

PRIVATE LAND

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Take in the view

Turn around

**CONSERVATION AREA**  
*Town of Hadley*

*Hadley/Amherst Town Line*

Bridge

**PODICK CONSERVATION AREA**  
*Town of Amherst*

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Parking

*SUNDERLAND RD. (R.T. 116)*

Admire farmland

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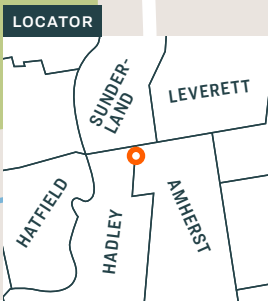
Bridge

**KATHERINE COLE  
CONSERVATION AREA**  
*Town of Amherst*

# PODICK AND KATHERINE COLE CONSERVATION AREAS

**AMHERST, MASS**

**DISTANCE: PODICK—1.7 MILES  
KATHERINE COLE—1.3 MILES**



## A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE AT

# PODICK AND KATHERINE COLE CONSERVATION AREAS

## AMHERST, MASS



Each of these conservation areas contains easily accessed trail networks that provide short but secluded outings. Both are home to a variety of forest types, agricultural landscapes, and wetlands. Be on the lookout for wildlife such as white-tailed deer and barred owls.

**Katherine Cole Conservation Area:** Following the yellow blazes south from the parking area, the trail passes by wetlands and rises up into a young stand of pines. After a short walk, the trail crosses power lines and comes to a small **bridge**, then immediately splits. Take a left, following the edge of the conservation land, which is bordered by a stream. Continue through more wetlands and over a small bridge. The trail briefly enters a parcel owned by the Kestrel Land Trust with **a view** of the neighboring farmland. The trail loops back and rises into a Hemlock stand before returning to the bridge. Follow the yellow blazes back to the parking area.

**Podick Conservation Area** is home to the Noah Webster Trail. Originally a loop, part of the trail is now under water due to beaver activity. For a lovely out-and-back walk, head north from the parking area toward the end of the small clearing. Look carefully for the red blazes. Follow the trail to the left as it slopes down. Notice wetlands on the left before crossing a power line cut. After a small **stream crossing**, you come to a clearing where the Noah Webster Trail begins (look for a white sign on a large tree). Turn right into the woods, and follow the red blazes winding through pine and hemlock forests. A secluded farm **field** will be visible on the right. The trail then briefly runs alongside a large brook, then turns left through a beautiful patch of Mountain Laurel. Soon, the trail enters the wetland area and becomes boggy. Stop here, then turn around and follow the red blazes back the way you came.

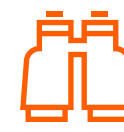
### WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE



Walk/Jog



Identify Tracks



Watch Wildlife



XC Ski / Snowshoe

### DIRECTIONS

- **GPS address: 390 Sunderland Rd., Amherst, MA 01002**
- Parking is available at the gate after pulling off of Route 116 (across from Sunderland Road)
- **Bus: 31** - Sunderland/ South Amherst: Waterfield Farms

### YOU SHOULD KNOW

- The trails are very wet or flooded after a rainfall or snow melt
- 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

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Nice view and resting point on the bridge on Katherine Cole Conservation Area
- Streamside views

### 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 Kestrel. For more information contact Kestrel or:

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