



High Watch Reservation

2336 ACRES, EFFINGHAM & FREEDOM, NH

Reservation Details

This large conservation property covers most of 1884' Green Mountain, with the exception of a small parcel at the summit owned by the State of NH. Protected in 2000, High Watch Reservation was the Forest Society's 100th forest reservation. A fire tower is located at the summit, providing nice views for hikers.

Did you know? The US Forest Service (USFS), NH Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) and the State of NH began erecting fire towers on NH summits in 1910. More than 80 towers were eventually built, staffed by rangers and/or volunteers looking out for smoke from wildfires. Today about 30 towers remain standing, but only 15 are considered "active," and are staffed only in times of severe fire danger. The Green Mountain fire tower is one of these active towers, but it can be climbed for hiker views even if the observation deck is closed.

Trail Information

There are three routes to the summit of Green Mountain; here we describe the Dearborn Trail which travels up the southeast side of the mountain. This trail begins gently, but gets steeper mid-way to the summit. You will pass through mixed hardwood forest at lower elevations, then move through areas of pine and oak, and finally red spruce and birch near the top. There are no views from ground level at the summit, but you can climb the fire tower to see out above the treetops. Another view option is to take the 0.8 mi (0.4 one way) Hanson Top spur trail from the summit to reach open ledges with excellent views to the south. Head down Libby Rd. Trail a bit from the summit to find the Hanson Top spur trailhead.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Strenuous
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 3 miles
- 🔗 **TRAIL MARKINGS:** yellow rectangles

Getting There/Directions

The parking area for the Dearborn Trail on High Watch Reservation is on Hobbs Road in Effingham. From Route 25, take Route 153 South. In about 3 miles turn Right on Hobbs Rd and the parking area will be on your right in 1.2 miles.

- 🔗 **Google Maps:** Entering "Dearborn Trailhead, Hobbs Road, Effingham, NH" will get you specific directions to the property from your location.

Recreational Opportunities

- 🔗 Hiking
- 🔗 Nature Observation
- 🔗 Hunting

Available Amenities

- 🔗 Small parking area (Dearborn Trailhead)
- 🔗 Information kiosk

Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

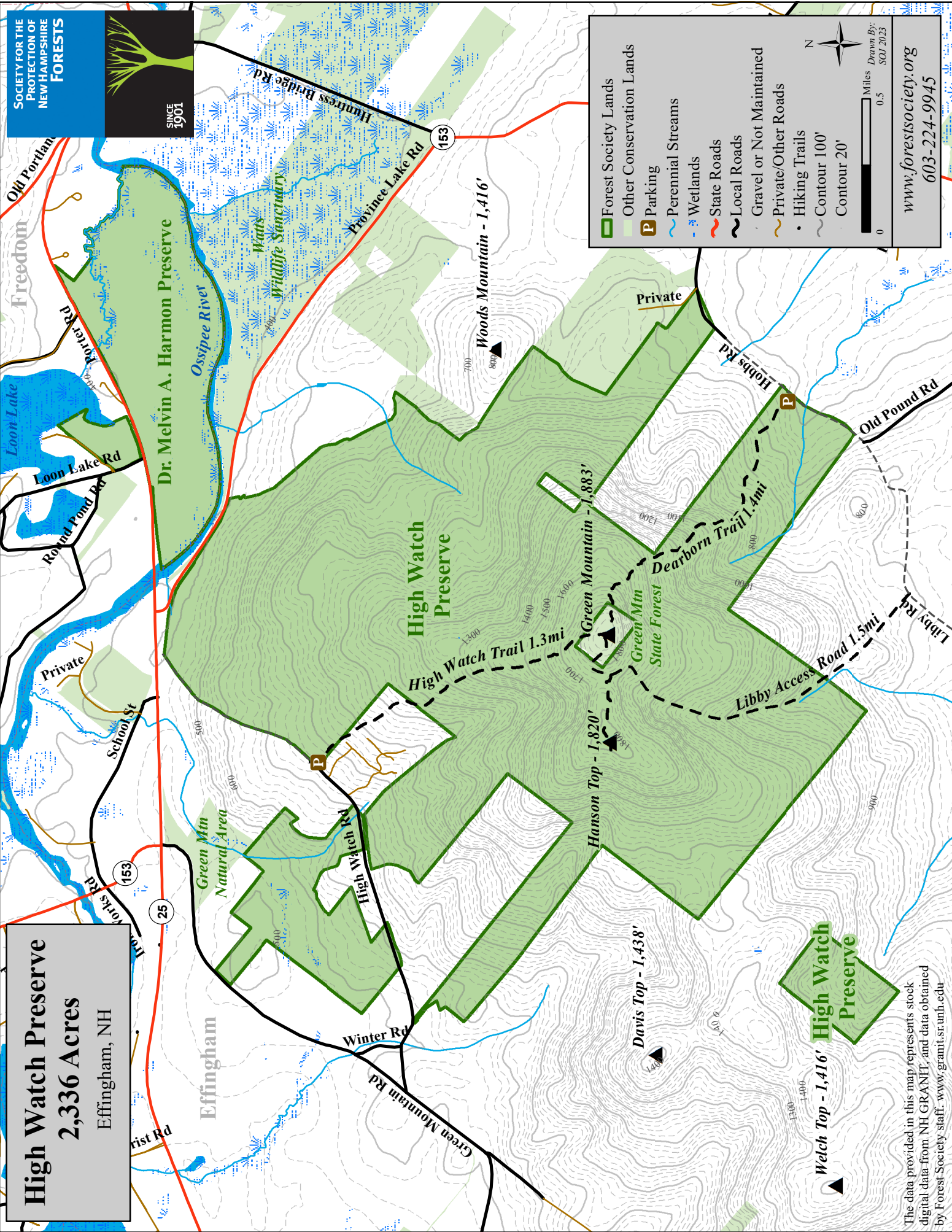
Recreational Use Guidelines

- 🔗 No wheeled vehicles please
- 🔗 Carry In, Carry Out all Trash
- 🔗 No camping or campfires
- 🔗 Do not disturb plants, animals or cultural features.
- 🔗 Parking area not plowed in winter
- 🔗 Dogs must be under owner control at all times, and all dog waste packed out.



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Effingham, NH

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