

NORTH

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500 FT

Shady
brook

Ridge

High
point

Turn

New England Nat'l Scenic Trail

PRIVATE
LAND

Undulating
ground

SCARBOROUGH BROOK
CONSERVATION AREA
Town of Belchertown

Forest
begins

Ponds

PRIVATE
CONSERVED
LAND

Parking



GULF RD

Road

NORTH GULF RD.

SCARBOROUGH BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

BELCHERTOWN, MASS

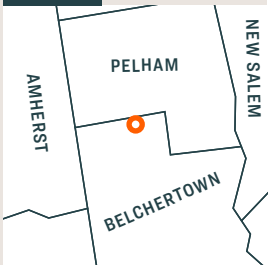
DISTANCE: JUST OVER 1 MILE

Suggested route

Other trails

Streams & rivers

LOCATOR



A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE AT SCARBOROUGH BROOK CONSERVATION AREA

BELCHERTOWN, MASS



The conservation lands around Scarborough Brook are loved for the two fishing ponds and the surrounding field and forests. It is also home to a section of the long-distance New England National Scenic Trail with a nice view from the land's high point.

SUGGESTED ROUTE

This loop is just over one mile. Walk over the **bridge** and into the **field** that borders the two **ponds**. There are picnic tables and bird nestboxes in this area, and the upper pond is readily accessible. Follow the trail, which has **white blazes**, past the ponds to where the **forest begins**. The trail slowly rises, and a **short side trail** on the left leads down to the **shady brook**, which is worth a visit. Back on the main trail, the path rises more sharply and traverses the top of a small **ridge**, allowing excellent views into the forest. You will soon enter private property, so please be respectful of the landowner's generosity. Turn right at a **T intersection**. You are soon at the **high point** of the walk, and approximately half-way through the loop. Pause here to enjoy the forest and the **views** through the trees. The trail weaves through **undulating terrain** to Gulf Road. Turn right and follow this quiet **road** back to the beginning.

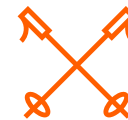
WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE



Watch Wildlife



Take Photographs



XC Ski / Snowshoe



Spy Butterflies
and Insects



Share a Picnic

DIRECTIONS

- **GPS address: 499 Gulf Rd., Belchertown, MA 01007**
- Parking is available on the left hand side of Gulf Road, near the four way intersection of Gulf Road with North and South Gulf Roads, opposite house # 454 Gulf Road

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

- An open field close to the parking area, with picnic tables and two wonderful ponds that attract a variety of wildlife
- A short side trail leading to a shady brook

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

Town of Belchertown
Conservation Commission
413-323-0405

