



Bretzfelder Park

78 ACRES, BETHLEHEM, NH

Reservation Details

Bretzfelder Memorial Park is a 78-acre tract in Bethlehem. Explore the pond and 2 miles of trails which loop through the park, allowing quiet exploration in all seasons.

A Special Tree In the late 1800s, Bethlehem was a haven for city folks seeking clean air in the mountains. A white pine tree, now estimated to be more than 200 years old became a destination for visitors to enjoy picnics. Charles Bretzfelder purchased a 17-acre property in the 1920's, built a summer cottage nearby and spent summers in the cool mountain air, wading Barrett Brook, and resting in the shade of the huge white pine. After his death in 1943, Bretzfelder's ashes were scattered beneath the tree. In 1979, his daughter, Helen, bequeathed the tract to the Forest Society as a memorial park. The addition of 61 acres in 1983 expanded Bretzfelder Park, now a well-loved community park and seasonal natural history program center.

Trails Information

Tails include a 0.5 mile Tree ID loop trail and longer Ski Loop and Ecology Trails. Several trails have interpretive signage. Picnic tables are available in 3 locations (see map) and ponds are perfect spots for families and wildlife enthusiasts to look for frogs, dragonflies, and birds.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Easy trails, bridges cross Bartlett brook.
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** Total of 2 miles of interpretive loop trails.
- 🔗 **TRAIL MARKINGS:** Yellow rectangles. Easy to follow.

Getting There/Directions

From Interstate-93, take Exit 40. Follow Route 302 East for 3 miles, then turn left onto Prospect Street. Bretzfelder Park is approximately 1 mile down Prospect, on the left. Entrance is well-marked.

- 🔗 **Google Maps:** Entering "711 Prospect Street, Bethlehem NH" will get you specific directions from your location to the northern parking area on the property.

Recreational Opportunities

- 🔗 Hiking
- 🔗 Nature observation
- 🔗 Snowshoeing, XC skiing
- 🔗 Dog walking
- 🔗 Picnicking
- 🔗 Seasonal educational programs

Available Amenities

- 🔗 Two parking areas, both plowed in winter
- 🔗 Interpretive signage on many trails
- 🔗 Classroom for scheduled programs
- 🔗 Bathroom facilities available seasonally.

Recreational Use Guidelines

- 🔗 No wheeled vehicles permitted (including bikes)
- 🔗 Carry In, Carry Out All Trash
- 🔗 No camping or campfires
- 🔗 Do not disturb plants, animals or cultural features.
- 🔗 Dogs must be under owner control at all times, and all dog waste packed out.

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HIKE SAFE TIPS

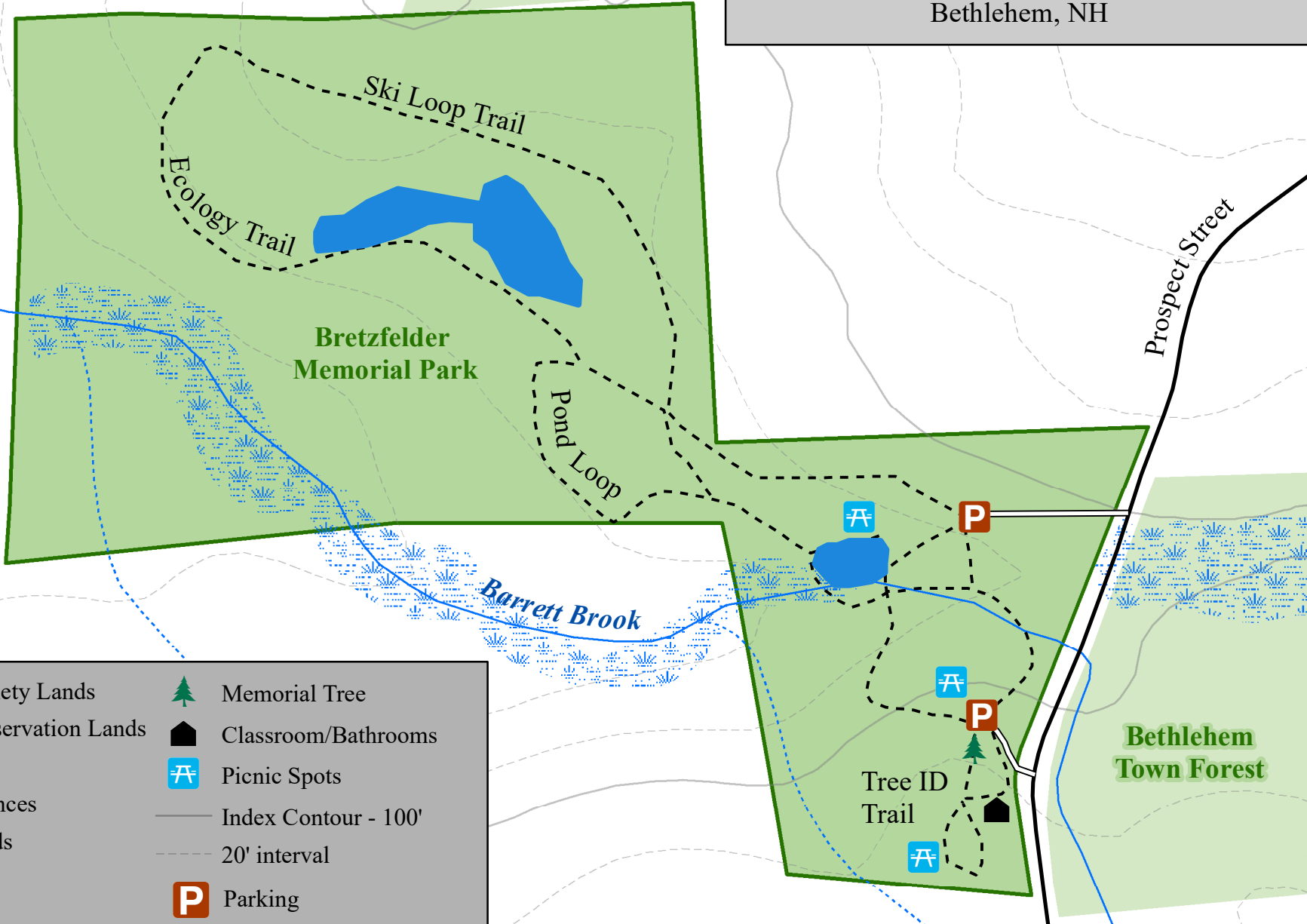
- Allow 6+ feet of distance between unrelated groups. Step off the trail to allow others to pass.
- Bring a mask or face covering and hand sanitizer in case you need it
- Don't attempt anything risky or outside your comfort zone
- BYO lunch and plenty of water!



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| Forest Society Lands | Memorial Tree |
| Other Conservation Lands | Classroom/Bathrooms |
| Trails | Picnic Spots |
| Park Entrances | Index Contour - 100' |
| Local Roads | 20' interval |
| Ponds | Parking |
| Wetlands | |

