



Evelyn H. & Albert D. Morse, Sr. Preserve

431 ACRES, ALTON, NH

Reservation Details

Morse Preserve is one of Alton's best-kept secrets. Large sections of this property were once managed as part of a commercial wild blueberry farm. Though blueberries here are no longer in commercial production, the remaining early successional habitat at Morse Preserve (old fields, shrublands, blueberry barrens, and areas of very young forest) is unique in this part of the New Hampshire. These habitat features are of critical importance for a diverse array of native wildlife including ruffed grouse, woodcock, eastern towhee, New England cottontail, and many other species of birds and small mammals. This "open" habitat provides hikers with exceptional views of the entire Belknap Range, including Mount Major and Lake Winnepesaukee, as well as excellent berry picking in

Trail Information

From the trailhead near Avery Hill Road, a network of trails, including the **Arlene Frances Morse Trail** and the **Robert A. Greenwood Sr. Loop**, winds through meadows, former fields, and forests to reach the top of Pine Mountain. Enjoy the panoramic views of the lake and surrounding mountains with a picnic at the summit.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 1.7 mi
- 🔗 **TRAIL MARKINGS:** Yellow rectangles.

Getting There/Directions

Parking for Morse Preserve is available in the lot for the Mike Burke Town Forest on Avery Hill Road in Alton Bay. Walking across Avery Hill Road from the parking lot, turn right and follow the road a short distance until you see the Forest Society property sign and gate on the opposite side of the road. A kiosk is 100' ahead.

Google Maps: Entering "Alton Town Forest, Alton Bay, NH" will get you specific directions to the property from your location.

Recreational Opportunities

- 🔗 Hiking
- 🔗 Nature observation
- 🔗 Picnicking
- 🔗 Snowshoeing/XC skiing
- 🔗 Blueberry picking
- 🔗 Hunting

Available Amenities

- 🔗 Small parking area (town owned), may not be plowed in winter
- 🔗 Information kiosk
- 🔗 Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

Recreational Use Guidelines

- 🔗 No wheeled vehicles permitted (including bicycles)
- 🔗 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!

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Alton, NH

Alton Bay

Loon Cove Rd
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BELL RD

Rand Hill Rd

Pine Mountain - 793

Alton Mountain Rd

Mike Burke Town Forest

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Mary Jane Morse Greenwood Trail

Arlene Frances Morse Trail

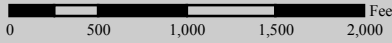
Pine Mountain - 1,400'

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Robert A. Greenwood, Sr. Loop

Avery Hill Rd

- Forest Society Lands
- Other Conservation Lands
- Wetlands
- Hiking Trails
- Town Roads
- Perennial Streams
- Intermittent Streams
- Contour - 100'
- Contour - 20'



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