



Welch Farm & Forest

243 ACRES, HANCOCK, NH

Reservation Details

Welch Farm & Forest was donated to the Forest Society in 2000 by Elizabeth Welch, whose family had lived here since 1862. The farm originally produced pork, veal, poultry, vegetables, milk and eggs, which supplied a summer boarding house operated by the Welches. Today the open fields surrounding the site of the original farmstead are kept open as wildlife habitat.

Did you know? A Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire marker was installed on this forest in 2020 to honor the family of James Due. The Dues were one of the first African American families to settle in Hancock in the 1700s, and were subject to many prejudices. The marker is located in the field to the left of the entrance road, on a large rock. A plaque on the opposite side honors the Welch Family for their land donation.

Trail Information

This out-and-back trail starts by walking up the entrance road through former farm fields & pasture. Check out the markers on the large rock in the left field near the huge catalpa tree. Follow the trail straight up from the marker site and turn left on "Welch Farm Road." The trail follows the road until it heads to the left along a field edge and through the woods around a large beaver marsh. A nice view of the marsh exists where the trail rejoins the road a bit further along. Follow Welch Farm Road all the way to where it comes back out Route 123/Clark Farm Road and then retrace your steps to your vehicle.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 2 miles
- 🔗 **TRAIL MARKINGS:** yellow rectangles (and some owl markers in sections)

Getting There/Directions

Parking for Welch Farm & Forest is on the north side of Route 123, northwest of the center of Hancock, and about 1000' south/east of the intersection with Hunts Pond Road. There is a property sign and gate at this pull out.

- 🔗 **Google Maps:** Entering "Welch Farm Road, Hancock, NH" will get you specific directions to the property from your location.

Recreational Opportunities

- 🔗 Hiking
- 🔗 Nature Observation
- 🔗 Snowshoeing
- 🔗 Hunting & Fishing

Available Amenities

- 🔗 Roadside pullout parking
- 🔗 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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Welch Family Farm & Forest And John Kulish Forest

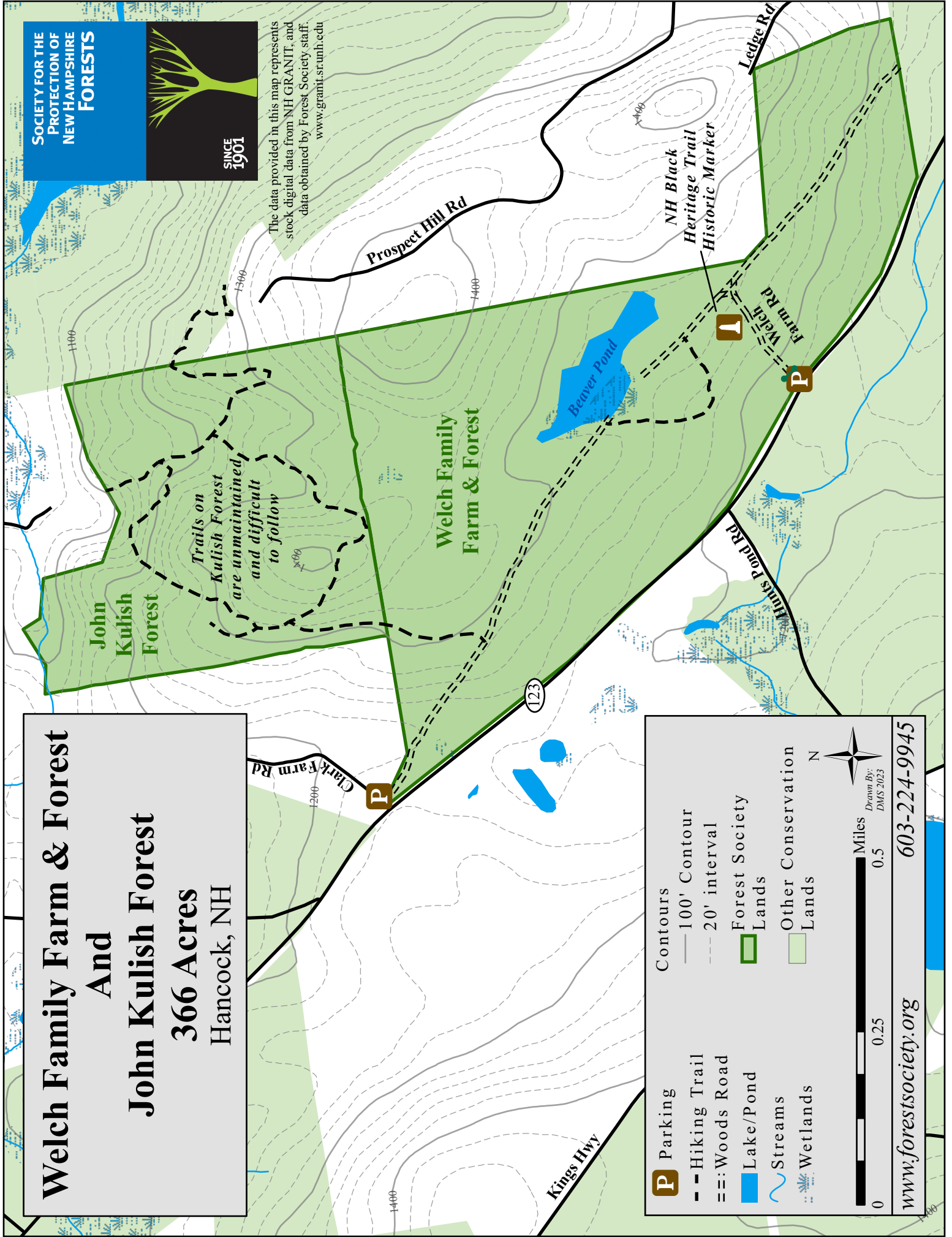
366 Acres
Hancock, NH

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- P** Parking
- - Hiking Trail
- == Woods Road
- Lake/Pond
- ~ Streams
- ~ Wetlands

- Contours
 - 100' Contour
 - - - 20' interval
- Forest Society Lands
- Other Conservation Lands



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Kulish
Forest

*Trails on
Kulish Forest
are unmaintained
and difficult
to follow*

Welch Family
Farm & Forest

Beaver Pond

NH Black
Heritage Trail
Historic Marker

Prospect Hill Rd

Ledge Rd

Welch
Farm Rd

Hints Pond Rd

Clark Farm Rd

Kings Hwy

123

1100

1300

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