



JABISH BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

BELCHERTOWN, MASS

DISTANCE: JUST OVER 1 MILE

 Suggested route
 Streams & rivers

JABISH BROOK
CONSERVATION AREA
Town of Belchertown

DANIEL SHAYS HIGHWAY (RT. 202)

 Main parking area

 Limited roadside parking

PRIVATE LAND

Footbridge

Low ridge with
mountain laurel

Bridge

Sitting
rocks

Bridge

Rock "puzzle"

Big oak

Bridge

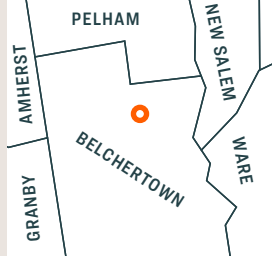
Bridge

PRIVATE LAND



0 500 FT

LOCATOR



A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE AT JABISH BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

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The easy forested loop trail here provides access to the pristine Jabish Brook and a window into abundant wildlife habitat.

SUGGESTED ROUTE

This counterclockwise loop trail is just over 1 mile, and includes a handful of bridges. Follow the trail down from the parking area that is located a few hundred yards off 202, to Jabish Brook. Cross over the **main bridge** and turn right where the trail forks. The trail is well marked with a yellow star on a blue blaze. You will walk up a **low ridge with mountain laurel**, which is spectacular in late spring. The walk is then slightly uphill through deciduous forest, and small bridges allow you to cross seasonal brooks. The many nibbled hemlock saplings indicate that moose visit the area. Look for a **big oak** and further on a **rock puzzle**. The trail enters a shady hemlock forest with an inviting, open understory. There are numerous large **sitting rocks**; find a favorite one to sit on and enjoy the forest with all your senses! The trail descends back to Jabish Brook and stays close to the water. Enjoy the flowing water and note the **Boy Scout hut** on the left. Head back over the bridge and up to the trailhead where you began.

WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE



Walk/Jog



Watch Wildlife



Take Photographs



Sit a Spell



Identify Tracks

DIRECTIONS

- **GPS address: 513 U.S. 202, Belchertown, MA**
- Parking is available on the east side of Route 202 (just over two miles north of the intersection with Routes 9) opposite House # 509. Parking is also available along the dirt road a couple hundred yards beyond (at the trailhead)

YOU SHOULD KNOW

- 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

- The footbridge over the clean flowing water of Jabish Brook.
- Mountain laurels flowering in spring
- Signs of moose

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 portions are monitored by Kestrel through a Conservation Restriction. For more information contact Kestrel or:

Town of Belchertown
Conservation Commission:
413-323-0405

