dirt road, crosses a small brook, and follows the road to the right. It ends at the Bearcamp River Trail, managed by the Sandwich Land Trust Committee. You may continue down the woods road to Bartlett Bridge in South Tamworth Village, or turn right and follow the Bearcamp River Trail to the bridge on Route 113. (Warning: Bearcamp River Trail may not be signed or well-marked.)

Distance: 0.75 mile Walking time: 20 minutes.

Jackman Pond Wildlife Area and Trails

- Town Land
- Other Conservation Land
- Trails
- Woods Roads (no vehicles)



Note: Bearcamp River Trail is not maintained by Tamworth Conservation Commission. It may be difficult to follow in places.

