



# Weeks Forest

107 ACRES, GILFORD, NH

## Reservation Details

The Weeks Forest was once property of Samuel Gilman who pastured sheep here. When John and Esther Weeks acquired 85 acres in 1943, it was forest. They reclaimed fields for a Guernsey cow herd and managed the woodlands as a Tree Farm, harvesting timber. The logging roads provide easy hiking and cross-country skiing. In 1988 the Weeks family donated the property to the Forest Society in memory of their son Robert who loved these woods, playing in them as a child and later harvesting timber to build a home. In 1999, the Forest Society purchased an adjoining block of 22 acres expanding the property to 107 acres.

**Did you know?** A “Picture Post” installed on the Weeks Forest asks visitors to help visually document forest regeneration following the timber harvest in autumn 2016. Pioneer trees arrive first in full sun. With more shade, trees which prefer partial shade will thrive. This is “forest succession.”

## Trails Information

The lower loop, blazed yellow, is a 1.2 mile trail. The upper loop blazed in blue adds 0.8 miles for a total of 2.0 miles of hiking. Trail features some wider woods roads and some single track hiking, fields, forests, seasonal vernal pools.

- 🔗 **DIFFICULTY:** Easy hiking with bridges installed over a seasonal brook
- 🔗 **ROUND TRIP DISTANCE:** 2.0 mile miles total for both loops.
- 🔗 **FEATURES:** Yellow rectangles for lower loop, blue rectangles for yellow.

## Getting There/Directions

Parking is located across from the trailhead, at the Gilford Municipal Office Complex on Rte 11-A (Cherry Valley Road.).

- 🔗 **Google Maps:** Entering “Gilford Town Hall, Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH” will get you specific directions from your home location to the parking lot in the complex opposite the property. Park and walk across the street to the property sign and trailhead.

### Recreational Opportunities

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

### Available Amenities

- 🔗 Parking area
- 🔗 Information kiosk
- 🔗 Please note NO bathroom facilities are available at this location.

### Recreational Use Guidelines

- 🔗 No wheeled vehicles, including bicycles, dirt bikes, 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!

**Weeks Woods**  
**107 acres**  
 Gilford, NH



**Scenic Views**

Blue Upper Loop 0.8 mi

Yellow Lower Loop 1.0 mi

*Field*

*Log Landing*

0.1 mi

0.2 mi

Gunstock Hill Rd

11A

**Park at Gilford Town Offices**

- Park at Town Offices
- Trailhead and Kiosk
- Picture Post
- Lower Loop Trails
- Upper Loop Trail
- Forest Society Lands
- Other Conservation Lands
- State Roads
- Town Roads
- 100' Elevation Contour
- 20' Elevation Contour

0 250 500 Feet

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