

Suggested Routes

Bear Paw Pond

From the parking area (P2), follow the Dark Entry Trail which begins as a gravel road. At the top of the steep section, you will see Dogtooth Trail on your right. Follow the Dark Entry Trail to the junction with Lower Woodfern Trail. Turn left on Lower Woodfern to Bear Paw Pond. Lower Woodfern continues to Coyote Meadow.

Woodfern Loop

At the bottom of Northstar Trail near Bear Paw Pond follow Upper Woodfern in a westerly direction through the jct. with Dark Entry Trail and continue to a "T" shaped intersection.

Turn right and follow Woodfern downhill under the power line, past numerous upright mosses growing on bedrock until you reach the stonewall. Here the trail continues downhill along the stonewall until you reach the junction with Dogtooth Trail.

Turn left to descend to the parking area or continue in an easterly direction along Lower Woodfern Trail back to Bear Paw Pond.

Old Sugar House

From the Bear Paw Pond follow Northstar Trail, uphill to jct. with Dark Entry Trail. Turn left on Dark Entry Trail to the Old Sugar House. Sugar House Trail descends to Coyote Meadow and back to Bear Paw Pond.

Access to Trails

The Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area is a privately owned nature preserve that is open to the public on a limited basis. The 110-acre parcel is located on the Hazen's Notch Road in the town of Montgomery, Vermont.

The property was purchased in 1990 by the Anderson Family to be a nature preserve, and to serve as the site of the Hazen's Notch Summer Camp. The Bear Paw Pond Area is part of a sloping, north-facing, forest with a variety of forest types and habitats. The lower elevation areas have many species of wild flowers, ferns, mosses, and lichen.

A network of trails provides opportunities for walking and nature observation in Spring, Summer, and Fall, as well as skiing and snowshoeing in Winter. In Winter, Trails are accessible from the Welcome Center at 1423 Hazen's Notch Road .

Winter: From the Hazen's Notch Welcome Center, the Woodfern Trail (#1) leads along a gradual, uphill to Coyote Meadow, to Woodfern Loop and other trails on the Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area.

Spring to Fall: The Sugar House Trail (#2) starts 0.1 mile west of the Hazen's Notch Welcome Center (P1) at 1423 Hazen's Notch Road.

The Dark Entry Trail (#3) starts at the entrance to the Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area (P2) at 1000 Hazen's Notch Road.

Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area



Trail Map

1000 Hazen's Notch Road
Montgomery, Vermont