

Grantham's Northwest Trails



Grantham's Northwest Trails extend out from Miller Pond Road in a forest area below Little Mount Washington. On a clear day from the summit, one can see a horizon of distant mountains stretching from Mount Sunapee to the south all the way to the Presidentials in the north. It is well worth the moderate climb up, especially when the colors are peaking.



This broken dam on Skinner Brook remains from the time that the early settlers occupied the area. The water first powered Skinner's and later, Clough's sawmills. It is located next to Miller Pond Road, a short distance upstream from the bridge entrance to Sherwood Forest. Nearby parking is available at Fisher Meadow.



The Grantham Mountain Cemetery is located along the old Mountain Road, which began in Meriden and once extended all the way to Springfield (Miller Pond Road covers a part). Old gravestones with names of Grantham's earliest settlers lean and lie scattered here.



This church was located at Four Corners, the intersection of the old Mountain Road and the Croydon Turnpike. In 1855 it was moved down to North Grantham as the population literally went down hill, giving up farms for work in the valley mills or for better farmland in the West.

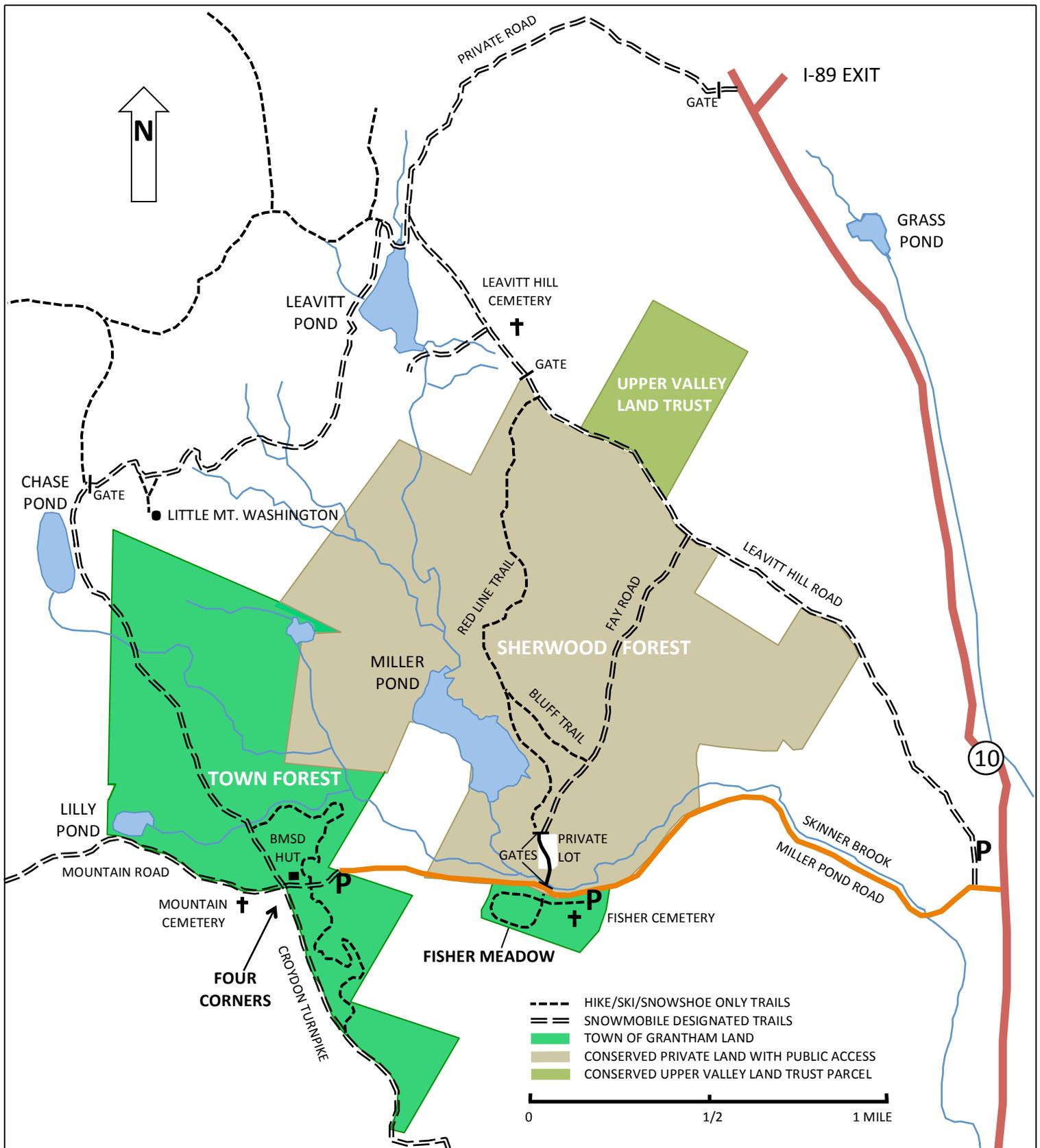


Miller Pond can be viewed from the Red Trail in the Sherwood Forest, an 850-acre, privately owned parcel. In the late 1980s Kenneth and Ramona Flewelling sold its development rights to the Town of Grantham and the State for use as a land trust. Excluding a 5-acre, owner's lot near the entrance, a conservation easement makes access to Sherwood Forest available to the public for such eco-friendly, recreational activities as hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing.



Biodiversity is key to forest health. Occasional meadow spaces allow plants to grow that provide flowers for pollinators and habitat for diverse wildlife. The well planned harvesting of trees creates these spaces in the forest. Trails give us access for recreation and appreciation of the history revealed by stone walls, cellar holes and old roads. Grantham's Conservation Commission would like you to both enjoy and respect them.





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The Grantham Town Forest and the Fisher Meadow are accessible from Miller Pond Road in North Grantham. The Sherwood Forest is private land that is subject to a conservation easement allowing public access for hiking, skiing and snowshoeing, but prohibiting use of ATVs, four-wheelers, and bikes.

Snowmobile-designated trails as well as the BMSD hut are maintained by the Blue Mountain Snowdusters club. The land parcels are monitored by the Grantham Conservation Commission, which trusts you will respect these properties. No camping or fires are permitted.