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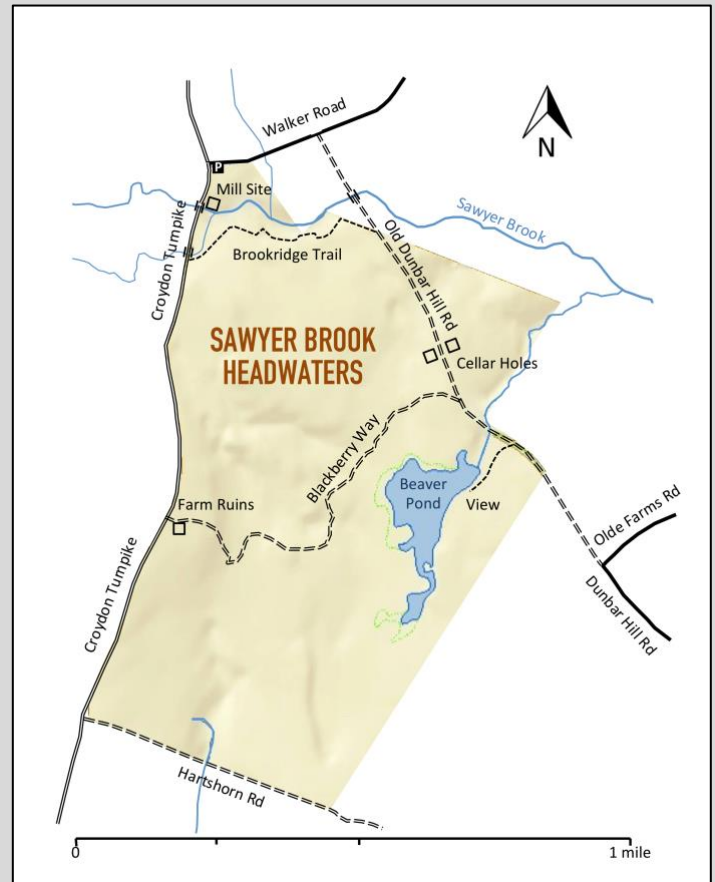
To reach Sawyer Brook Headwaters from Exit 13 of I-89, take Old New Hampshire 10 north for 1.7 miles. Turn left on Olde Farms Road and stay on it for 1.1 miles as it turns first right and then left until Walker Road branches off to the right. Parking is at the end of Walker Road. This gives access to the Croydon Turnpike and the northern end of Old Dunbar Hill Road.

The Town of Grantham purchased the 386-acre Sawyer Brook Headwaters in 2020. The property includes high-ranking wetlands and wildlife habitat as designated by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, as well as a critical section of an existing wildlife corridor between nearby conserved parcels. It is open to public access for visitors of all ages to enjoy hiking, hunting, mountain biking, running, snowshoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, nature observation and other low-impact activities. It includes beaver ponds, magnificent views of the Croydon Ridge, and historic foundations. Its conservation easement is held by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The Croydon Turnpike parallels the eastern boundary of the Corbin Game Park and forms the 1-mile western boundary of the Headwaters parcel. It is a wide, hard-packed class VI road that runs from Goodwin Road in Plainfield to Loverin Hill Road in Croydon. The Pike accommodates ATVs, snowmobiles, dogsleds, skiers and hikers. At the northern end of the property, an old mill foundation can be found 100 yards east of the Turnpike, by the first stream crossing south of Walker Road. At the second crossing, the Brookridge Trail connecting to Old Dunbar Hill Road offers views of Sawyer Brook.

At the southern edge of the Headwaters, the Turnpike intersects with Hartshorn Road, another class VI road, which forms the 0.5-mile-long southern boundary of the parcel. It continues another 0.9 miles beyond the eastern edge of the property to Dunbar Hill Road.

Old Dunbar Hill Road crosses a portion of the Headwaters' eastern side as it connects between Dunbar Hill Road and Walker Road. The part lying within the parcel is a straight, class VI road. Along this road can be found impressive cellar holes from the Hayward family's early 1800's house and barn. Also of note is a short side trail leading up to an overlook of the beaver pond wetland. Between these two features, Blackberry Way connects to the Croydon Turnpike.



View over the Beaver Pond Wetland