



Hedgehog Mountain Forest

1091 ACRES, DEERING, NH

Reservation Details

Hedgehog mountain lies at the northern end of a prominent granite ridge in the Town of Deering. From open ledges and viewpoints along the ridge, one can see much of the Contoocook Valley spread out below, as well as Mount Monadnock in the distance.

The Hedgehog Mountain Forest was protected in 8 separate acquisitions from 2007 to 2011. The property protects not only the steep spine of Hedgehog Ridge and a large area of unfragmented forest, but also several large wetlands in the southern and eastern portions of the property.

Trail Information

From the parking area, continue walking down Hedgehog Mountain Road about 500 feet to the trailhead for Hedgehog Ridge Trail. Follow the yellow blazes to the open ledges at the summit where you can enjoy the view before returning the way you came up. The Hedgehog Ridge Trail continues for another 4 miles along the ridge, crossing other lands conserved by the Forest Society and the New England Forestry Foundation, and terminating at High Five Reservation on Sky Farm Road. This is an excellent all-day hike if you can spot a car at either end.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Moderately strenuous
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 1.2 miles to first ledges at Hedgehog Mt. summit and back
- 🔗 **TRAIL MARKINGS:** Yellow rectangles

Getting There/Directions

Hedgehog Mountain Forest hiking access is from the EASTERN portion of Hedgehog Mountain Road in Deering. From Old County Road, turn west onto Hedgehog Mountain Road and drive 0.7 miles until you see the parking area and kiosk on your right. Continue on foot about 500' farther down Hedgehog Mt Rd. to access trailhead.

- 🔗 **Google Maps:** Entering "Hedgehog Mountain, Deering, NH" will get you specific directions from your location to the parking area.

Recreational Opportunities

- 🔗 Hiking
- 🔗 Nature Observation
- 🔗 Snowshoeing
- 🔗 Dog walking
- 🔗 Hunting

Available Amenities

- 🔗 Small parking location, not plowed in winter
- 🔗 Information kiosk
- 🔗 Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at

Recreational Use Guidelines

- 🔗 No wheeled vehicles permitted, including bicycles, dirtbikes and ATVs
- 🔗 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.

COVID-19

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!

Hedgehog Ridge Trail

Deering, NH

4.6 miles



The data provided in this map represents stock digital data from NH GRANIT and data obtained by SPNHF Staff.
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	Hedgehog Ridge Trail		Forest Society Reservation
	Woods Road		Other Conservation Land
	Parking		Town Road
	Trailhead		Gravel Road, Not Maintained
	Scenic View		100' Elevation Contour
	0 0.25 0.5 Miles		20' Elevation Contour

