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HOW THIS BOOK WAS MADE

This book and its companion website were designed and laid out, and the GPS files, photos and archive documents organized, with the help of Perplexity Computer, an AI assistant. All fieldwork, tracks, field notes, photographs and historical research are the author's own, and the author reviewed everything published here.

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Join the Hunt Preserve the History

The old paths are still out there, and so is much of what was built along them. This book keeps the routes and the stories, and leaves the finding to you.

Join the hunt

Since 1994 the field work behind this book has recorded thousands of points along Mount Desert Island's lost trails and old roads. This edition leaves nearly all of them out. What it keeps, area by area, is a short list of things to look for, quoted from the field notebook:

- **Start and end of track:** where an old path leaves a road or trail, and where its line runs out.
- **Artifacts:** stoves, pipes, buckets, bottles and other things left behind.
- **Wells:** stone-lined, filled in or still open.
- **Steps:** stone steps, staircases and iron rungs.
- **Survey markers:** bench marks, triangulation stations and bronze survey disks. Marks set by federal surveys carry a PID, the permanent identifier the National Geodetic Survey gives each one.
- **Stone posts:** cut granite boundary and corner posts.
- **Iron rods:** iron pins, pipes and rods set in rock or ground as survey corners.

No coordinates are given. Each area map marks the finds with numbered circles that match its list, and the named waypoints with small open circles. Take the map, walk the line and read the ground. Each area's list has a box to tick for every find, followed by the waypoints named along its lost trails, in the order they were walked: cairns, bridges, walls, foundations and the rest, just as they were marked on the GPS.

Preserve the history

"The paths are marked at their entrances and crossings by signs suitably inscribed, by rustic arrows cut from bushes, and by 'cairns,' i. e., piles of stones. Arrows are used chiefly in the woods, and cairns along the open rocks and ledges. It is particularly requested that none of these be altered in any way, but that suggestions for changes in wording, or location, be sent in writing to the Path Committees."

Waldron Bates, Edward L. Rand and Herbert Jaques, A Path Guide of Mount Desert Island, 1915, page 6

The request still stands, and this book asks the same of everything along the old paths. Everything on these pages belongs where it is. Look, photograph and leave it in place. Don't dig, pry, clean, move or take anything; removing artifacts from park land is against federal law. Survey disks, boundary posts and iron rods still mark legal lines, so never disturb one. Don't build or alter cairns, stay on rock and other durable ground, respect closures, and treat any unmarked route as possibly private land.

Report your findings

A report keeps the record alive. If you find something on these lists, or something new:

- Photograph it in place, with something beside it for scale.
- Note the date, the area and trail, and where it is: a GPS reading or phone map pin is best.
- Describe what you see and its condition: intact, broken, buried, moved.
- Send it to info@losttrailsofacadia.com, or fill in the Field Report at the back of this book.
- If it is a cultural artifact inside Acadia National Park, tell a ranger as well, as the park asks.

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How to use this book

- **Contents.** Turn to the page listed, or in the PDF edition click any entry to jump straight to it. The bookmarks panel of a PDF reader lists every part, area and story.
- **QR codes.** Point a phone camera at a code and tap the link. Area codes open the online Atlas; the codes at the end of each Part III story open its web page. The More Online page at the end of Part III links to stories that are on the website only.
- **Links.** In the PDF, QR codes, web addresses and underlined names are clickable. The text is searchable with Ctrl+F, or Command+F on a Mac.
- **Gazetteer.** Know a trail's name but not where it is? Look it up in the Gazetteer, the A-Z index of trail and road names at the back, to find its area and page.
- **More.** The Introduction explains how the book is arranged and how to read the maps.



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The online Atlas: every track in color over the 1942 map and modern topography, with GPX downloads.

Reading the maps

Every map in this book is drawn over the 1942 USGS survey, printed here in light gray so the recorded GPS lines stand out. Lines are drawn exactly as they were walked; a few long straight jumps, where a GPS was switched off in one place and on again in another, have been removed. On area maps, the chosen area is drawn in full strength and neighboring areas in lighter gray. The maps show the routes, not the finds: the things to look for on each area's pages are not marked, and no coordinates are given.

-----	Lost or abandoned trail		Old road or grade
————	Current park trail	————	Other path
————	Road		GPS field log
- - - - -	Property or boundary line	————	Stream

Scales differ from map to map; each one has its own scale bar. The Atlas sheets in Part IV are printed four to a page, at about one inch to the mile, half the scale of the original 1942 survey.

Track names, waypoint names and field notes are quoted as they were recorded in the field, abbreviations and all. Where a note uses a mountain name from before the renaming of 1918-19, or today's name for a peak the old guides knew differently, the other name is shown alongside.

The paths the island forgot

Mount Desert Island is laced with paths that have slipped off the maps: village-society trails from before the park, buckboard and quarry roads, footbridges and stone steps now under moss. This book gathers what is left of them.

Every line in it was walked and recorded with a handheld GPS, with a note written at each cairn, junction and cellar hole. The tracks are drawn over the 1942 USGS map of Acadia National Park and Vicinity, so you can see where a path ran then and where it lies today, and read the old guides that first described it. Whether you hike, study local history or are simply curious, we hope you enjoy exploring.

The base map is the U.S. Geological Survey's Topographic Map, Acadia National Park and Vicinity, surveyed in 1934–35 and 1939 and printed in 1942. We fitted the Library of Congress scan to modern coordinates using 34 graticule control points, so a trail on the old sheet lands where it lies on the ground today.

How the trails were found

Each search starts on paper: a line on a Bates, Rand and Jaques path map, a sentence in an 1880s guidebook, a dashed trail on the 1942 USGS sheet. Then comes the walking — a handheld Garmin recording a track while every cairn, step, junction, cellar hole and blaze gets a waypoint and a written note.

Back home the tracks are cleaned and labeled in ExpertGPS, named from the historic sources (following Pathmakers names and numbers where they exist) and filed by area in the “My Maps” archive. This book and its companion website read those curated files directly: all 923 readable GPX files in the archive, with repeated copies of the same track or waypoint merged so each appears once (a track counts as a repeat when 85 percent of it retraces one already on the map). A statewide place-name database kept with the field files, and a handful of points far outside the region, are left out. Each track keeps a note of the file and folder it came from, and photos taken within 30 meters of a waypoint appear in that waypoint's note.

The Library's research archive holds the write-ups, deed abstracts, surveys, clippings and map scans gathered for each area along the way.

Fitting the 1942 map to the ground

The Library of Congress scan of the 1942 sheet (10,470 × 11,366 pixels) has no coordinates of its own. To lay it under modern GPS tracks:

- The map's own legend gives its projection: polyconic, 1927 North American Datum, scale 1:31,680.
- 34 control points were measured where the printed 2½-minute graticule crosses fall, plus tick marks along the neatline from 44°12'30" to 44°27'30" N.
- A third-order polynomial fit absorbs the paper's shrinkage and fold distortion. Root-mean-square error is about 2 pixels — roughly 11 meters on the ground.
- Coordinates are shifted from NAD 27 to WGS 84 with the National Geodetic Survey's NADCON grid (accurate to well under a meter; the shift is about 40 m in this part of Maine). The sheet is then cut into web-map tiles from zoom 10 to 15. The Schoodic inset is masked out.

Checked against the 15-minute quadrangles

The same 1930s survey was also published at 1:62,500 as the 1942 USGS Mount Desert and Bar Harbor 15-minute quadrangles, which the USGS distributes already georeferenced. Comparing the two fits by image matching in 387 windows across the island:

- The two agree to a median of about 17 meters, with almost no overall shift (about 5 m).
- Measured against modern USGS shorelines and pond edges, this project's fit is as close as the quadrangle's or slightly closer (median about 30 m versus 36 m on the same windows).

Two sides of one island

Somes Sound is the dividing line. Each track is assigned to the side where its midpoint falls; each waypoint to the side where it lies. Field work off Mount Desert Island (Schoodic, Trenton, Blue Hill, Deer Isle, the Frenchman Bay shore and the outer islands) is not included in this edition; it is in the online Atlas. The island outline used for this test is from OpenStreetMap.

How to use this book

This edition covers 13 of the most rewarding areas on the island: the ones with the most historic features and things

to look for. Every other area is in the online Atlas. Parts I and II take them in alphabetical order, first the East Side and then the West Side of Mount Desert Island. Each has a map, a table of its ten longest lost trails and old roads, and a list of things to look for quoted exactly as they were written on the spot. Part III describes the historic features and tells one story in depth, the Pest Houses of Bar Harbor; the other feature stories are online. Part IV reprints the whole island on the 1942 survey, four sheets to a page, and Part V is a guide to the old guidebooks and maps behind the research. Each area ends with a QR code that opens it in the online Atlas, where every track can be viewed in color and downloaded as a GPX file.

In print

Point a phone camera at any QR code and tap the link that appears. Each area opens in the online Atlas; each Part III story ends with a code to its web page, with the interactive map and source documents. The web addresses beside the codes, in the document lists and in the Sources can also be typed into any browser.

In the PDF edition

- Every entry in the Contents is a link: click a title or its page number to jump straight to that page.
- The bookmarks panel of your PDF reader lists every part, area and story for quick navigation.
- QR codes and web addresses are clickable. They open the Atlas, a story's web page, a document in the Library or an outside source in your browser. So do the underlined names on the Thanks page.
- The whole text is searchable. Use your reader's Find command (Ctrl+F, or Command+F on a Mac) to look up a trail, a place or a name.

Walk lightly

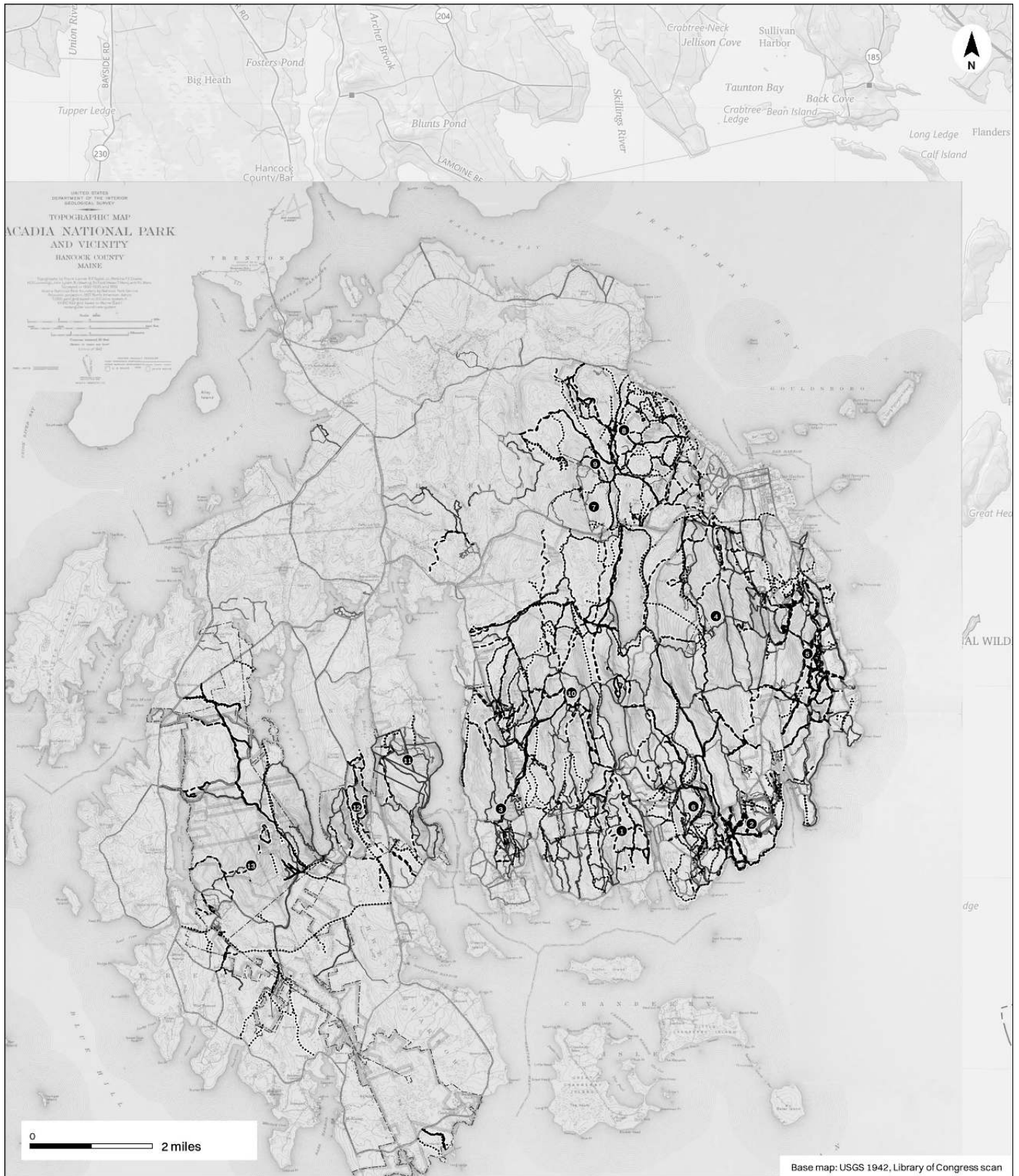
Acadia's Hiking Trails Management Plan defines abandoned trails as those the park "no longer maps, marks, maintains, or advertises for public use," and notes that maintaining abandoned trails or building unauthorized ones is actively discouraged. The park asks visitors to walk only on designated trails and durable surfaces, and not to stack rocks or alter cairns. The request is an old one: the 1915 Path Guide asked that the island's signs, rustic arrows and cairns not "be altered in any way."

- Use this atlas to understand the landscape, and to read the old guides with fresh eyes.
- Check current alerts and closures, including seasonal peregrine falcon closures on cliff trails.
- If you find a cultural artifact, leave it in place, photograph it, note the location and tell a ranger, as the park requests.
- Many historic paths run through private land. Field notes flag posted property where it was seen; treat every unmarked route the same way.

Use at your own risk

The routes in this book are historic and unmaintained. Many are not official trails, and the lines shown may be tens of meters off the path on the ground. They can lead into swamps, across talus fields, into caves and onto private land. You alone are responsible for your safety and for staying on legal routes. I accept no responsibility for any injury, loss or harm from using this book. Don't hike alone, and always leave your route and return time with someone.

Mount Desert Island: the recorded tracks

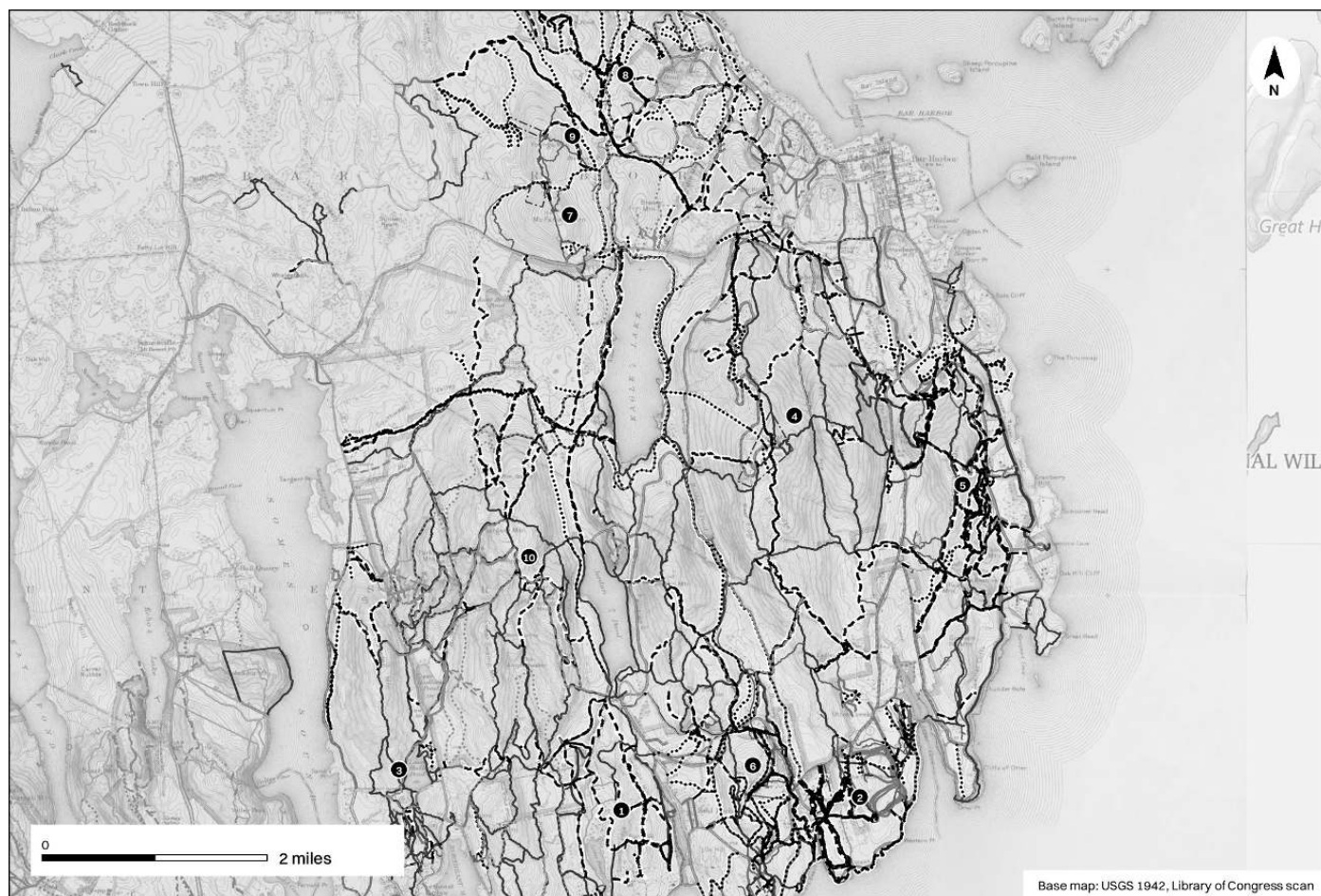


Numbers mark the 13 areas in this book: 1 Barr Hill; 2 Black Woods & Hunters Beach; 3 Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive; 4 Cadillac & Dorr; 5 Champlain & the White Paths; 6 Day Mountain & the Triad; 7 Eagle Lake; 8 Lake Wood; 9 McFarland Mountain & Young; 10 Sargent Mountain; 11 Acadia Mountain; 12 Beech Mountain & Echo Lake; 13 Western Mountain.

The East Side

East of Somes Sound rise the island's highest summits – Cadillac, Dorr, Champlain – and the densest web of old paths. Much of it was built by the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association, whose path committee Waldron Bates chaired from 1900 to 1909, adding some twenty-five miles of trail.

10	2,373	325	886
areas	tracks	miles lost trail and old road	historic features recorded



Numbers mark the areas in this book, as listed in the contents. The other recorded tracks are shown for context.

Barr Hill

76

tracks

14.2

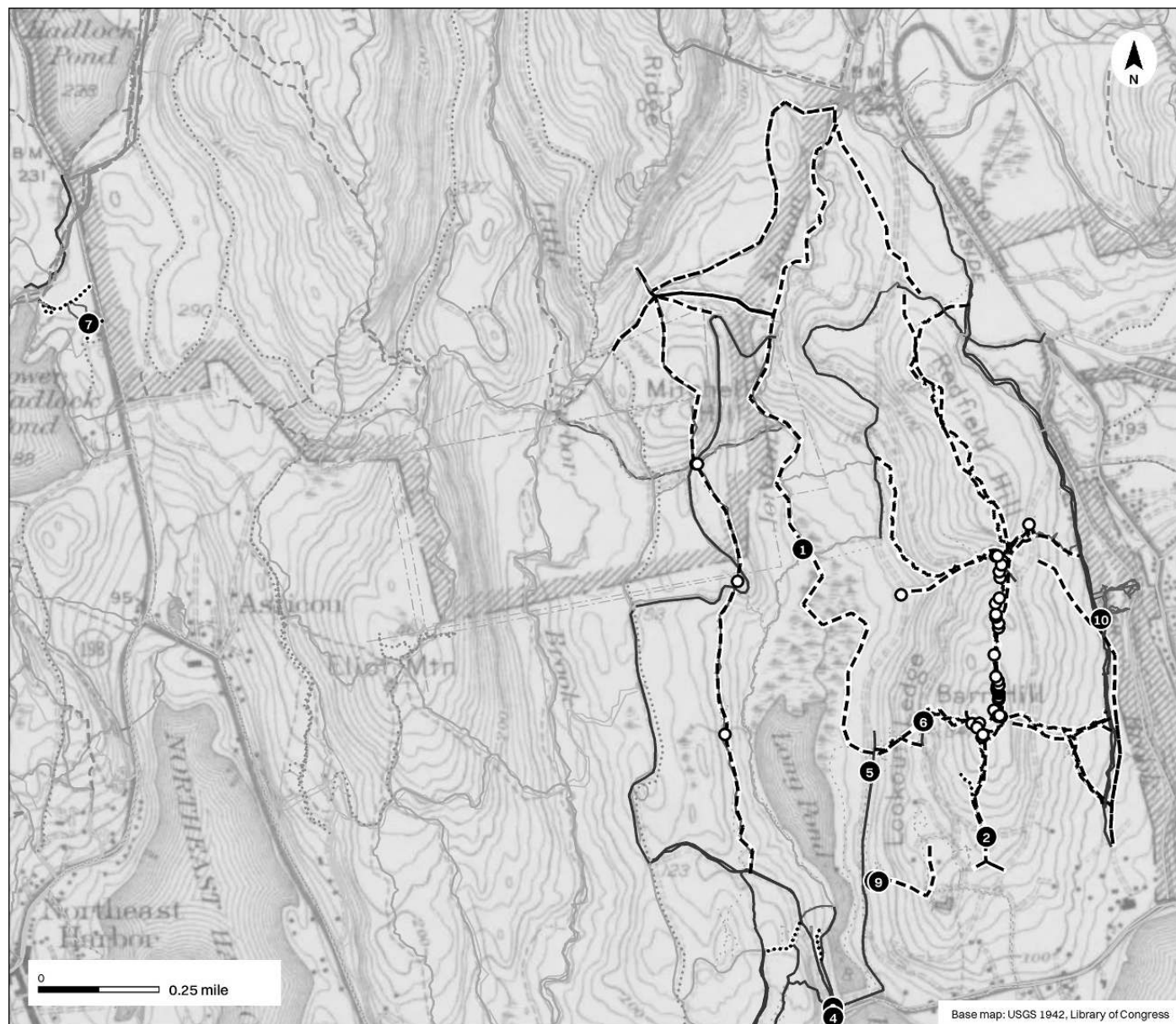
miles lost trail and old road

37

things to look for

34

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheet C3.

The field folder for Barr Hill holds 76 recorded tracks, walked between 2012–2018. About 14.2 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 18 bridges and abutments, 5 sets of steps and trail stonework, 4 boundary and survey markers, 2 artifact and debris sites.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 23 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Mitchell Hill	Lost trail	4.8
Redfield Hill Trail	Lost trail	0.7
Barr Hill Trail, Summit north to carriage road	Lost trail	0.4
Redfield Notch	Lost trail	0.4
Barr South	Lost trail	0.4
Barr Hill East Trail	Lost trail	0.3
Carriage road connector	Lost trail	0.3
Lookout Ledge	Lost trail	0.2
Lookout Ledge, upper section over Lookout Ledge to Barr Hill	Lost trail	0.2
Barr Hill Trail, south	Lost trail	0.2

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Jct. Entrance and West Side path, Jordan Stream at bridges over Jordan Stream.
19 Jul 2012
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** seemed to be getting very close to Private Decided to head back.
20 Jul 2012
- ☐ **3 Start of track.** Pond West Shore Tr at carriage road.
9 Oct 2012
- ☐ **4 Start of track.** Old entrance to carriage road at Route 3 near Pond.
9 Oct 2012
- ☐ **5 End of track.** Junction with small carriage road along shore of Pond, N end.
19 Jul 2012
- ☐ **6 End of track.** jct, Shortcut and Bridle Path. N end.
19 Jul 2012
- ☐ **7 Artifact.** Scattered cables and equipment.
10 Oct 2012
- ☐ **8 Steps.** path with old stone steps leading up hill.
17 Jul 2012
- ☐ **9 Steps.** path to Eyrie, steps.
19 Jul 2012
- ☐ **10 Survey marker.** Seaside Path. ANP boundary post and old bronze disk "P/US".
6 Aug 2015

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Mitchell Hill: ☐ Stream Cross · ☐ Cairn ×3

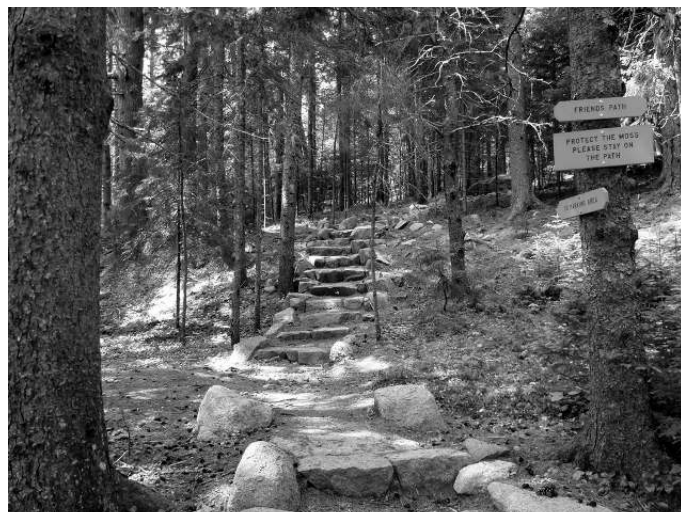
Barr Hill Trail: ☐ Cairn ×24 · ☐ Sign Post · ☐ Barr Hill · ☐ Signs

Barr South: ☐ Cairn · ☐ Sign Post

Carriage road connector: ☐ Trail in notch · ☐ Barr Sign · ☐ Sign · ☐ Carraige



Junction between two branches of Friends Path · 14 Jul 2012



Pond West Shore Tr at carriage road · 14 Jul 2012



path with old stone steps leading up hill · 19 Jul 2012



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Black Woods & Hunters Beach

268

tracks

37.7

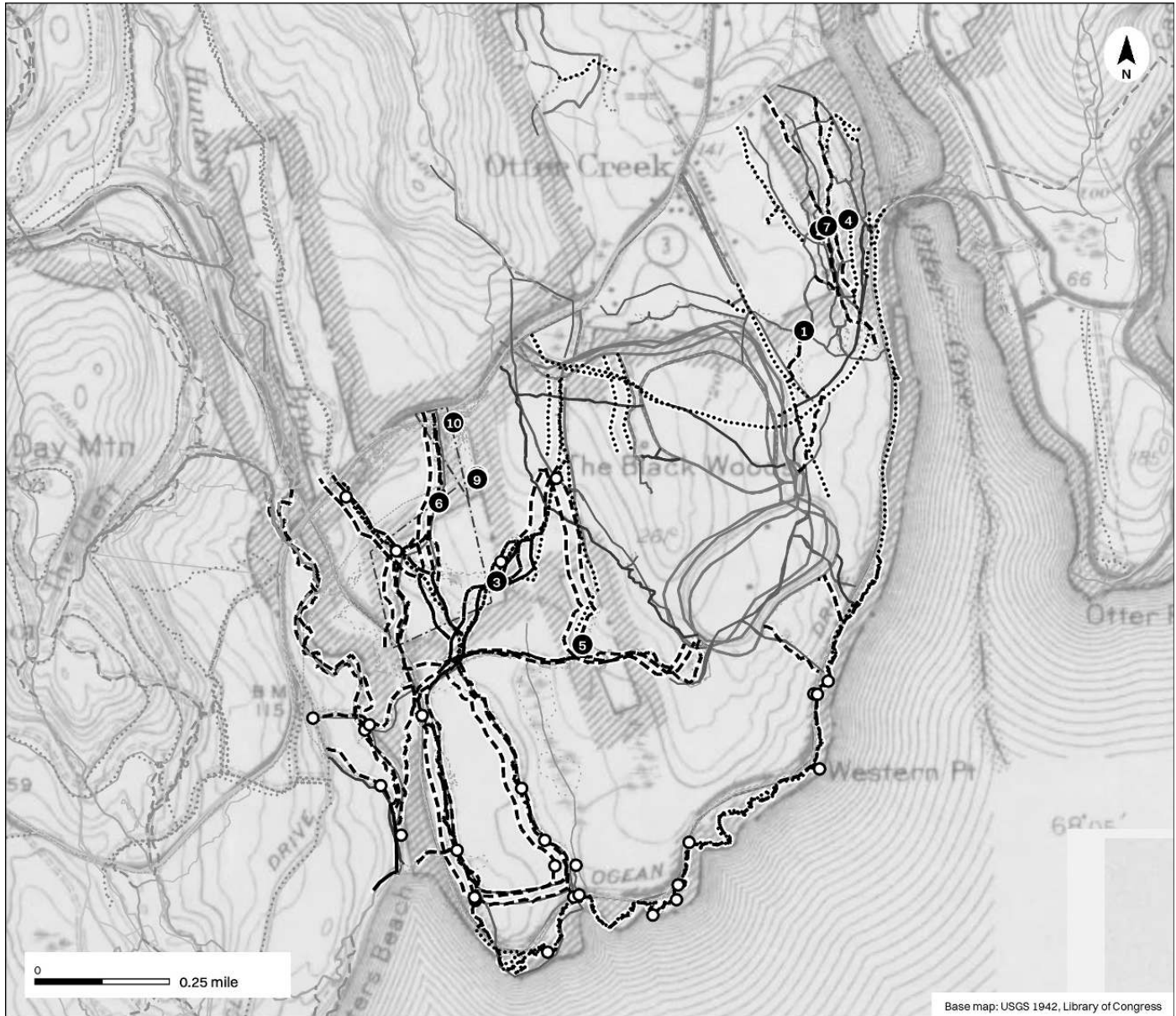
miles lost trail and old road

93

things to look for

64

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets D2, D3.

The field folder for Black Woods & Hunters Beach holds 268 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2026. About 37.7 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 15 boundary and survey markers, 11 sets of steps and trail stonework, 11 quarries and mines, 7 cemeteries and graves.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 52 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Little Hunters Beach to Boyd Road	Lost trail	4.2
Black Woods Shore Trail. Hunters Beach Head to end	Lost trail	3.1
Black Woods Trail	Lost trail	2.3
Hunters Brook Trail	Lost trail	1.9
Little Hunters Beach to South Ridge	Lost trail	1.4
Hunter Brook	Lost trail	1.3
West Loop from PLR crossing (Cooksey Drive Tr) to Hunters Beach Head	Lost trail	1.1
Little Hunters Beach Brook Trail. Shore to Intersection	Lost trail	1.1
Little Hunters Beach Brook Road. Woods road from intersection to Gravel Pit road	Old road	0.9
Boyd Road Extension, south of Route 3	Old road	0.8

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Wall St Trail. Jct Wall St North Tr. Appears to be a second entrance to same trail as waypoint at 4:41. Also very weak trail SW to Quarry Tr.
10 Jul 2014
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** Path from open ledges into huckleberries. Starts strong but dies out. May be animals. Could have gone to rock-lined pool.
17 Aug 2014
- ☐ **3 End of track.** Little Hunters Beach Brook Road. Fork where trail/road splits. S end. East fork leads to path found earlier. West fork was a road that has become a water runoff and is very wet. West branch leads through very wet area.
14 Jul 2014
- ☐ **4 End of track.** Quarry B. Path was likely an access road. Ends at big jumble of rocks near top level of quarry. Could descend to Red Blazes Tr but no obvious path. Very rough.
17 Aug 2014
- ☐ **5 Artifact.** Gravel Pit Road. Cable stretched across to block passage.
14 Jul 2014
- ☐ **6 Artifact.** Little Pond Tr. Remains of old truck. Clearly this was once a rough road.
29 Jul 2014
- ☐ **7 Steps.** Old Quarry Tr. Small pool about 8' x 18' lined with cut blocks. Step into with an upright stone at each side.
16 Aug 2014
- ☐ **8 Survey marker.** Boundary post with JDR disk at corner of Blake, Turnbull, Bracy and Pineo lots. Disk shows lines. AVERAGED.
9 Jul 2024
- ☐ **9 Stone post.** JDR Post. K looking south. E is JDR (Grover); S is PVT (Bracy); W is JDR (Blake); N is PVT (Turnbull). Grover boundary is about 325 degrees true.
2 Sep 2026
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** Turnbull property. Iron bolt. Unsure what marks. Possibly T-8 or T-9.
23 Jul 2026

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Little Hunters Beach to Boyd Road: ☐ West Loop · ☐ Cairn ×2 · ☐ Summit · ☐ Moss Ledge · ☐ Not on path · ☐ Lit Pond · ☐ Brook · ☐ Ledges · ☐ Brook Rim · ☐ Animal trail

Black Woods Shore Trail: ☐ Path on ledges · ☐ Lhbb Trail · ☐ Rim Path · ☐ On ledges ×2 · ☐ On Rocks · ☐ Lv road · ☐ Path lvs road · ☐ Western · ☐ Cairn · ☐ Social Tr

Black Woods Trail: ☐ One rock cairn · ☐ Sign · ☐ Brook · ☐ On woods road · ☐ Black Woods · ☐ Boundary marker · ☐ Gravel Pit

Hunter Brook: ☐ Cooksie · ☐ ANP Boundary Post. · ☐ Hunters Brook



Raised path rockwork



Granite post with copper disk. SHR-4 Found · 7 Jul 2025



Turnbull property. Iron bolt. Unsure what marks. Possibly T-8 or T-9 · 23 Jul 2026



Granite post knocked over with copper disk coming out. SHR-3 FOUND · 7 Jul 2025



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Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive

Brown Mountain is now Norumbega

167

tracks

13.4

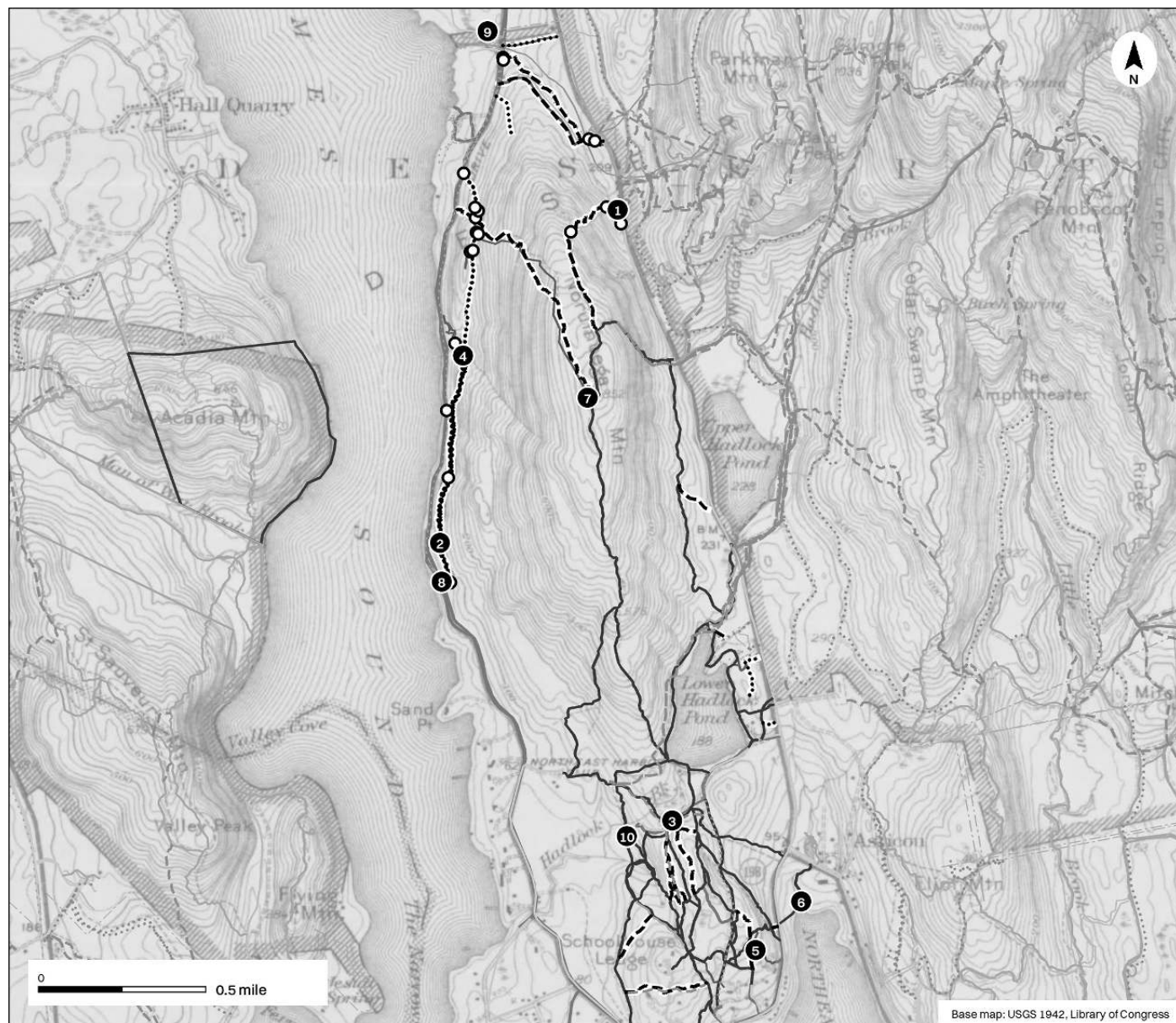
miles lost trail and old road

51

things to look for

66

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets B1, B2, C2, B3, C3.

The field folder for Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive holds 167 recorded tracks, walked between 2009–2025. About 13.4 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 12 sets of steps and trail stonework, 12 boundary and survey markers, 9 bridges and abutments, 7 cemeteries and graves.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 16 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Old Sargent Drive	Old road	5.6
Browns Mtn Northwest Trail	Lost trail	1.7
Brown's Mtn North Ridge Trail	Lost trail	1.2
Browns Brook Trail	Lost trail	0.9
Old Cliff Tr	Lost trail	0.4
Browns Brook Path	Lost trail	0.4
Schoolhouse Ledge Ridge Trail. Almost totally lost	Lost trail	0.4
Trail from Quarry Trail to Schoolhouse Ledge-Golf club Tr, joins at 8th Tee	Lost trail	0.3
Hadlock Pond gravel pit road	Old road	0.3
Les Cave Tr. Probably an old route of the Cliff Tr. Follows 1942 map	Lost trail	0.3

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Start of North Ridge Trail. Just before first utility pole.
11 Aug 2009
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** Beginning of Retaining wall system runs almost the entire length of the road.
22 Jul 2019
- ☐ **3 End of track.** Asticou Trail ends at Water Co. Road. No Signs.
12 Aug 2011
- ☐ **4 End of track.** Road comes down incline with retaining walls on each side to a north end retaining wall. Gap in road due to ravine. road continues on other side of ravine with retaining walls on either side and at south end. Stone work is very good.
22 Jul 2019
- ☐ **5 Steps.** Large collapsed structure including a large deck and perhaps a building. Destination of Stairway to Heaven.
12 Aug 2011
- ☐ **6 Steps.** Asticou Stream Trail. fork from trail, 27 steps to lawn of Asticou Inn.
27 Oct 2013
- ☐ **7 Survey marker.** Cairns and stone circles, hiding 3 bronze tablets of triangulation station.
11 Aug 2009
- ☐ **8 Survey marker.** ANP Boundary stone and disk near Sargent Drive.
30 Jul 2019
- ☐ **9 Stone post.** Sargeant Strip. Stone Post and ANP post.
26 Sep 2023
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** Quarry Tr. Very large iron pipe. Not used.
12 Aug 2011

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Old Sargent Drive: ☐ Bridge Abutment · ☐ Wash Rd · ☐ Washout Road · ☐ Ret Wall · ☐ Top of Ravine · ☐ Old Sgt · ☐ Vegetable · ☐ Cairn x7 · ☐ Exit to Road · ☐ Sargeant Memorial

Browns Mtn Northwest Trail: ☐ Cairn · ☐ Cairn Old

Brown's Mtn North Ridge Trail: ☐ North Ridge · ☐ Brown's Brook · ☐ Steps

Browns Brook Trail: ☐ Brown Cemetery · ☐ Cemetery · ☐ Brook · ☐ Road cut



Old Sargent Drive



Top edge of "Old Sargent Ravine" i was following washout as possible road and ended on top of Ravine looking down. FALLS AWAY to culvert with incredible stone work going under the current drive · 22 Jul 2019



Road comes down incline with retaining walls on each side to a north end retaining wall. Gap in road due to ravine. road continues on other side of ravine with retaining walls on either side and at south end. Stone work is very good · 30 Jul 2019



Washout in wall very little missing · 22 Jul 2019



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Cadillac & Dorr

Cadillac was Green Mountain · Dorr was Dry Mountain

444

tracks

59.7

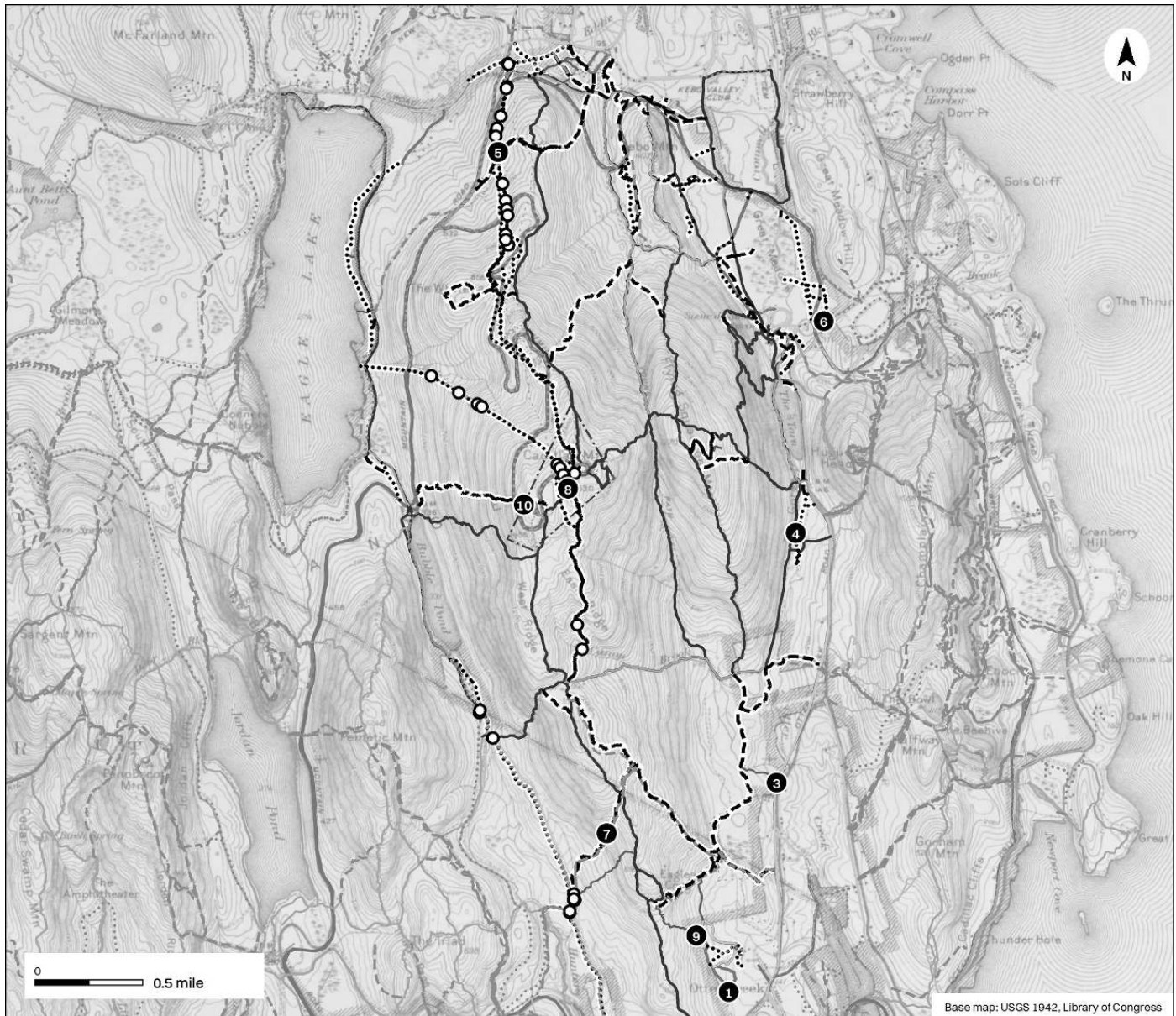
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

147

historic features



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The field folder for Cadillac & Dorr holds 444 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2026. About 59.7 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 58 sets of steps and trail stonework, 21 boundary and survey markers, 19 stone walls and fences, 17 bridges and abutments.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 112 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
East Ridge Trail	Lost trail	3.3
Potholes Trail	Lost trail	2.4
Cog Railroad	Old road	2.3
Buckboard Road 2	Old road	2.2
Boyd Road, Wildwood Farm Road to carriage road, good (south) junction	Old road	2.1
Boyd Road southern half	Old road	2.0
Ottercreekval	Lost trail	2.0
Cadillac Mtn. Old Steep Trail before rerouting c 1950 · <i>Cadillac was Green Mountain</i>	Lost trail	1.8
Old Eagle Lake Carriage Road south	Old road	1.8
Cadillac "Ski" Trail · <i>Cadillac was Green Mountain</i>	Lost trail	1.6

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

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| <p>☐ 1 Start of track. Gate. Start of new development road. Branches from roads around field and pond of large house in Otter Creek.
22 Aug 2012</p> <p>☐ 2 Start of track. Start of Tool House from Buck Board Rd 2 large on bedrock. in the Buckboard Rd.
9 Oct 2023</p> <p>☐ 3 End of track. Path to Swimming Hole at route 3. S end of guard rail on west side of road, at telephone pole 67.
10 Jul 2009</p> <p>☐ 4 End of track. Old Tarn Road ends at beaver pond, raised about a foot since last visit. Bridge missing.
16 Jul 2010</p> <p>☐ 5 Artifact. looks like wood stove door section with hinge insert intact.
11 Oct 2023</p> | <p>☐ 6 Well. Well cap in old Kebo Mtn Road.
13 Jul 2009</p> <p>☐ 7 Steps. Fc Tr. Cairn 15, found. May be same as "steps" from 8/23. No steps at that spot.
26 Aug 2011</p> <p>☐ 8 Survey marker. Triangulation Station. "Mount Desert 1856" BM is 13' south and 1' higher.
10 Jul 2009</p> <p>☐ 9 Stone post. OC to Eagles Crag Tr. ANP boundary post. Off trail.
17 Sep 2012</p> <p>☐ 10 Iron rod. Pin has been bent over close to the ground. Not easy to see from distance.
21 Jul 2019</p> |
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Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

East Ridge Trail: ☐ Steps ×2 · ☐ Masonry wall · ☐ Summit · ☐ Summit shop

Cog Railroad: ☐ Cog Path · ☐ Row of Pins · ☐ Pin pile ×4 · ☐ Cog Pad · ☐ Gully · ☐ Pin in cut · ☐ Steps · ☐ Masonry post

Buckboard Road 2: ☐ Buckboard Road ×2 · ☐ Cairn ×4 · ☐ On BB road · ☐ Iron Rod ×2 · ☐ Small Brook · ☐ Wall ×3 · ☐ Stone post · ☐ Rock wall · ☐ Buckboard Rd

Boyd Road: ☐ Boyd Road ×2 · ☐ Pond Tr · ☐ Beaver Dam · ☐ Brook · ☐ Cairn ×4 · ☐ Old Flagging



View from the Cadillac crosses



Pin has been bent over close to the ground. Not easy to see from distance · 21 Jul 2019



This wall holds back a flat wide walk way. One has to bushwack to get through · 16 Oct 2023



Cross 3 and iron pin at corner of property · 19 Jul 2019



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Champlain & the White Paths

Champlain was Newport Mountain

508

tracks

59.3

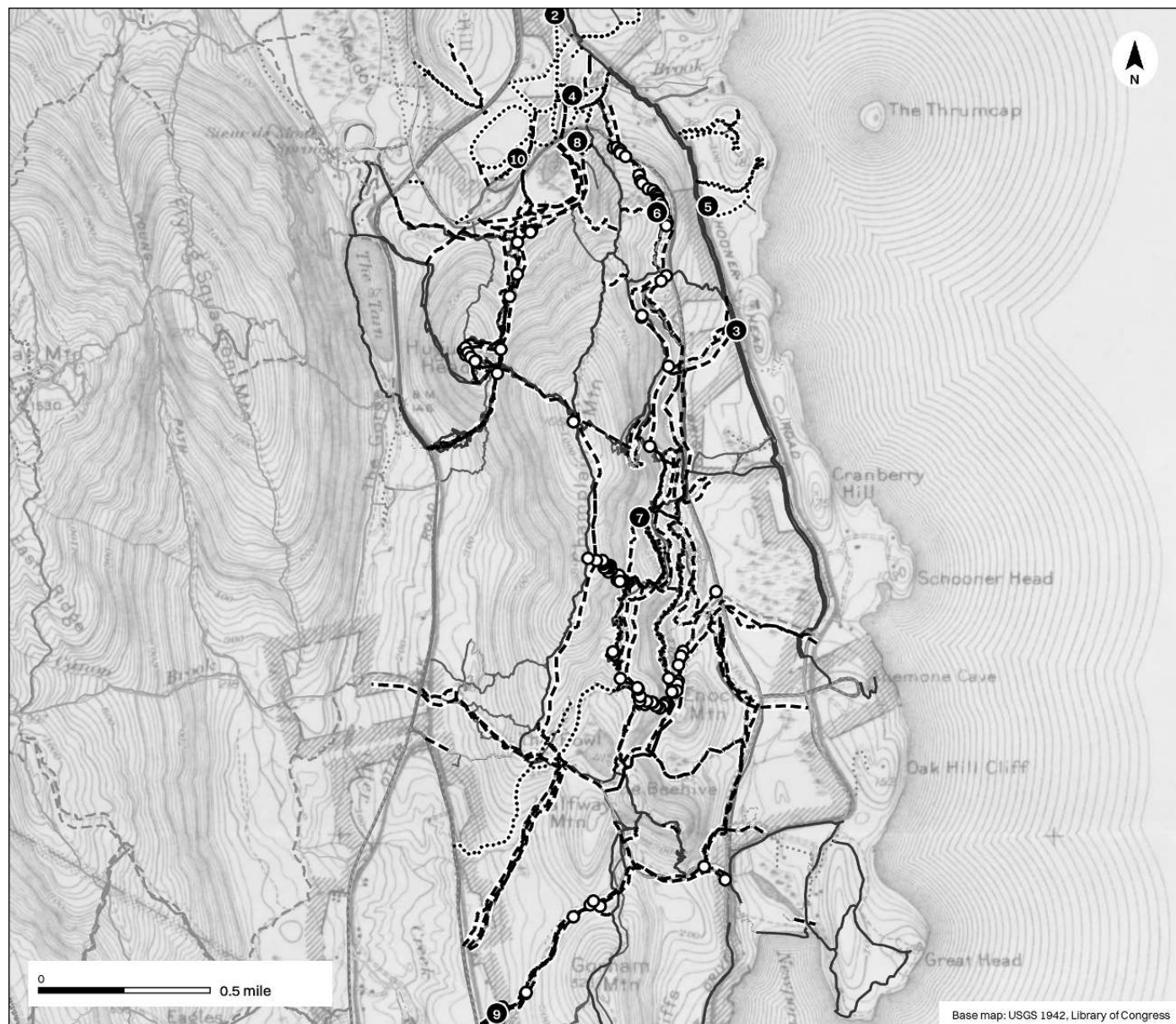
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

189

historic features



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The field folder for Champlain & the White Paths holds 508 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2026. About 59.3 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 103 sets of steps and trail stonework, 19 boundary and survey markers, 17 bridges and abutments, 10 other remains.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 116 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Red & White Tr. Rev 8/14, 9/15 for route per 42 map. Fair indication of path	Lost trail	2.2
White Trail #329	Lost trail	1.5
Bicycle Path as tracked and projected	Lost trail	1.4
Green & White Trail, 2009 revision	Lost trail	1.3
Black & White Trail #326	Lost trail	1.3
Yellow and White Trail (west section) from 11-2-19 and 10-16-06 tracks	Lost trail	1.1
White Path 7, Red & White to Ocean Drive. Rev 9/3/09	Lost trail	1.1
Bear Brook	Lost trail	1.0
Yellow & White Trail	Lost trail	1.0
White Path 6, Precipice to Red & White Trail. Revised 9/3/09	Lost trail	1.0

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Black Path: Probable start of Black Path at Otter Point Road. Granite slabs cross drainage ditch as if a road entry.
3 Jul 2009
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** BBB: Appears to be end of north entrance of Kebo Mountain Road (Beaver Dam Pool road).
3 Jul 2009
- ☐ **3 End of track.** Path ends at road. May have crossed brook which is now about 3' higher due to two beaver dams.
1 Dec 2007
- ☐ **4 End of track.** BBB: Branch road also leads to Bear Brook. Appears to continue on far side. May have been bridge although quite high.
3 Jul 2009
- ☐ **5 Well.** Palmer estate. well.
26 Sep 2017
- ☐ **6 Steps.** R&Y Tr: Small cairn. Seems off trail as this is a poor route down a step granite slab.
3 Jul 2009
- ☐ **7 Steps.** Old O&B. Top of good steps. Path turns away from base of cliff which is not possible to follow.
17 Sep 2014
- ☐ **8 Survey marker.** Near CCC Bicycle Path. Stone post with bronze disk. Shows 1/2 USA; 1/4 USA; 1/4 PVT.
2 Oct 2012
- ☐ **9 Stone post.** Yellow & White Tr. ANP Boundary post; orange flagging and rock pile. Pink flagging continues west to Otter Creek Road.
2 Nov 2019
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** BBB: Iron pin. Some kind of experiment.
3 Jul 2009

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Red & White Tr. Rev 8/14: ☐ Culvert · ☐ Cairn ×43 · ☐ Steps · ☐ Cliff · ☐ Top of Cliff · ☐ Jeep Road · ☐ Mount Ledge · ☐ Red and White Trail

White Trail #329: ☐ Steps · ☐ White Path ×2 · ☐ Cairn ×21 · ☐ Orange Black · ☐ Ravine Entrance · ☐ BIG Stairs · ☐ Staircase · ☐ Talus Slope

Bicycle Path as tracked and projected: ☐ Ditch · ☐ Road blocked · ☐ Stone wall · ☐ Bicycle Path · ☐ Log Bridge · ☐ Beaver dam · ☐ Path blocked

Green & White Trail: ☐ Bowl Outlet · ☐ Old Black Path · ☐ Beaver Dam



Along the White Path



Top of Uturn steps · 11 Aug 2014



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Day Mountain & the Triad

317

tracks

37.9

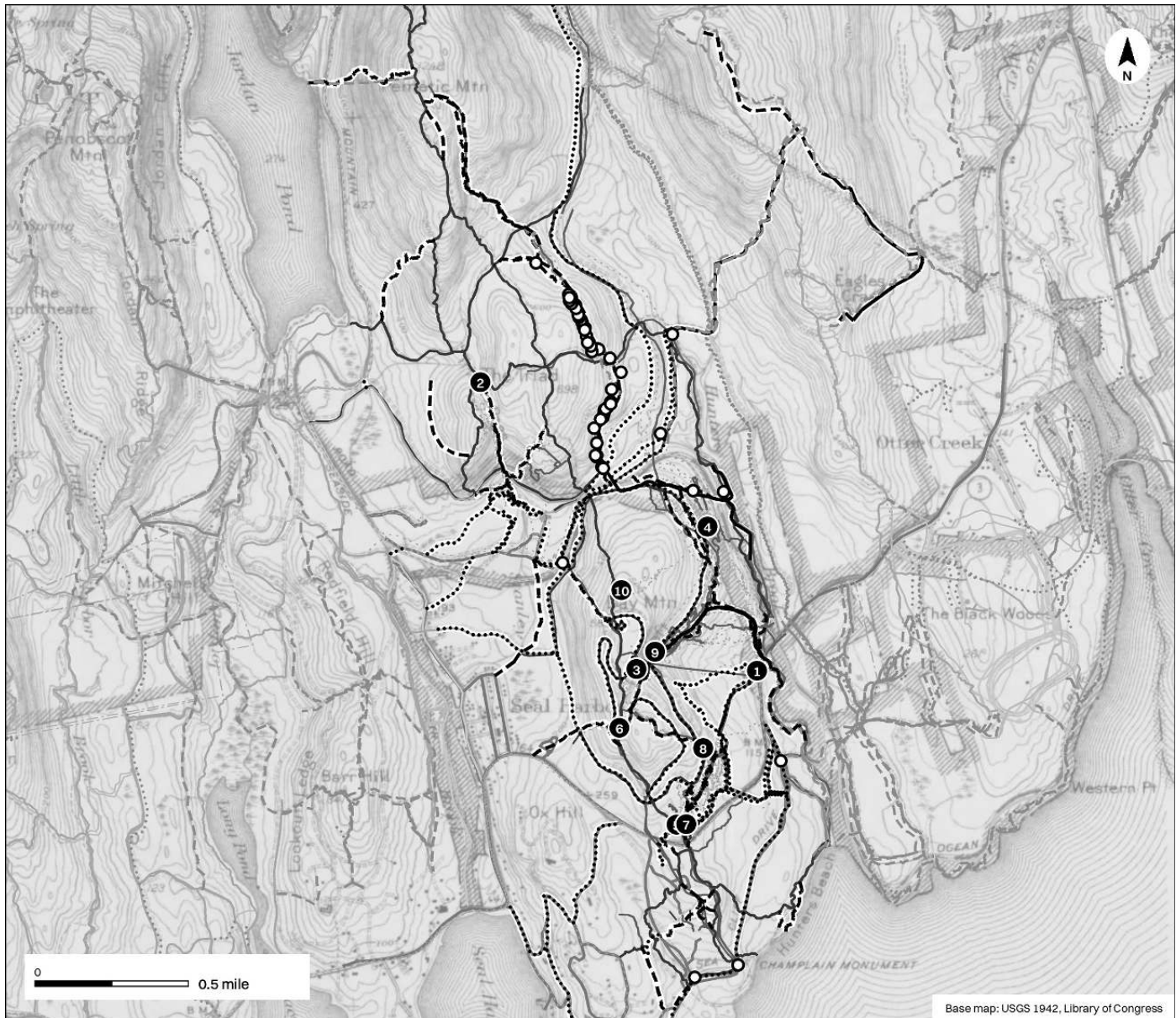
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

100

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets C2, C3, D3.

The field folder for Day Mountain & the Triad holds 317 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2026. About 37.9 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 38 sets of steps and trail stonework, 27 boundary and survey markers, 13 bridges and abutments, 6 quarries and mines.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 64 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Farm Road to Hunter Brook	Lost trail	3.0
Eagles Crag Foot Trail and the Pothole 342 as copied from 1942 topo Confirmed	Lost trail	2.3
still exists today known as Cooksey Rd	Old road	1.8
From Farm to Boyd Road. 1935 map	Old road	1.2
Confirmed	Lost trail	1.0
still exists	Old road	0.9
Valley Trail, combined 9/16 and 11/14 tracks. Good trail from first cairn found to Black Woods Road	Lost trail	0.8
Wildwood Farm Road 7. Day mtn bridge to Hunters Brook	Old road	0.7
Valley Trail, Pemetic Mtn	Lost trail	0.7
Pemetic Southwest Trail	Lost trail	0.7

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Junction for trails to the caves and Tilting Rock from 1942 map.
31 Dec 1970
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** Junction of Triad Pass abandoned, Hunters Brook (formaly Vansantoon) and continuation of Triad.
28 Aug 2019
- ☐ **3 End of track.** False cairn leading to dead end ledge. An experienced climber might be able to make it to carriage road.
31 Dec 1970
- ☐ **4 End of track.** Dead End on top of Ledge. I was trying what looked like a very faint trail.
22 Aug 2013
- ☐ **5 Artifact.** Rod with eyelet on top imbeded in ground.
16 Aug 2013
- ☐ **6 Steps.** Part of Ox Hill Summit to Day Mountain 421 pg 259.missing from 42 map is connetor from OX hill to rt 3 it is shown in the path map of 1911 Old trial wiht multipule stair cases leading to Top of Day.
31 Dec 1970
- ☐ **7 Steps.** Natrual stair See photo 7 up to rock plateau that I beleive starts the Cutoff trail to Tilting rock. Walking North you come to two large boulders 308Boulders photo 8.
24 Jul 2013
- ☐ **8 Survey marker.** ANP Boundary sign and new disc.
30 Jul 2013
- ☐ **9 Iron rod.** Northern Loop. Iron pin (rebar like) in huge boulder W of carriage road.
5 Aug 2013
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** Plastic rod about 24 inches. Probably once had a small flag.
1 Jul 2024

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Farm Road to Hunter Brook: ☐ Cairn ×26 · ☐ Carriage Road · ☐ Bridge · ☐ Notch · ☐ Ledge · ☐ Bench

still exists today known as Cooksey Rd: ☐ Rock Garden · ☐ Cairn · ☐ Deep Gully

From Farm to Boyd Road: ☐ X Brook · ☐ Quarry-rocks · ☐ Dane Trail

Valley Trail: ☐ Brook · ☐ Cairn ×10



Tilting Rock Road. Boundary Stone 1 (LH 6) · 3 Oct 2023



VanSantvoord Trail at Carriage Road · 28 Aug 2019



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Eagle Lake

54

tracks

9.4

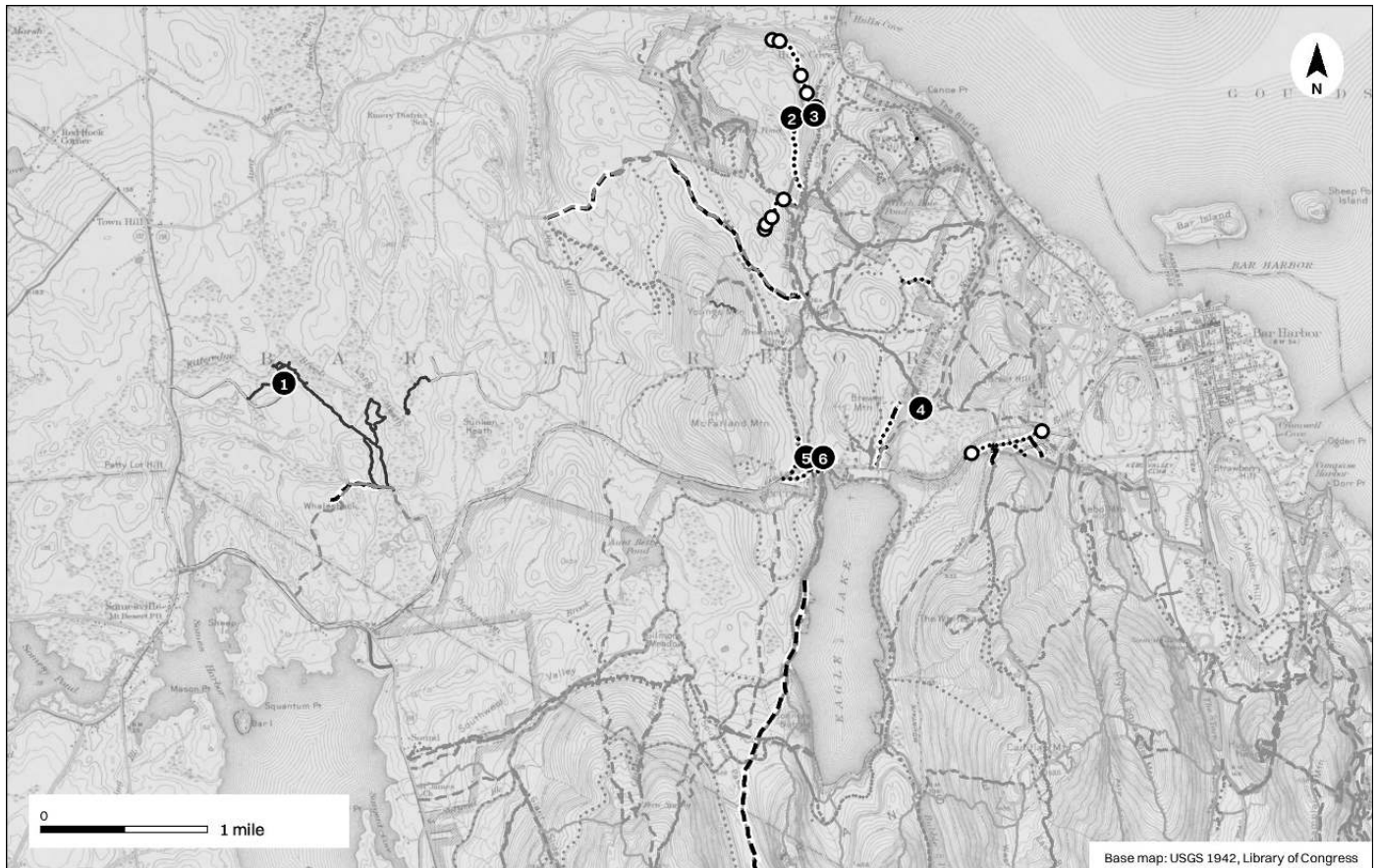
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

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historic features



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The field folder for Eagle Lake holds 54 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2026. About 9.4 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 19 boundary and survey markers, 8 building and camp sites, 7 sets of steps and trail stonework, 4 cemeteries and graves.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 21 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Bar Harbor Bridle Path (west portion)	Lost trail	2.5
Curran Path	Lost trail	2.2
Bar Harbor Bridle Path Projected through private posted property	Lost trail	0.6
Intervale Park Road	Old road	0.6
Old Eagle Lake Road	Old road	0.5
North Ramp Road, from Lake Wood Road near Breakneck Road	Old road	0.5
Buckboard Road	Lost trail	0.3
Breakneck Road, north of Breakneck Pond	Old road	0.2
Quarry Road-- to Breakneck Quarry	Old road	0.2
Cranberry Bog Trail. West portion of Whalesback Path from 1935 map	Lost trail	0.2

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Kitteredge Brook Tr - Entrance at end of Pine Heath Tr.
18 Jul 2019
- ☐ **2 End of track.** Road north from Breakneck Brook. 2 cairns on ledge. Road seemed to end.
6 Aug 2019
- ☐ **3 Well.** Breakneck Road. Stone lined well or spring on west side.
6 Aug 2019
- ☐ **4 Steps.** Steps and stepping stones across duck Brook.
9 Jul 2010
- ☐ **5 Stone post.** JDR/PVT Boundary Post at NW corner McCarty & Toole property. Averaged.
8 Sep 2021
- ☐ **6 Iron rod.** Brewer Quarry. Iron bolt in rock. Possible boundary or just quarry work.
19 Sep 2021

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Intervale Park Road: ☐ Road embankment · ☐ Retaining Wall ×2 · ☐ ANP Boundary · ☐ Intervale

Old Eagle Lake Road: ☐ Old Eagle · ☐ Tar Rd



Stone Water Tower · 21 Jul 2020



Whalesback--highest spot · 20 Aug 2019



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Lake Wood

95

tracks

21.5

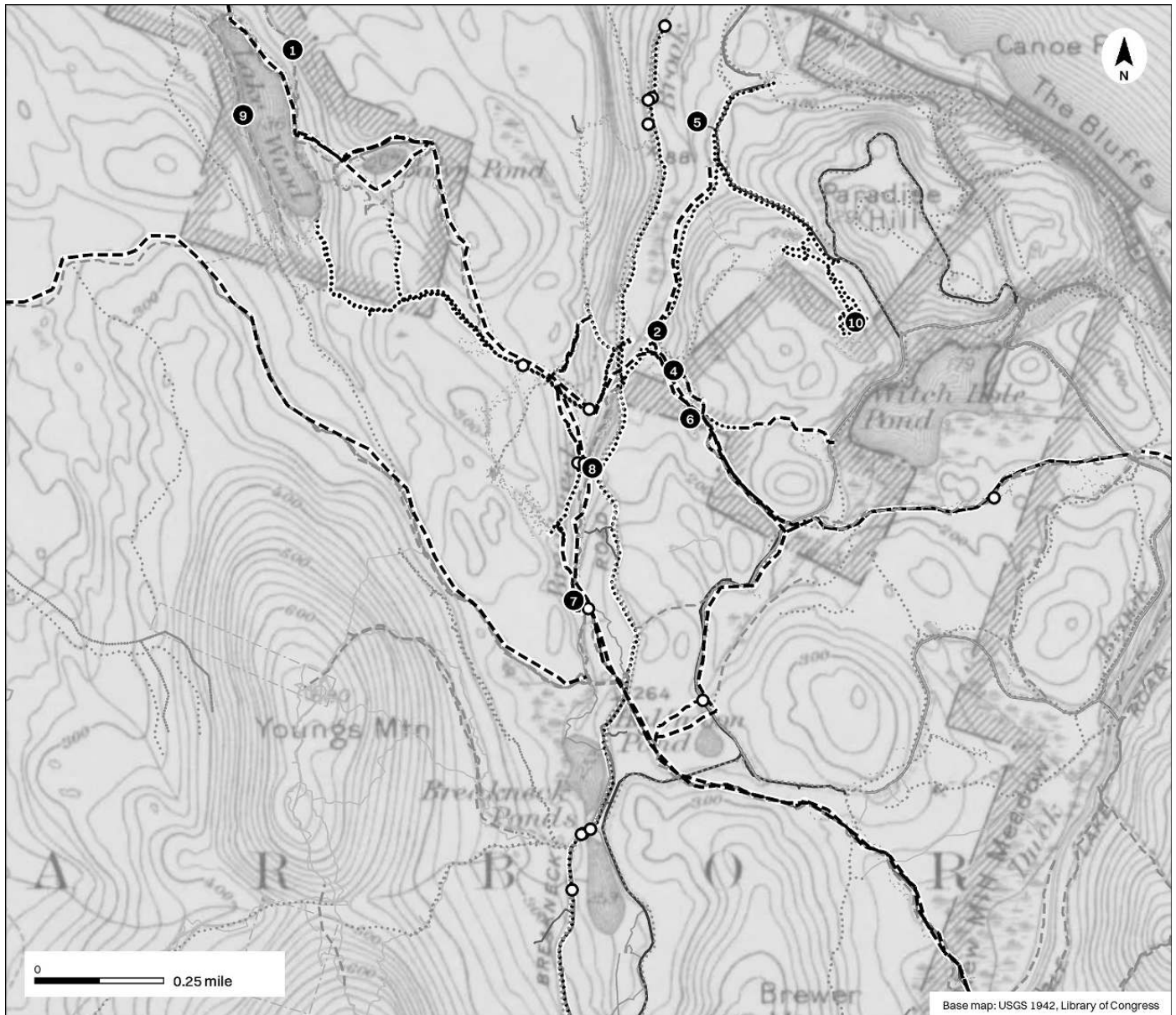
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

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historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets C1, C2.

The field folder for Lake Wood holds 95 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2025. About 21.5 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 20 mill, dam and waterworks sites, 6 quarries and mines, 6 sets of steps and trail stonework, 4 bridges and abutments.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 21 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
From Crooked road along Lake Wood through Breakneck /Hulls Cove brook ravine connecting to Fawn Pond Path 1 continuing t	Lost trail	3.3
Breakneck Road, north of Breakneck Pond	Old road	2.5
prior to 1926 shows as woods road	Lost trail	2.1
half moon connect to witch hole	Lost trail	1.3
from New Duck Brook through Breakneck / Hulls cove brook connects to fawn Pond 2 for complete path	Lost trail	1.2
section visable on 1906 path map	Old road	0.9
Wood road, Breakneck Road to Lake Wood	Old road	0.9
Fawn Pond	Lost trail	0.5
Intervale Road	Old road	0.5
Witch Hole Path-new log	Lost trail	0.5

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** possible social path junction down to beach. Not followed.
10 Jul 2010
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** Intervale Road. Leaves Intervale wetland.
8 Aug 2010
- ☐ **3 Start of track.** swampy area ends and book begins.
7 Jul 2011
- ☐ **4 End of track.** Witch Hole Path. Dam 1, east end. Dam broken, could not cross. Length 50' S21W.
8 Aug 2010
- ☐ **5 End of track.** Road ends in clearing or field. No path seems to continue.
8 Aug 2010
- ☐ **6 End of track.** Witch Hole Path. Dam 4, west end. Dam is S shaped.
8 Aug 2010
- ☐ **7 Artifact.** Refguse - plastic bottle.
11 Sep 2010
- ☐ **8 Steps.** Starts on bank of creek bed. there are approx 18 steps that lead to a rocky over look where they stop. To get to the rim road one needs to scramble up the remainig bank side.
6 Aug 2019
- ☐ **9 Steps.** Slope has shifted and brought down couple of trees and covered any remains of the stone path. the three steps reamine though under water do to the rise of lake level. The beavers have raised the level of the pond by approx one foot since daming the bridge.
26 Aug 2025
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** Location of iron pin if rockpile is correct.
27 Aug 2017

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

From Crooked road along Lake Wood through...: ☐ Rim Road · ☐ Stairs ×2 · ☐ Steps ×2 · ☐ Blow Dam

Breakneck Road: ☐ Breakneck Rd · ☐ Brknk Gate · ☐ Beaver dam ×2 · ☐ Dam Break · ☐ Dan Break · ☐ Stone Well · ☐ Jacobi Road ×2 · ☐ Paved

half moon connect to witch hole: ☐ Abutment · ☐ Brook

Wood road: ☐ Quarry Road · ☐ Road Woods



1928 Stone memorial bridge in disrepair. see pages 102 103 Pathmakers for details. available NPS · 25 Aug 2010



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McFarland Mountain & Young

206

tracks

34.1

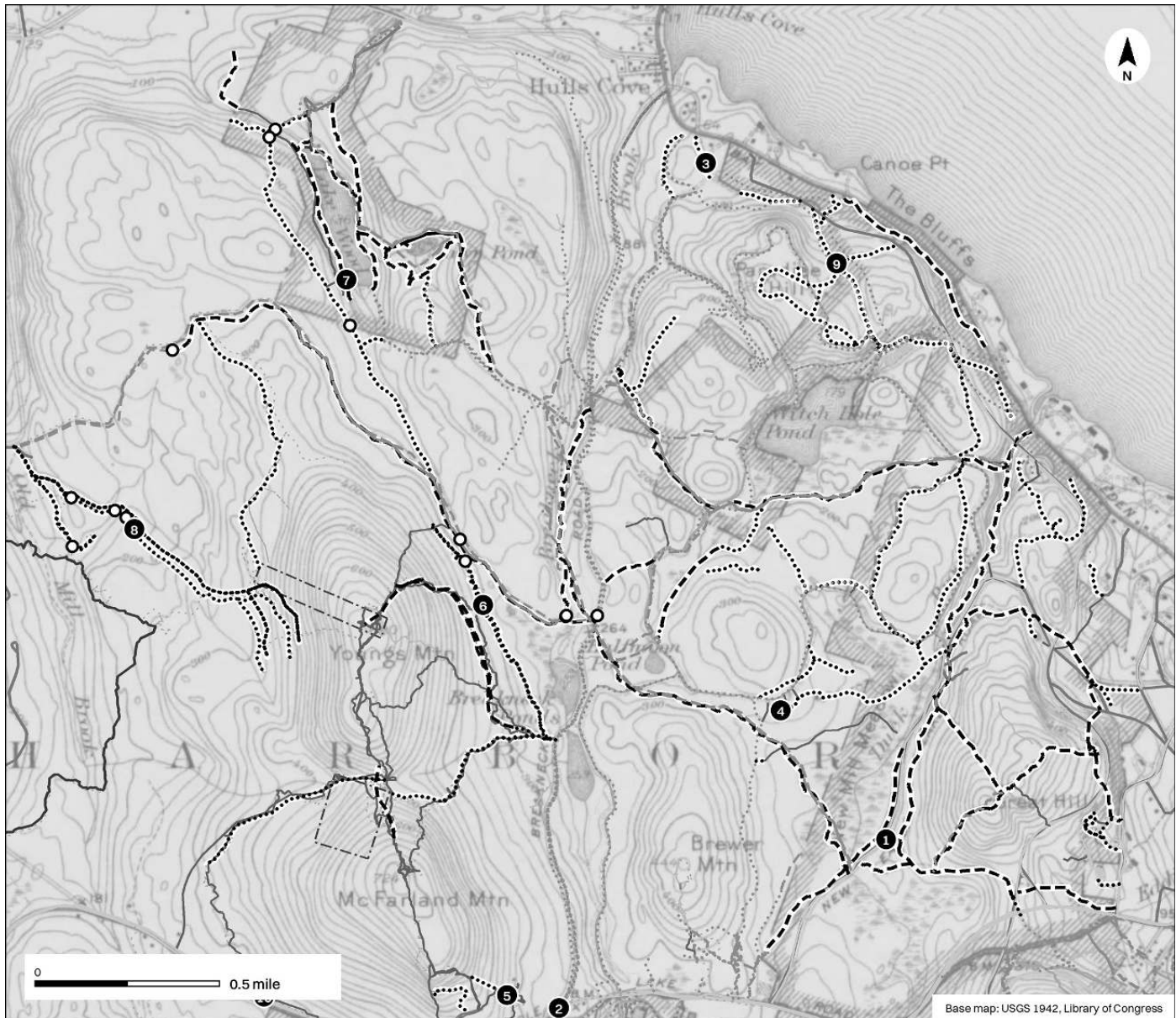
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things to look for

112

historic features



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The field folder for McFarland Mountain & Young holds 206 recorded tracks, walked between 2007–2019. About 34.1 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 25 boundary and survey markers, 14 bridges and abutments, 14 mill, dam and waterworks sites, 13 building and camp sites.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 97 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Wood road from Old Norway Drive to west side of Youngs Mtn. From 1956 photo	Old road	3.1
Bar Harbor Bridle Path, inside park. Posted at boundary	Lost trail	1.7
Road from Bar Harbor Bridle Path to Lake Wood, high on west ridge	Old road	1.1
Fawn Pond Path Duck Brook Road to carriage road	Lost trail	0.9
Youngs Mtn, west side. Upper woods road, western fork	Old road	0.8
Youngs Mtn North Woods Road to BH Bridle Path	Old road	0.8
Water Pipe Trail. From New Mill Meadow to Filter	Lost trail	0.7
Duck Brook Path 1	Lost trail	0.7
Youngs Mtn Road. East side of mountain, near Breakneck Pond	Old road	0.7
Old carriage road on Paradise Hill	Old road	0.7

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

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| <p>☐ 1 Start of track. Entrance (recent) to Bracken Path at New Eagle Lake Road. By utility pole P53 - 15.
20 Aug 2009</p> <p>☐ 2 Start of track. Old road going through Park from Eagle Lake Road to Hulls Cove. Owned by town of Bar Harbor. Washed out in places but easy to follow. snowmobiles allowed in winter, off road biking.
12 Sep 2019</p> <p>☐ 3 End of track. West end of Corkscrew Hill Road comes into clearing behind private (or ANP) residence.
28 Jun 2010</p> <p>☐ 4 End of track. Quarry Road. Route unclear. May end or continue across field to Brewer Mtn Rd.
3 Aug 2011</p> <p>☐ 5 Artifact. McFarlands Hill. Cables from old ski tow.
15 Jul 2016</p> | <p>☐ 6 Artifact. Youngs Mtn Road. 4 rusted oil drums.
19 Jul 2016</p> <p>☐ 7 Steps. Lake Wood west shore. 3 steps up and about 9 down over a ledge by the water.
22 Jul 2011</p> <p>☐ 8 Survey marker. Youngs Mtn. ANP Boundary sign, post and disk. line runs 120 - 300.
4 Aug 2016</p> <p>☐ 9 Stone post. Paradise Hill. Stone post marker on Corkscrew Hill Road.
11 Jun 2017</p> <p>☐ 10 Iron rod. ANP Boundary. iron pin at side of Eagle Lake Road. E side of park strip.
30 Aug 2016</p> |
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Waypoints along the trails

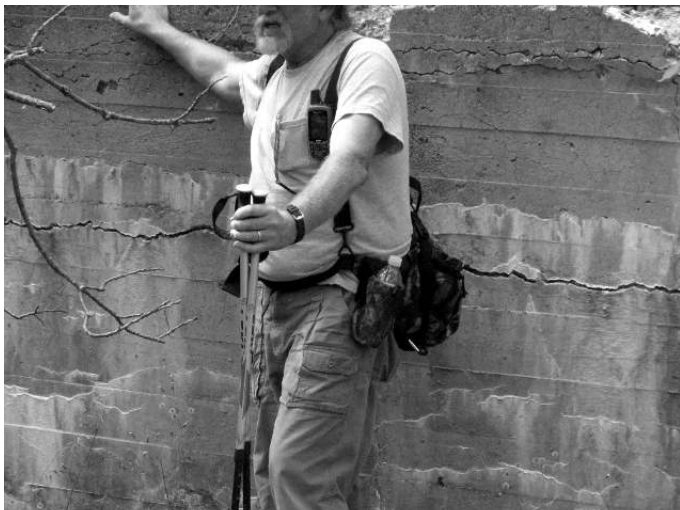
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Wood road from Old Norway Drive to west side...: ☐ Boundary · ☐ Bridge

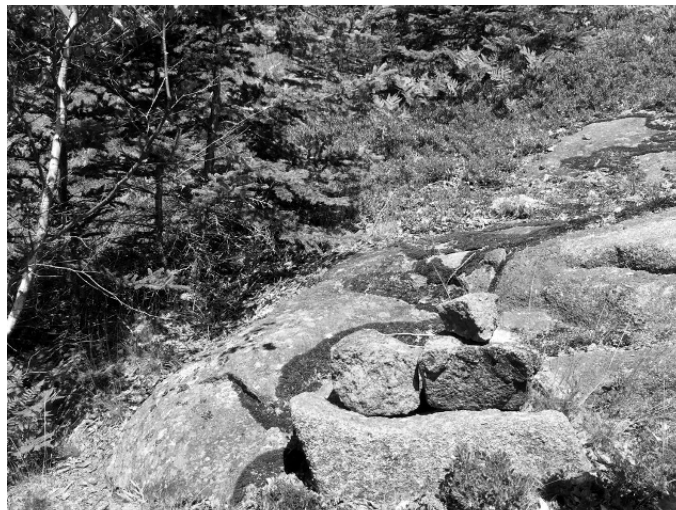
Bar Harbor Bridle Path: ☐ Park boundary · ☐ Deer Ex Area · ☐ Cairn · ☐ Dam remains · ☐ Old dam · ☐ BH Bridle Path

Road from Bar Harbor Bridle Path to Lake Wood: ☐ Brook x2 · ☐ Ditch

Youngs Mtn: ☐ Brook · ☐ ANP Boundary



Garage foundation at Rowell estate · 17 Aug 2009



McF Tr. Big cairn 14. off trail · 13 Jul 2016



Lake Wood. Granite Bridge over outlet · 24 Aug 2010



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Sargent Mountain

238

tracks

38.2

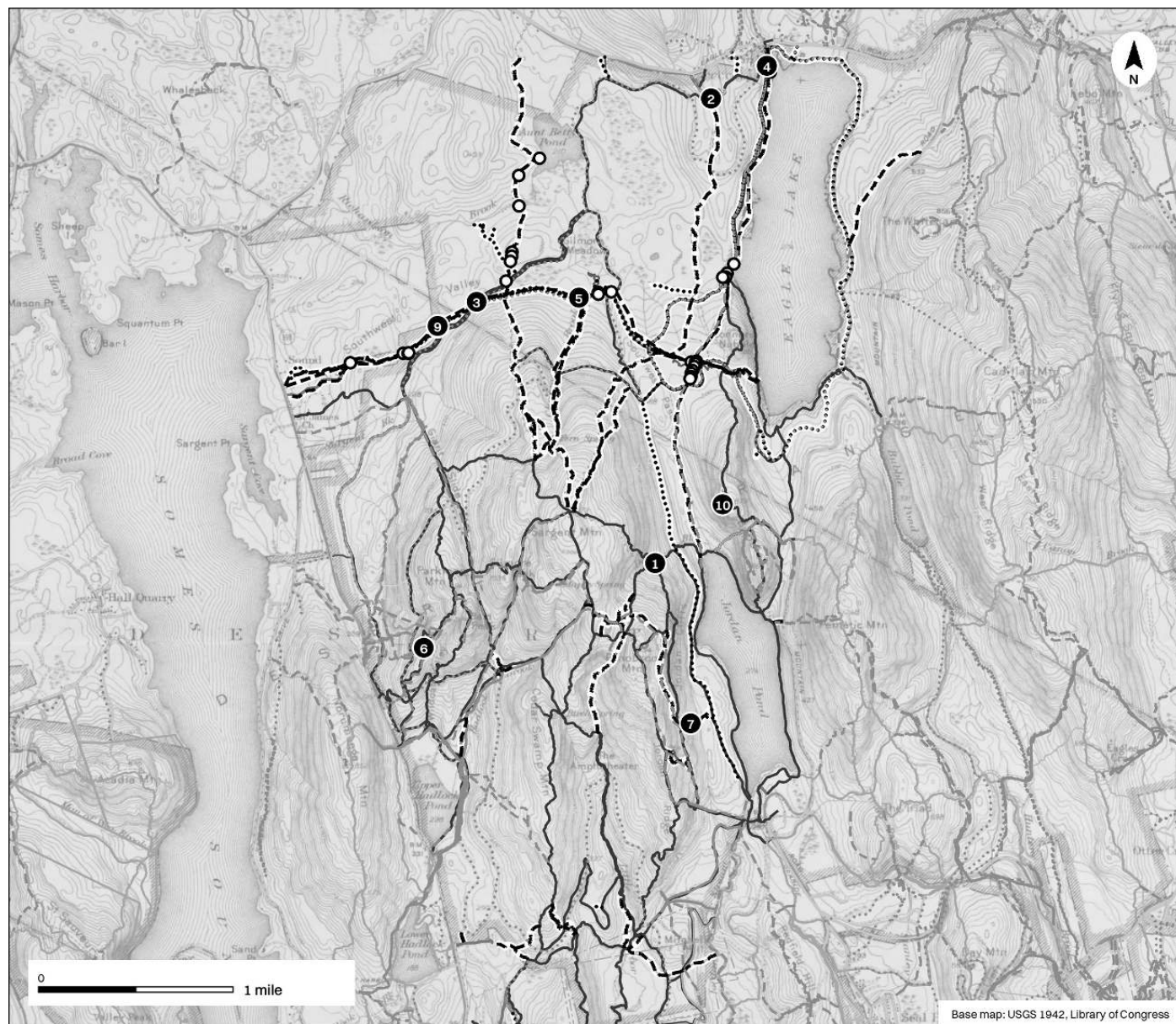
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things to look for

73

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets B2, C2, C3.

The field folder for Sargent Mountain holds 238 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2025. About 38.2 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 27 sets of steps and trail stonework, 14 boundary and survey markers, 10 bridges and abutments, 9 stone walls and fences.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 65 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Southwest Valley Road	Lost trail	3.9
Carriage road marker 10	Old road	2.2
Aunt Betty's Pond Trail, northern section. Carriage road to house near Eagle Lake Road	Lost trail	1.4
Curran Path west of Burnt Bubble	Lost trail	1.3
Curran Path along shore of Eagle Lake	Lost trail	1.2
Southwest Valley Road. Middle section formerly carriage roads	Old road	1.1
Aunt Betty's Pond Trail	Lost trail	1.0
Southwest Valley Road, Rt 198 to carriage road.(Except projected near house)	Old road	1.0
Curran Path, carriage road to Jordan Pond	Lost trail	1.0
Chasm Brook Trail to jct Fern Spring Tr	Lost trail	1.0

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

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|---|---|
| <p>☐ 1 Start of track. Jct, Deer Brook Tr, Jordan Cliffs Tr and Sargent East Cliffs Tr.
31 Dec 1970</p> <p>☐ 2 Start of track. McFarland's Path leaves a dirt road in park maintenance area, near antenna.
30 Aug 2009</p> <p>☐ 3 End of track. SW Valley Rd. West end of old carriage road section at lower carriage road.
27 Aug 2015</p> <p>☐ 4 End of track. Carriage road Jct 9, at NW end of Eagle Lake.
27 Aug 2015</p> <p>☐ 5 Artifact. Broken tow ring from wagon?
27 Aug 2015</p> | <p>☐ 6 Steps. Jct Browns-Little Browns Trail and Little Browns Tr. Up one step ledge to bench, below second steep ledge. Or possible below both ledges.
20 Aug 2009</p> <p>☐ 7 Steps. Jordan Pond Tr, Possible steps but after finding Cairn 6 probably not.
24 Aug 2011</p> <p>☐ 8 Survey marker. SW Valley Rd. ANP Boundary post and bronze disk to N of road.
24 Aug 2015</p> <p>☐ 9 Survey marker. Department of Interior granite wiht disk.
24 Aug 2015</p> <p>☐ 10 Iron rod. Above sloping rock that looks like route of Cliff Trail. Iron pin 60' WSW below.
28 Jul 2009</p> |
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Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Southwest Valley Road: ☐ Chasim Brook · ☐ SW Valley Road · ☐ Rock wall ×2 · ☐ Big Brook · ☐ Brook · ☐ Chasm Brook · ☐ Stream

Aunt Betty's Pond Trail: ☐ Pine overlook · ☐ Cairn ×6

Curran Path west of Burnt Bubble: ☐ Eagle Lake · ☐ Signpost · ☐ Cairn · ☐ Curran Path · ☐ Cairn Cur ×7 · ☐ Carriage Road

Curran Path along shore of Eagle Lake: ☐ Leave Path · ☐ Fire



Broken tow ring from wagon? · 27 Aug 2015



Department of Interior granite with disk · 24 Aug 2015



Jordan Pond Tr, Cairn 3 · 24 Aug 2011



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The West Side

West of Somes Sound the island is quieter: Beech Mountain and Canada Cliffs, Echo Lake, the Lurvey Spring road, Acadia and St. Sauveur, the old farms and logging roads of Western Mountain and Seal Cove Road, and the shore at Seawall and Ship Harbor. Stonework from old footbridges still spans the brooks. The Southwest Harbor village society kept these paths in the years before the park.

The Southwest Harbor society listed 39 trails in the 1915 Path Guide, grouped around Freeman Ridge, Great Pond, Western Mountain, Beech Mountain, Flying Mountain and Dog and Robinson Mountains. Many of these names no longer appear on park maps.

3	763	98	404
areas	tracks	miles lost trail and old road	historic features recorded



Numbers mark the areas in this book, as listed in the contents. The other recorded tracks are shown for context.

Acadia Mountain

Acadia Mountain was Robinson Mountain

100

tracks

4.9

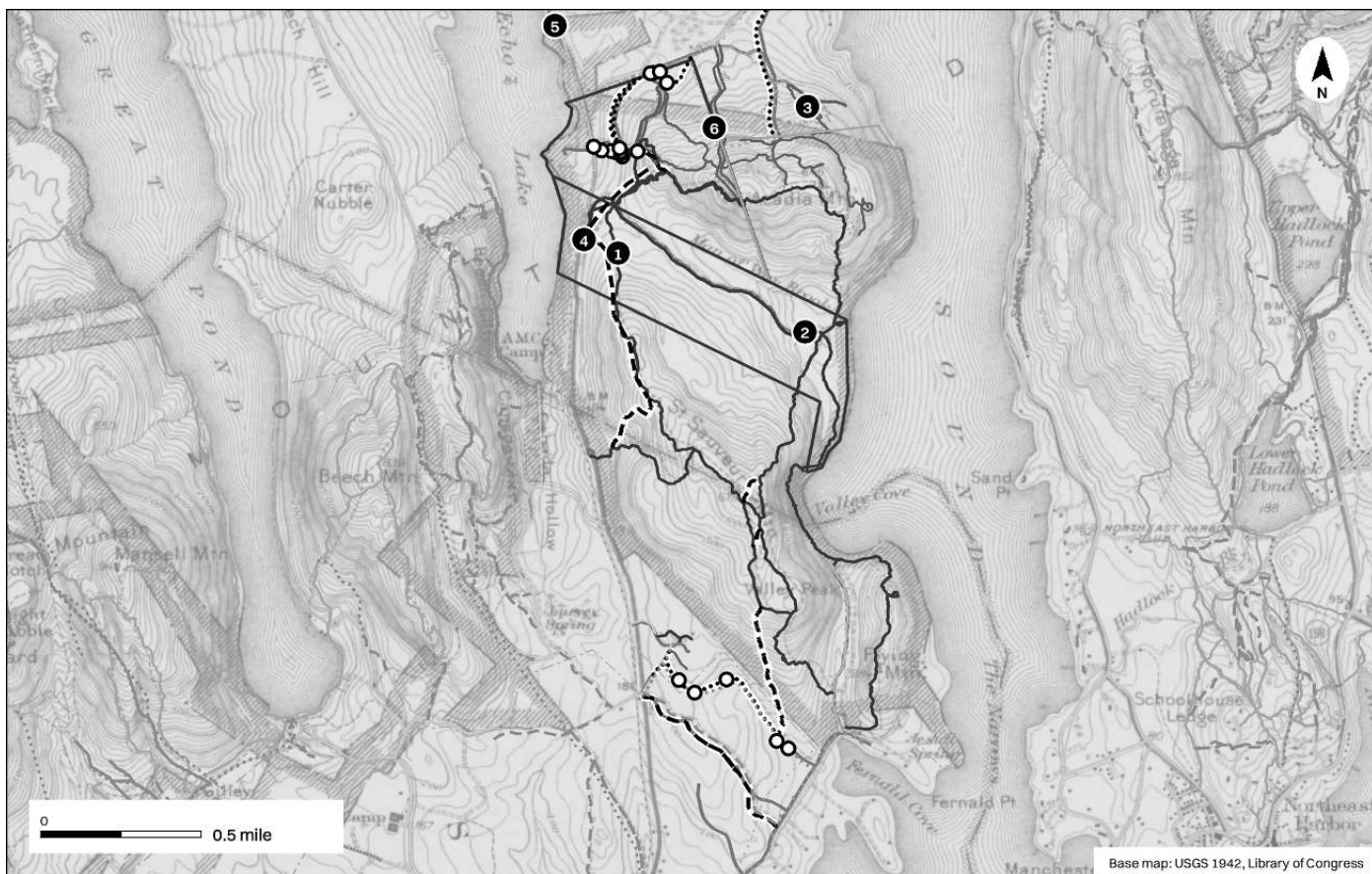
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

44

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheet B3.

The field folder for Acadia Mountain holds 100 recorded tracks, walked between 2006–2025. About 4.9 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 14 boundary and survey markers, 13 quarries and mines, 6 sets of steps and trail stonework, 4 springs and wells.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 14 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Dole Trail, Fernald Point Road to Somesville Road	Lost trail	0.7
Slide Trail Road, abandoned	Old road	0.5
Slide Trail, abandoned portion to base of mtn	Lost trail	0.5
Somesville Road Trail	Lost trail	0.3
Quarry Woods Road	Old road	0.3
Connector, Ledge Tr to St. Sauveur Tr. Closed 2013 · <i>St. Sauveur was Dog Mountain</i>	Lost trail	0.2
Old Hall Quarry Road-looped around a wetland	Old road	0.2
Dole Trail, Fernald Point Road to Indian Brook Road	Lost trail	0.2
Dole Trail on abandoned road	Lost trail	0.2
Connector from summit to Eagle Cliff Tr	Lost trail	0.1

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

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|---|---|
| ☐ 1 Start of track. Jct. Entrance Tr. with Acadia Mtn. and St. Sauveur Mtn. Trails.
11 Aug 2009 | ☐ 4 Steps. Connector at Acadia-St Sauveur Trails entrance, top of steps.
30 Aug 2014 |
| ☐ 2 End of track. Turnaround at end of Robinson Road (Man-O-War Brook Fire Truck Trail).
11 Aug 2009 | ☐ 5 Survey marker. disk in boulder 1.5 ft right of way rt 102.
25 Sep 2025 |
| ☐ 3 Well. Acadia Mtn 3 Road ends. Well Trail starts.
29 Jul 2025 | ☐ 6 Iron rod. Acadia Mtn north line. Iron bolt and pile of rocks.
24 Jul 2025 |

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Slide Trail Road: ☐ Cairn ×2 · ☐ New House · ☐ Private road · ☐ Slide Trail

Somesville Road Trail: ☐ Cairn ×5 · ☐ Quarry ×2 · ☐ Quarry One · ☐ Tools · ☐ Tool Quarry

Old Hall Quarry Road-looped around a wetland: ☐ Robb Trail ×2 · ☐ ANP Disk · ☐ Hall Quarry Road



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Beech Mountain & Echo Lake

209

tracks

19.4

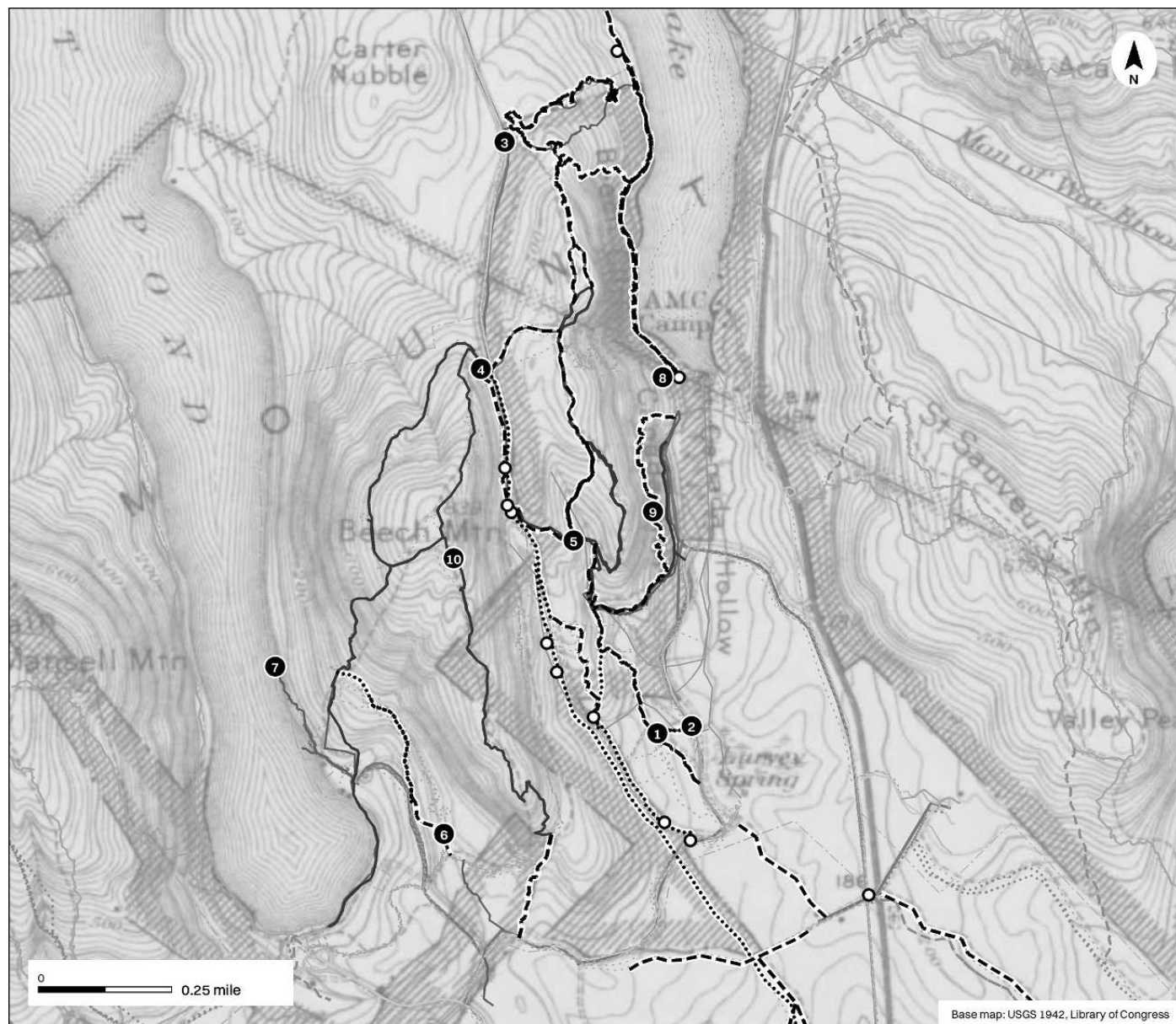
miles lost trail and old road

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things to look for

32

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheet B3.

The field folder for Beech Mountain & Echo Lake holds 209 recorded tracks, walked between 2005–2024. About 19.4 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 17 sets of steps and trail stonework, 4 springs and wells, 3 cemeteries and graves, 2 mill, dam and waterworks sites.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 22 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Beech Hill Road	Old road	1.6
Echo Lake Trail. Beach to Camp Beech Cliff boathouse along shore	Lost trail	1.6
Echo Lake shore trail (DG edited)	Lost trail	1.5
SWH Highway	Old road	1.4
Blue Trail	Lost trail	1.3
Old Beech Cliff Trail	Lost trail	1.2
Canada Cliffs Loop	Lost trail	1.1
Beech Mtn Woods Road. From camp road to West Ridge Trail	Old road	1.0
connor pt	Lost trail	0.6
Beech Cliff Trail. Abandoned section, Lurvey Spring Road to Canada Cliffs Tr	Lost trail	0.6

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Jct with cross trail east. is a large pine tree? approx 113 feet at bearing 333.66 from the found sign (LH).
30 Aug 2007
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** Cross Trail at Lurvey Spring Road (LH).
30 Aug 2007
- ☐ **3 Start of track.** Beech Hill Road, 75' north of change in pavement. On old road leading to foundation of small buildings.
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **4 Start of track.** Trailhead, Beech Mtn summit Trails in parking lot.
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **5 End of track.** South end of Canada Cliffs cutoff trail.
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **6 End of track.** Constructed trail seems to end here.
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **7 End of track.** Swimming Ledges at SE end of Pond.
2 Sep 2020
- ☐ **8 Steps.** Trailhead, Beech Cliff Ladder Trail at parking area.
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **9 Steps.** Major staircase (some lost; unsure of number).
19 Jul 2009
- ☐ **10 Steps.** Beech Mtn S Ridge Tr. New steps 2018.
26 Aug 2018

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Beech Hill Road: ☐ Beech Hill · ☐ Old trail · ☐ Rock Works · ☐ Spring ×2 · ☐ Talus cave

Echo Lake Trail: ☐ Steps Beach · ☐ Old Cabin

SWH Highway: ☐ B Bolt Horse · ☐ Carroll · ☐ Bolt Project

Blue Trail: ☐ Steps ×6 · ☐ Climb Cliff · ☐ Old Trail



Horse Tavern brook stonework



Mill Pond at foot of Pond · 27 Aug 2020



Location of mine pit. Currently not reachable due to Falcon Nesting. Point is just below hidden by Spruce trees. Area opens August 15, 2012. Site confirmed by local geologist, Duane Braum · 22 Sep 2018



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Carter Family cemetery · 30 Jul 2008



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Western Mountain

454

tracks

73.4

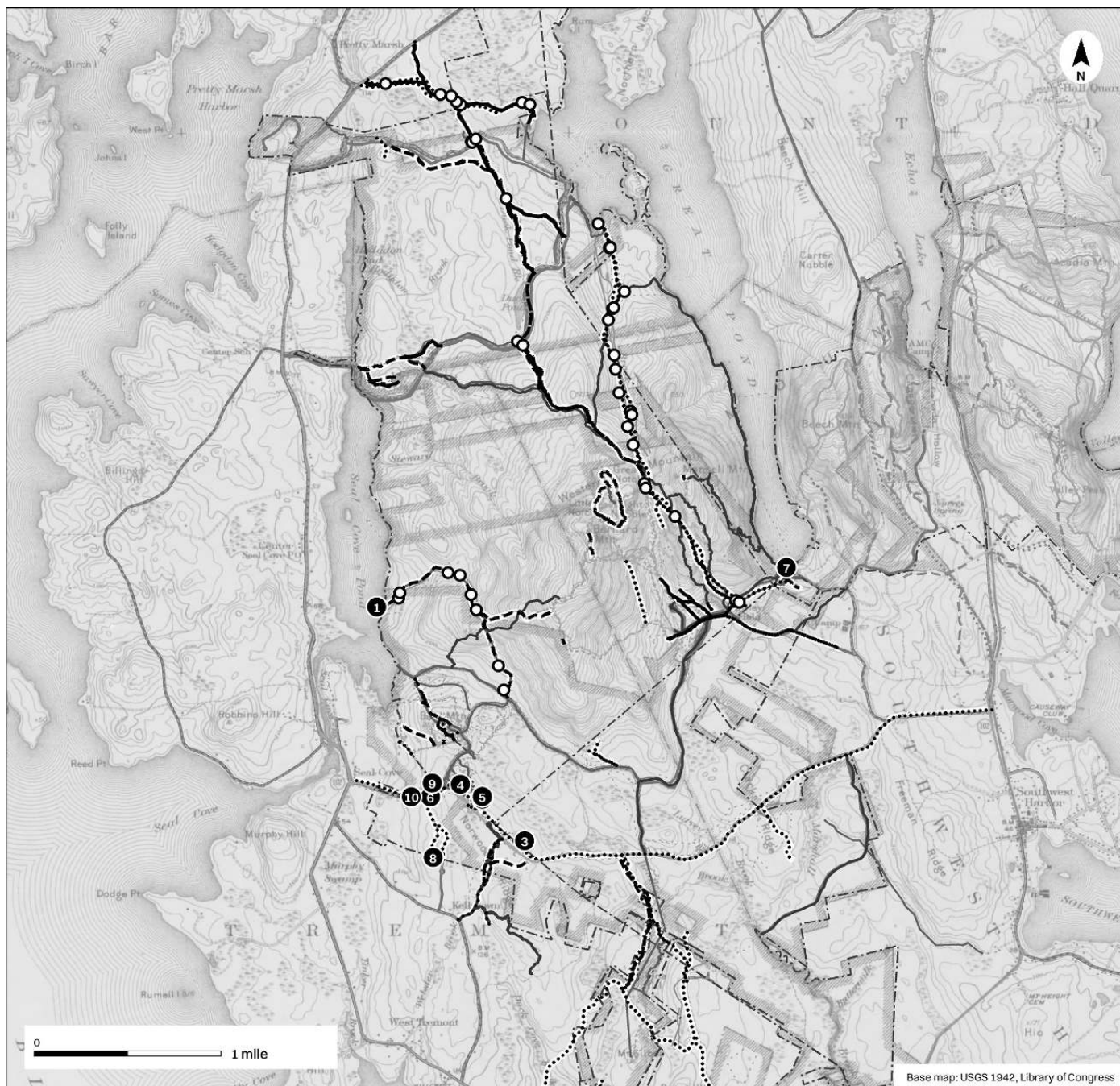
miles lost trail and old road

209

things to look for

328

historic features



Numbered circles mark the things to look for, as listed below; small open circles mark the waypoints along the trails. Atlas sheets A2, A3, B3, B4.

The field folder for Western Mountain holds 454 recorded tracks, walked between 1999–2025. About 73.4 miles of it follow lost trails and old roads. Historic features noted along the way include 78 boundary and survey markers, 48 stone walls and fences, 41 cellar holes and foundations, 32 cemeteries and graves.

Top 10 lost trails and old roads

The ten longest of the 53 recorded here. The rest are in the online Atlas.

NAME AS RECORDED	TYPE	MILES
Pretty Marsh	Lost trail	12.7
Best guess from Chart map	Old road	2.3
Mansell Mtn Logging Road. Long Pond to Great Notch	Old road	1.5
Seal Cove to Kelly Town Extension	Lost trail	1.3
Bernard Mountain West	Lost trail	1.3
Road Burnt Hill	Old road	1.3
Sawmill 1	Old road	1.0
Road Duck Cove	Old road	1.0
China Hill Road. Continues south toward Tremont	Old road	0.9
Pretty Marsh Trail across loop in duck Brook Road	Lost trail	0.9

On the hunt: what to look for

Quoted from the field notebook. Tick each one you find, and report what you see.

- ☐ **1 Start of track.** Your Garmin GPSMAP 60CSx uses an unknown waypoint symbol (36). Please send this GPX file to support@expertgps.com so that the new symbols can be added to the program.
22 Jul 2015
- ☐ **2 Start of track.** EXCAVATED ROAD BED LEADING TO FLAT LOWER LEVEL BELOW GRAVE. Approx two truck wide. Level below this level seems to have been dug out of the landscape. Found steel cable on edge of second level.
21 Aug 2022
- ☐ **3 End of track.** N B Kelley. Rock pile under moss. end of cleared area. Falls off to northeast.
19 Aug 2022
- ☐ **4 End of track.** Trail ends in mass blowdown. no sign of trail going forward. I stayed up on Ridge and followed my nose since I knew where I was going to get to the Willard Norwood home. Blow down area could have been clear area.
20 Aug 2022
- ☐ **5 Artifact.** Old steel cable on edge of the next lower level. about a 30 foot drop at this edge.
21 Aug 2022
- ☐ **6 Well.** may be well. about 4 foot diameter seems to be rock filled. very over grown.
12 Aug 2015
- ☐ **7 Steps.** 3 stairs headin South along Cold Brook 9 Stairs heading up to road. set of 3 stairs that made me head up brook.
5 Aug 2015
- ☐ **8 Survey marker.** T Norwood Woods Road. ANP Boundary Post. New disk C4. Jct with path along boundary.
17 Aug 2015
- ☐ **9 Stone post.** ANP Boundary post and granite post with new stainless center mark. Mark is divided into thirds with "NGA".
14 Sep 2015
- ☐ **10 Iron rod.** NPS and Steel Rod inbedded into Ground. There were also 3 single strands of Fence wire attached to trees. Fence Line. could see more wire but did no track.
4 Aug 2015

Waypoints along the trails

Named as they were marked on the GPS, in walking order. No coordinates: follow the line on the map and see what you can find.

Pretty Marsh: ☐ Culvert x2 · ☐ Great Notch · ☐ Brook x3 · ☐ Boulder · ☐ Park Boulder · ☐ Wood Chip dump · ☐ Path in moss · ☐ Rd to Pond · ☐ Park Boundary x2 · ☐ Near camp

Best guess from Chart map: ☐ Cold Brook · ☐ Woods road · ☐ Razorback · ☐ Great Notch · ☐ Notch · ☐ By Brook x2 · ☐ Long Pond

Mansell Mtn Logging Road: ☐ Cairn x2 · ☐ Machete Cairn · ☐ Great Brook · ☐ Bridge · ☐ Trl bridge · ☐ Brook · ☐ Beaver dam · ☐ By brook · ☐ Cross brook x2 · ☐ Brook ends

Bernard Mountain West: ☐ Next to Brook · ☐ Join stream · ☐ Cross Brook · ☐ Cross stream · ☐ Flagging · ☐ Stream · ☐ Brook x2



Well at John Norwood homestead · 14 Sep 2015



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Historic Features

The old paths left more than lines on a map. Along them the field notes record cellar holes and foundations, stone steps and walls, bridge abutments, quarries, mill dams, springs, cemeteries and the scattered debris of camps and farms. Each was marked with a note written on the spot. This edition describes them but does not say exactly where they are.

Altogether 1,654 historic features are recorded in the field data. Many of them stand on private land or in places the park asks hikers to avoid. Look, photograph, leave everything where you find it and report what you see; removing artifacts from park land is against federal law.

What the old paths left behind

TYPE OF FEATURE	RECORDED	AREAS WITH THE MOST
Steps & trail stonework	374	Champlain & the White Paths, Cadillac & Dorr, Day Mountain & the Triad
Boundary & survey marker	364	Western Mountain, Day Mountain & the Triad, McFarland Mountain & Young
Bridge & abutment	169	Western Mountain, Barr Hill, Champlain & the White Paths
Stone wall & fence	123	Western Mountain, Cadillac & Dorr, McFarland Mountain & Young
Cellar hole & foundation	120	Western Mountain, McFarland Mountain & Young, Champlain & the White Paths
Building & camp site	99	Western Mountain, McFarland Mountain & Young, Champlain & the White Paths
Quarry & mine	94	Western Mountain, Acadia Mountain, Black Woods & Hunters Beach
Mill, dam & waterworks	89	Lake Wood, Western Mountain, McFarland Mountain & Young
Cemetery & grave	82	Western Mountain, Black Woods & Hunters Beach, Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive
Spring & well	55	Western Mountain, Sargent Mountain, Cadillac & Dorr
Artifacts & debris	41	Western Mountain, Cadillac & Dorr, Black Woods & Hunters Beach
Other remains	35	Western Mountain, Champlain & the White Paths, Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive
Inscription & memorial	9	Western Mountain, Champlain & the White Paths, Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive

Examples from the field notebook



Steps & trail stonework. Top edge of "Old Sargent Ravine" i was following washout as possible road and ended on top of Ravine looking down. FALLS AWAY to culvert with incredible stone work going under the current drive.

Brown Mountain & Sargent Drive · 22 Jul 2019



Boundary & survey marker. Tilting Rock Road. Boundary Stone 1 (LH 6)

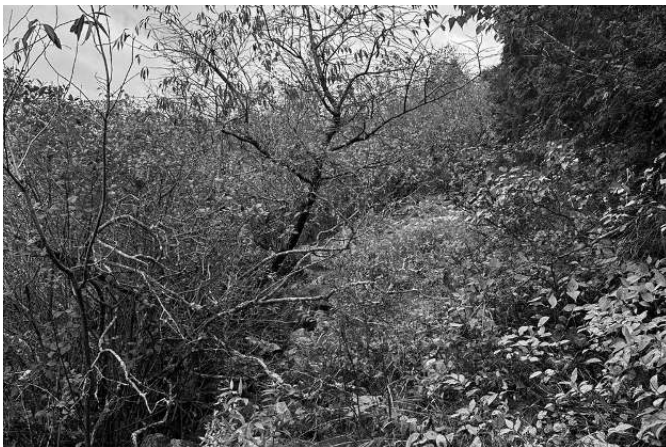
Day Mountain & the Triad · 30 Jul 2013



Bridge & abutment. Lake Wood. Granite Bridge over outlet.
McFarland Mountain & Young · 24 Jul 2015



Quarry & mine. Wonderland quarry, Open ledges -high point
Seawall · 7 Oct 2022



Stone wall & fence. This wall holds back a flat wide walk way. One has to bushwack to get through
Cadillac & Dorr · 16 Oct 2023



Mill, dam & waterworks. Glen Eyrie. Well or cistern. Rock lined circular hole. Largely filled in.
Bar Harbor Village · 24 Sep 2021



Cellar hole & foundation. Garage foundation at Rowell estate
McFarland Mountain & Young · 20 Aug 2009



Cemetery & grave. Carter Family cemetery
Beech Mountain & Echo Lake · 29 Jul 2009

Spring & well. Stream Crossing 2 large stones allow easy crossing and a gentle slope up the bed. leading to a camel back exit between stream and large depression on north side of stream very close to the road (LH)
Beech Mountain & Echo Lake · 30 Aug 2007



Artifacts & debris. looks like cable pipe? has connector joint on one end. other end was buried in ground and rusted.

Parkman & Little Brown · 21 Jul 2012

Other remains. Rock-lined pit, about 4' x 8-10' On side of slope. Only about 1' deep to rim of rocks, deeper overall. Area to north is flat and cleared.

Western Mountain · 4 Aug 2022



Inscription & memorial. 1928 Stone memorial bridge in disrepair. see pages 102 103 Pathmakers for details. available NPS

Lake Wood · 10 Jul 2010

The Pest Houses of Bar Harbor

For half a century the Town of Eden kept a small isolation hospital in the woods for anyone with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or typhoid. It moved three times. Deeds, town reports and old newspapers say where; GPS points, foundations and a scatter of pots and buckets confirm it.



Second pest house foundation, Brewer quarry road, 4 Aug 2010

Not a joke, a plague house

"Pest" is short for pestilence, the old word for plague, and in the 1800s nearly every town kept one of these houses. The law said they had to be well away from other homes, and in Bar Harbor (still called the Town of Eden until 1918) that meant a cabin in the woods near Witch Hole Pond, and later near Eagle Lake.

The village hospital did not take contagious cases, so families, and sometimes children on their own, went into isolation there until they recovered or did not.

This page draws on David Goodrich's 2020 paper, *Preliminary Findings Regarding Bar Harbor Pest Houses*

(lostrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/preliminary-findings-regarding-bar-harbor-pest-houses.pdf), and the field work that he and Les Heilakka did in 2010 and 2020.



Bowl and bucket below the ridge at the second site, 6 Aug 2020

Where they stood

The numbered pins mark each foundation. Smaller dots are the related points: deed corners, lot lines, wells, cairns and finds. The old roads to each site are drawn over the 1942 USGS map.



Numbered points mark the main sites; open circles are related field points. The chapter's tracks are drawn in full strength over the 1942 USGS map.

Witch Hole Pond

In use by 1895 · bought by the town 1903 · sold back 1904

The first record is a sad one. The Bar Harbor Record of 18 December 1895 told of John Young, who had lost his wife and two children to typhoid; his ten-year-old son was living at "the pest house at the Witch Hole" in the care of Nicholas Curran. The building stood on land of the late Daniel W. Brewer, whose family ran an ice business on Witch Hole Pond.

At the March 1903 town meeting Eden voted \$750 for the lot and \$250 for repairs. On 14 March 1903 Frank Brewer sold the town 0.3 acre with the buildings on it, on the Corkscrew Hill Road about 125 yards from the Paradise Hill section of today's Park Loop Road. The Board of Health described an eight-room building, fairly well fitted, about two miles from the village.

A year later the town sold it back to Brewer for \$1,000 and a new half-acre lot near Eagle Lake. Why he wanted it back is not recorded. Perhaps he needed it for the ice business, or perhaps a pest house beside the pond was

bad for the reputation of his ice. The sale closed on 10 June 1904.

Found in the field · 31 July 2020

- Foundation, 25 by 21 feet
- The well beside it
- The private way off the Corkscrew Hill Road, and where it ends
- Deed corners paced out from a clump of birches at the junction (PH1-0 to PH1-3)
- A "Relic" cairn nearby



The well at the first pest house, 31 Jul 2020

Brewer quarry road, Eagle Lake

Built 1904 · in use into the 1920s · sold to George B. Dorr 1927

The town moved fast, perhaps too fast. On 13 April 1904 the Bar Harbor Record reported that Seth Hopkins had started work on a new pest house, three weeks before the town owned the land. It was a two-story wooden building, 24 feet square, with a hall, a large ward, a kitchen and a servant's room downstairs and a second ward upstairs. The deed of 6 May 1904 gave a half-acre lot, 143 by 152 feet, on the "old New Mill Meadow line", with a 16-foot right-of-way to the old Eagle Lake Road.

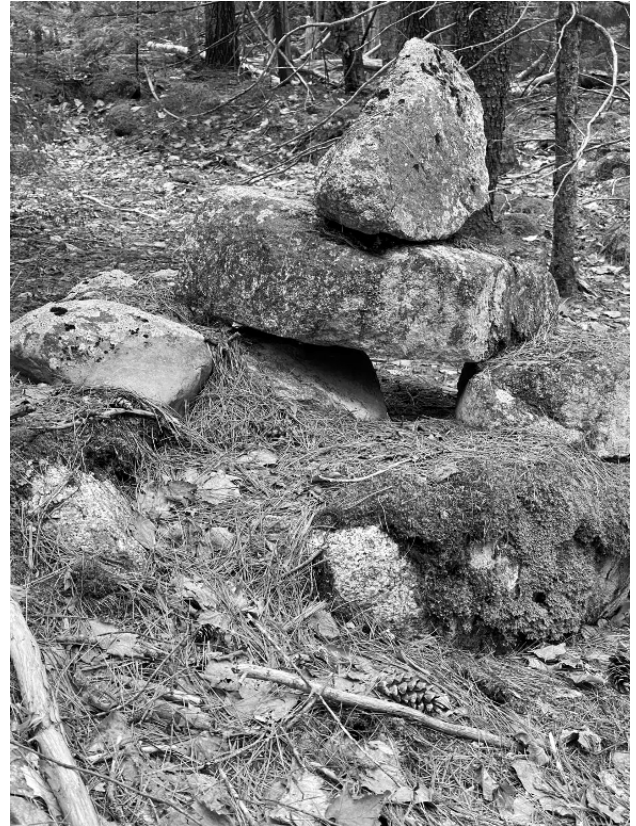
The deed alone could not place the lot, but the newspaper could: "on the eastern side of the Brewer quarry road just north of the old Eagle Lake Road ... on the southern slope of the hill." That description brought back a 2010 walk. On 4 August 2010 Les and David had found a foundation on the east side of that very road, about 250 yards north of the Eagle Lake Road, with an old washtub beside it.

In 1910 George Marshall, his wife and their child were nursed here through diphtheria; the child died. Because the family were paupers, Eden sued Southwest Harbor for the cost of their care and won (Maine Reports, vol. 108, p. 489). By 1926 the town reported "no cases in the pest house". In 1927 it voted to sell, and on 21 April 1927 the lot

went to George B. Dorr. It is now part of Acadia National Park.

Found in the field · 2010 and August 2020

- Foundation with washtub, 4 Aug 2010
- Enamel pot, bowl and bucket, and a 12-inch clay pipe
- A dump of buckets and metal cans
- Four possible cellars near the road
- The New Mill Meadow line, projected from the 1887 Colby & Stuart map
- The Bates-style cairn "Cairn LG" used for this site's logo



"Cairn LG" near the second site, 4 Aug 2020

The isolated hospital, Woodbury Road

Bought 1911 · in use through 1918 and 1926 · burned in the 1947 fire

In 1911 the town decided the Eagle Lake house would not do: it had no plumbing and no good water supply, even though the main water pipeline ran about 100 yards away. Eden voted \$5,000 and on 24 March 1911 bought 4.5 acres off the Woodbury Road from Harriet Roberts. Town reports went on calling it the hospital "on the Eagle Lake Road".

Fred Savage, the architect of many Bar Harbor cottages, drew plans for an isolated hospital in 1913, although it is not certain they were the ones used. The 1916 Sanborn atlas marks a "Contagious Hospital" here. It was used in

the 1918 influenza epidemic and again in 1926. The town paid for its upkeep most years until 1947, and the building burned in the great fire that October.

Found in the field · 31 July 2020

- Foundation
- Survey bolt at the lot
- A "hospital" cairn beside it
- The 1911 lot boundary, plotted from the deed survey ("New Isolate" 1 to 8)



Third pest house foundation, 31 Jul 2020

Fifty years in eleven dates

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|--------------------|--|
| 1895 | A typhoid case: the Young boy goes to the pest house at the Witch Hole, on Brewer land. |
| 14 Mar 1903 | Eden buys the Witch Hole lot and its eight-room building from Frank Brewer. |
| Mar 1904 | The town meeting votes to sell it back to Brewer for \$1,000 and a new lot near Eagle Lake. |
| 13 Apr 1904 | Seth Hopkins is already building the second pest house on the Brewer quarry road. |
| 6 May 1904 | Brewer deeds the half-acre lot on the old New Mill Meadow line. |
| 10 Jun 1904 | The Witch Hole lot is sold back to Brewer. |
| 1910 | The Marshall family is nursed through diphtheria; the case ends up in Maine's highest court. |
| 24 Mar 1911 | The town buys 4.5 acres off Woodbury Road for a proper isolated hospital. |
| 1918 | The isolated hospital takes patients during the influenza epidemic. |

21 Apr 1927 With contagious disease on the wane, the old pest house lot is sold to George B. Dorr.

Oct 1947 The isolated hospital burns in the Bar Harbor fire.

Deeds, reports and clippings

The documents behind this story, all in the Library.

Preliminary Findings Regarding Bar Harbor Pest Houses — David Goodrich, 2020 · research paper with maps and photos
losttrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/preliminary-findings-regarding-bar-harbor-pest-houses.pdf

Deeds for the three pest houses — Bearings and distances for all three lots
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Brewer deed for Pest House 2 — Frank Brewer to the Town of Eden, 1904
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Brewer to Town of Eden, 1904 — Deed
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Pest house news clippings — Bar Harbor Record, 1903-1904
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The Young family, 1895 — Bar Harbor Record
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State Board of Health report — Clinical notes on the 1895 typhoid case
losttrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/annual-report-of-the-state-department-of.pdf

Sanborn atlas of Bar Harbor, 1916 — Shows the "Contagious Hospital"
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Bar Harbor annual report, 1918 — Lists both isolated hospital properties
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Pest house and Half Moon Pond lot correspondence — Property papers
losttrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/72-pest-house-halfmoonpondlot-correspondence.pdf

MDI Hospital Historic Journal — 120th anniversary, 2017
losttrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/mdihospitalhistoricjournal.pdf

Hidden history: the pest houses of Mount Desert Island — Becky Pritchard, Mount Desert Islander, 19 Jul 2020
losttrailsofacadia.com/library/archive/the-pest-houses/hidden-history-the-pest-houses-of-mount-desert-island-mount-desert-isl.pdf

Further reading: Hidden history: the "pest houses" of Mount Desert Island (mdislander.com/maine-news/hidden-history-the-pest-houses-of-mount-desert-island) (Mount Desert Islander), which also follows the Town of Mount Desert's pest house near Somes Sound, burned in 1966. Goodrich's paper cites the Hancock County Registry of Deeds, the Bar Harbor Record, the Bar Harbor Times and Lydia Vandenberg and Earle Shettleworth's Bar Harbor's Gilded Century.

Walk lightly

The second site is inside Acadia National Park, and the others are in or near it; check land ownership before you go. Look, photograph and leave everything where you find it: the pots, buckets and pipe are part of the record, and removing artifacts from park land is against federal law.



Read "The Pest Houses of Bar Harbor" online, with its interactive map and source documents.
losttrailsofacadia.com/pest-houses.html

Talks & Videos

Recorded history talks by two members of the Lost Trails Crew, Terese Miller and Anna Durand, each collected on a page of the website.

Terese Miller

Terese Miller is a board member of the Tremont Historical Society, a primary representative of The History Trust, a guest lecturer for the Bar Harbor Historical Society, and a volunteer lecturer for Acadia National Park's Historical Hikes. She has walked the old paths with the Lost Trails crew.

Her page brings together six talks: the women of Acadia, the pest houses of Bar Harbor, the transformation of Bar Island, the mills of Mount Desert Island, and the sardine canneries of the Quiet Side, with the illustrated lecture A Timely Tale of Shifting Economies, which follows four generations of the Heath family of Seal Cove from 1789 to 1962. The videos play online from the channels of the organizations that recorded them, and the page is shown with her permission.



Watch Terese Miller's talks online.
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Anna Durand

Anna Durand researches Mount Desert Island's maritime past. Her page, The Island's Log, collects her recorded talks on the island's sea captains, shipbuilders and nineteenth-century foodways, and on the schooner trade that tied the island to the slavery-based economies of the West Indies.



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More Online

The website keeps growing after this book. These stories and maps are on the website, with color maps, photographs and source documents; each code opens its page.



FEATURE STORY

After the Fire of '47

How the fire of October 1947 remade Acadia: the Park Service's day-by-day burn map over the Atlas trails, the 1948 damage report, the cleanup roads and firebreaks, and the forest that grew back.

losttrailsofacadia.com/fire-1947.html



FEATURE STORY

The Bar Harbor Water Company

How a typhoid outbreak in 1873 led to the water works on Eagle Lake and Duck Brook, and how protecting that water helped create the park. Stone tower, dams, filters and reservoirs, found again in the field.

losttrailsofacadia.com/water-company.html



FEATURE STORY

From Golden Age to Lost Remains

The Archbold and Rowell estates on Cleftstone Road, from the 1902 deeds to the 1947 fire and the park, with the Great Hill paths, Rockefeller boundary posts and the field finds of August 2009.

losttrailsofacadia.com/archbold-rowell.html



FEATURE STORY

Reaching the Summit: Green Mountain

Every way to the top, from the 1853 Coast Survey track, the Brewer buckboard road and the 1883 cog railway to the 1931 motor road and the wartime radar station.

losttrailsofacadia.com/cadillac-summit.html



EAST SIDE

The Underwater Trail of Lake Wood and the Forgotten Bridge

On the west shore of Lake Wood an old stone path runs into the water below a granite cliff. At the outlet, Beatrix Farrand's 1929 Kane-Bridgham memorial bridge has vanished under brush and a beaver dam.

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WEST SIDE

The Norwoods and Kelleys of Seal Cove Road

Farms below Oak Hill in Tremont, from Benjamin Norwood's 1828 deed to the 1937 sale to the park: cellar holes, stone-lined wells, field walls, the Kelley Cemetery and Mary Norwood's 1846 headstone.

losttrailsofacadia.com/norwood-kelley.html



WEST SIDE

Picnic on the Quiet Side: Pine Hill and Oak Hill

Two Civilian Conservation Corps picnic grounds in Tremont, built in 1937 and later abandoned: loop roads, stone fireplaces with their grates, steps and shelter platforms.

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ATLAS

LiDAR for the Whole Island

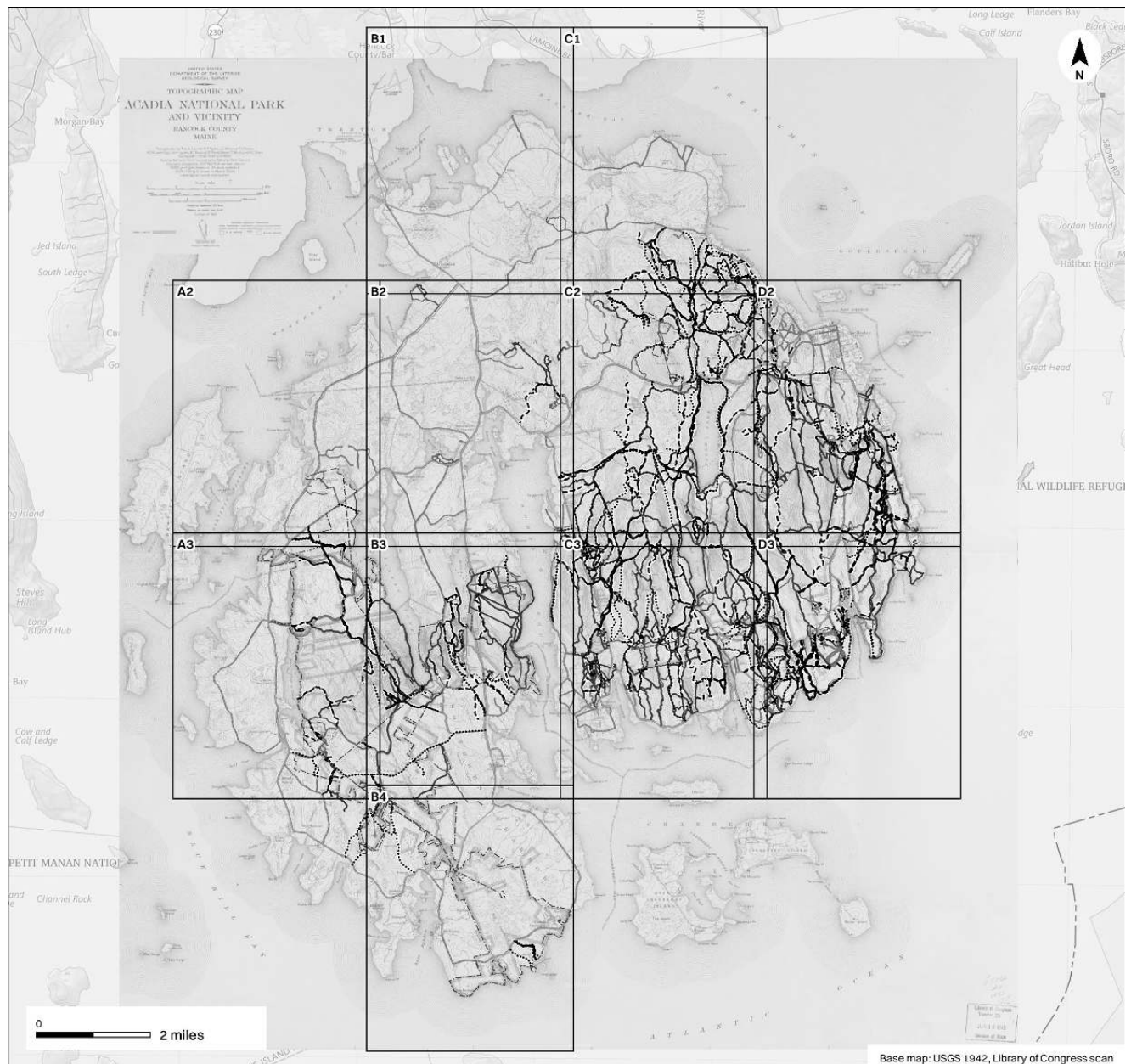
A 2021 USGS LiDAR hillshade of all of Mount Desert Island, under every track in the Atlas. Bare-earth relief shows old roadbeds, walls and cellar holes hidden by the trees.

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Atlas Sheets

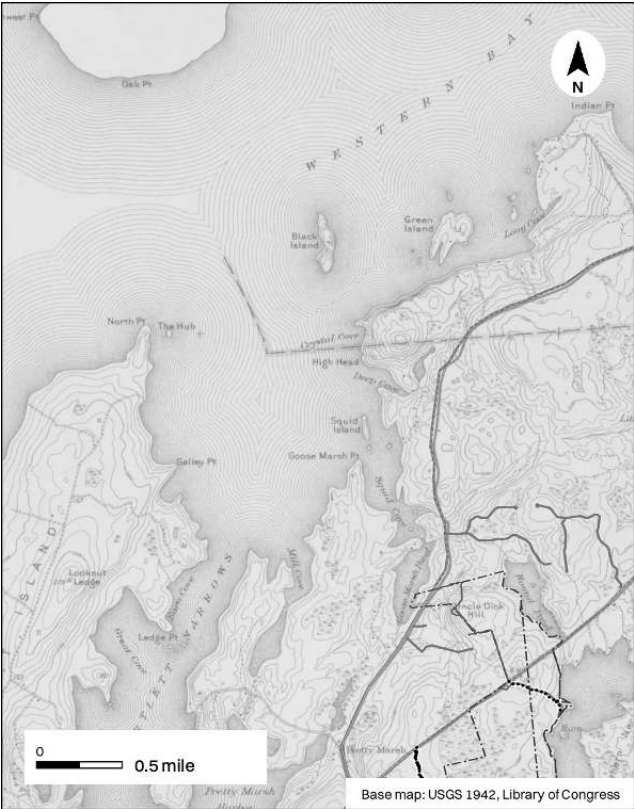
The whole of Mount Desert Island on the 1942 survey, four sheets to a page at about one inch to the mile, half the scale of the original map. Each sheet covers about 3.6 by 4.6 miles, and neighboring sheets overlap by a quarter mile.

Lost trails, old roads and every other recorded line are drawn over the old map exactly as on the area maps, without fading any area. Sheets are lettered A to D from west to east and numbered 1 to 4 from north to south; the index map shows where each one falls. The area pages that cover each sheet are listed beneath it.



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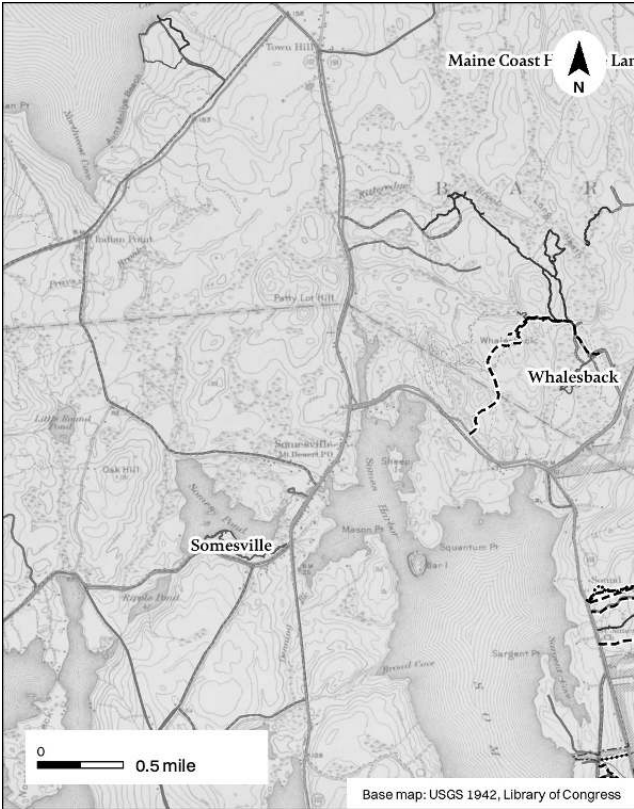
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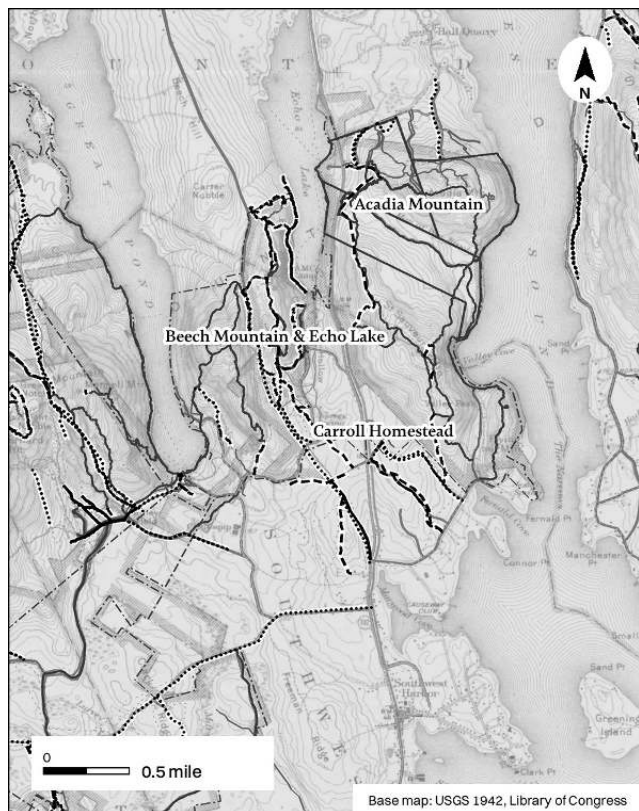
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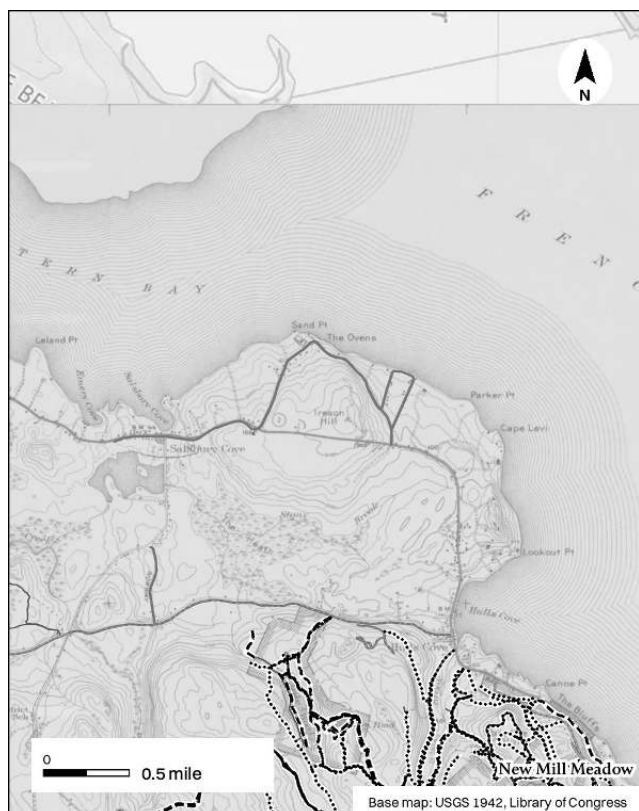
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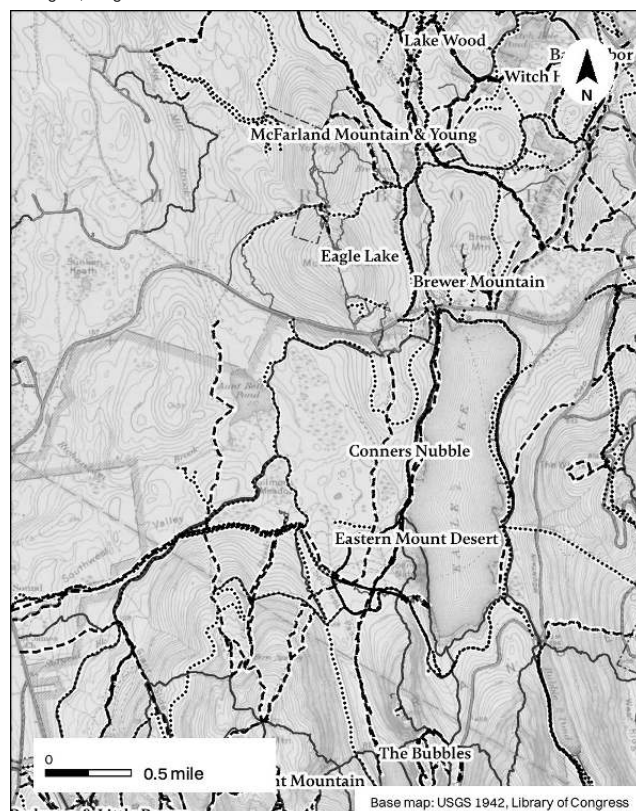
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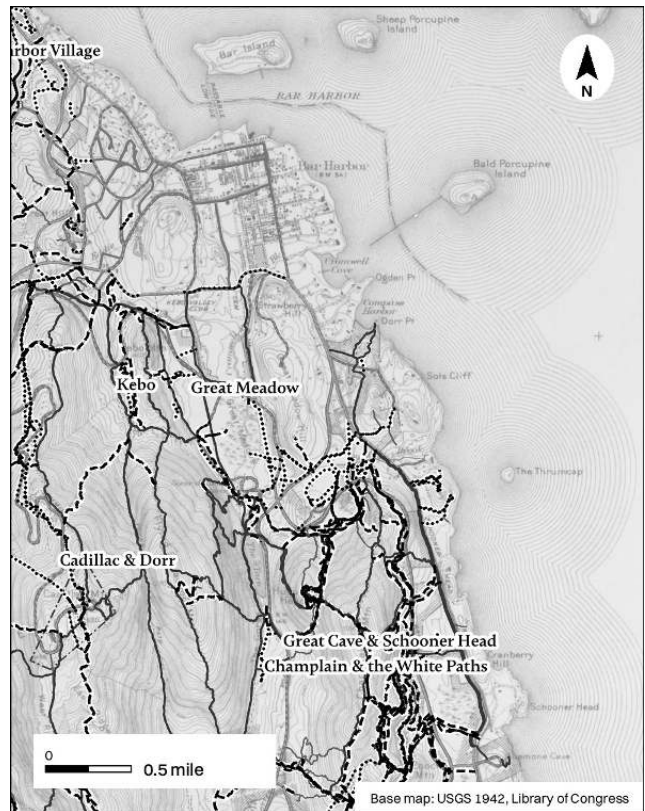
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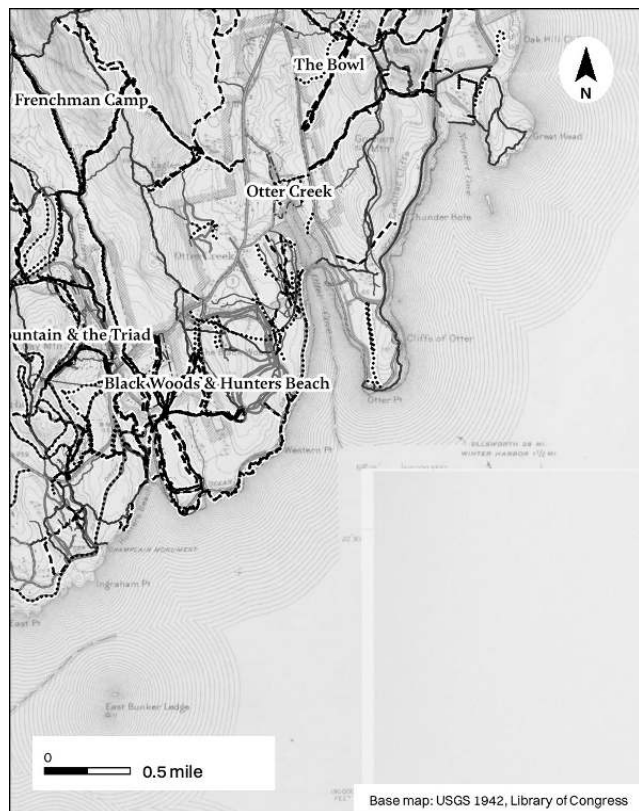
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The Library

Path guides, guidebooks and maps from the 1870s to the 1940s, the National Park Service's own trail histories, and the deeds, clippings and notes gathered area by area. These are the sources that put each lost trail on the map in the first place.

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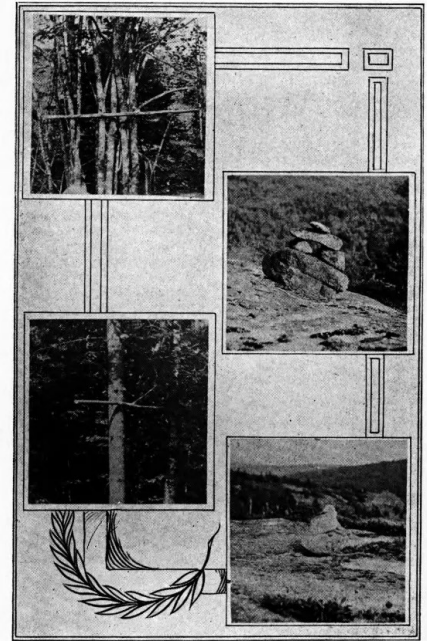
A Path Guide of Mount Desert Island, 1915

The guide is a pocket companion to the Bates, Rand and Jaques path maps. It does not try to be complete; it sets out, district by district, the “many combinations of trails and water trips that the path map makes possible.”

The paths are marked at their entrances and crossings by signs suitably inscribed, by rustic arrows cut from bushes, and by “cairns,” i. e., piles of stones... It is particularly requested that none of these be altered in any way.

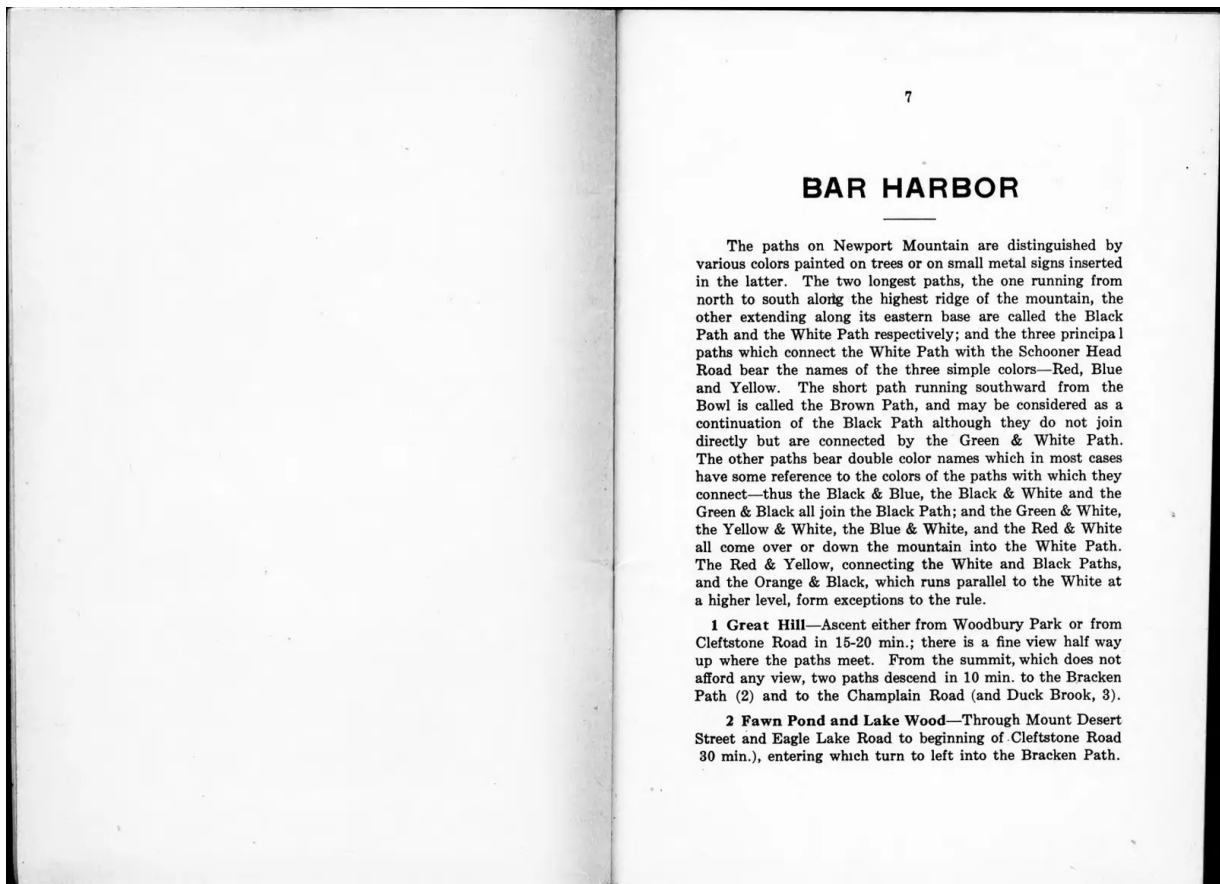
That request still stands — the park asks the same of hikers today. The guide also reminds readers that the paths cross private land whose owners “may at any time exercise their legal right to close them to the public.”

The title page reads 1915. The dedication is dated September 1916, and the Northeast Harbor section records district boundaries agreed by the four path committees on July 29, 1914. The title page spells the third compiler “Jacques.”



RUSTIC ARROWS AND CAIRNS

“Rustic arrows and cairns,” plate facing page 6



The opening Bar Harbor routes in the 1915 guide

The guide lists 141 routes in 6 village sections, listed here A to Z with the guide's own route numbers. Many of their names no longer appear on park maps.

Bar Harbor

- 9. Cadillac Cliffs and Gorham Mountain
- 14. Dry Mountain
- 3. Duck Brook
- 2. Fawn Pond and Lake Wood
- 1. Great Hill
- 15. Green Mountain
- 16. Jordan Pond
- 6. Kebo Mountain
- 13. Newport Mountain
- 12. The Orange & Black Path
- 10. Otter Cliffs
- 5. The Ovens
- 17. Sargent Mountain
- 8. Schooner Head and Sand Beach
- 7. Sieur de Monts Spring, Wild Gardens Path, Kane Path
- 11. White Path
- 4. Witch Hole

Half-day water trips

- 103. Bakers Island
- 102. Duck Islands
- 106. Gotts Island
- 101. The Grand Tour
- 104. Great Cranberry Island
- 105. Little Cranberry Island and Life Saving Station

Northeast Harbor

- 74. An all-day trip from Northeast
- 66. Asticou Hill trail, returning by Asticou Road
- 67. Asticou Hill, returning by Jordan Pond Trail
- 65. Asticou Road walk
- 75. The Cadillac Cliff walk
- 59. From the dam at Lower Hadlock
- 64. The Giant Slide trail
- 57. The Golf Links
- 76. Into the Southwest Harbor District
- 70. Jordan Pond trail
- 58. Lower Hadlock Pond and Brown Mountain
- 72. A more extensive walk
- 71. Sargent Mountain, three ways
- 56. School House Ledge
- 73. The Southwest Valley road
- 55. Tennis Club and Swimming Pool
- 61. Upper Hadlock
- 63. The Waterfall Trail

Seal Harbor

- 23. Around Redfield Hill

- 35. Around the Bubbles
- 29. Asticou Hill
- 18. The Asticou Path
- 21. Barr Hill
- 24. Barr Hill Road
- 54. Beech Cliff and Beech Mountain
- 36. Brown Mountain
- 39. The Bubbles
- 37. Cadillac Cliffs
- 28. Day Mountain
- 34. Day Mountain and Sea Rocks
- 53. Dog and Robinson Mountains
- 51. Green Mountain
- 33. Hunter's Beach
- 25. Ingraham Rocks
- 40. Jordan Mountain
- 27. Jordan Pond
- 30. Jordan Shoulder
- 47. Little Brown and the Giant Slide
- 19. Long Pond
- 26. Mitchell Hill
- 50. Newport Cliffs and Anemone Cave
- 49. Newport Mountain
- 20. Ox Hill
- 38. Pemetec Mountain
- 48. Pemetec Mountain and Bubble Pond
- 43. Sargent Mountain
- 45. Sargent Mountain by the Giant Slide
- 44. Sargent Mountain from Upper Hadlock Pond
- 46. Sargent Mountain, around the west side and by Giant Slide
- 41. Shore Trail
- 42. South End of Green Mountain
- 22. Stanley Brook and the Seaside Path
- 31. The Triad Pass
- 32. The Triads
- 52. Western Mountain

Southwest Harbor · trails

- 27. Beech Cliff Trail
- 25. Beech Mountain Trail
- 22. Center Trail
- 1. Church Lane
- 12. Cold Brook Trail
- 3. Cross Roads
- 5. Cut Off
- 33. Dog Mountain Trail
- 10. Dole Trail
- 32. Eagle Cliff Trail
- 23. East Peak Trail
- 28. Echo Lake Trail
- 29. Flying Mountain Trail

- 13. Gilley Trail
- 14. Great Notch Trail
- 6. Great Pond Road
- 11. Great Pond Trail
- 19. Kaighn Trail
- 34. Ledge Trail
- 16. Little Notch Trail
- 26. Long Ridge Trail
- 9. Lovers Lane
- 20. Moss Trail
- 8. Norwood Cove Trail
- 2. The Pines
- 21. Pretty Marsh Trail
- 38. Quarry Trail
- 24. Razor Back Trail
- 37. Robinson Mountain Trail
- 35. Robinson Road
- 31. Slide Trail
- 15. Sluiceway Trail
- 39. Somesville Road Trails
- 18. South Face Trail
- 17. Spring Trail
- 36. Tug of War Trail
- 30. Valley Cove Trail
- 7. Western Mountain Road
- 4. Woods Roads

Southwest Harbor · walks

- 91. Beech Cliff
- 92. Beech Cliff and Echo Lake
- 90. Beech Mountain
- 84. A Combination Walk
- 78. Cross Roads
- 80. Cut Off
- 99. Dog and Robinson Circle
- 96. Dog Mountain from the North
- 95. Dog Mountain from the South
- 88. East Peak of Western Mountain
- 93. Flying Mountain
- 83. From Dole Landing by Dole Trail
- 82. Lovers Lane
- 81. Norwood Cove Trail
- 100. Over Robinson to Somesville
- 77. The Pines
- 89. Pretty Marsh
- 98. Robinson Mountain from the North
- 97. Robinson Mountain from the South
- 94. Valley Cove
- 85. West Peak from Gilley Field
- 87. West Peak from Gilley Field, by Great Notch
- 86. West Peak from Mill Field
- 79. Woods Roads

Old names, new names

Most of the island's mountains carried different names until 1918–19, when George B. Dorr persuaded the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to rename about a dozen of them for the French and English history of the coast. The 1915 Path Guide and many old deeds use the old names. Throughout this book, entries that mention a renamed mountain give the other name alongside.

NAME TODAY	NAME BEFORE 1918	NOTES
Acadia Mountain	Robinson Mountain	Robinson was an early settler said to have dug for Captain Kidd's treasure.
Bernard Mountain	Western Mountain (west peak)	For Sir Francis Bernard, colonial governor of Massachusetts Bay.
Brewer Mountain	Interlaken Hill	Not one of Dorr's changes. Interlaken Hill from at least 1874 (and in the 1915 Path Guide), then "Dan Brewers Mt" on the 1896 Bates–Rand–Jaques path map, for Daniel Brewer, who owned it. The Board on Geographic Names approved "Brewer" in 1928. Quarried for granite by his son Frank, about 1905–09.
Cadillac Mountain	Green Mountain	Earlier also Newport Mountain (1850s). Renamed 1918 for Antoine Laumet, Sieur de Cadillac.
Champlain Mountain	Newport Mountain	For Samuel de Champlain, who named the island in 1604.
Dorr Mountain	Dry Mountain	Flying Squadron Mountain from 1918, honoring World War I aviators; later renamed for George B. Dorr.
Huguenot Head	Picket Mountain	The summit just west of Champlain.
Mansell Mountain	Western Mountain (east peak)	For Sir Robert Mansell, English vice admiral.
Norumbega Mountain	Brown Mountain	Called Mount Mansell in an 1869 book by Rev. B. F. De Costa, but that name never caught on.
Parkman Mountain	Little Brown Mountain	For historian Francis Parkman, at Charles W. Eliot's suggestion.
Penobscot Mountain	Jordan Mountain	Rises from the west shore of Jordan Pond.
Sargent Mountain	(unchanged)	Fishermen knew it as Brassy Mountain for its color seen from the sea.
St. Sauveur Mountain	Dog Mountain	Called Defile Mountain on the 1872 Dodge map.

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The research archive

Alongside the GPS work, the author gathered write-ups, deed abstracts, surveys, clippings, park reports and map scans for each area. The online Library holds 161 of these documents, about 1,414 pages in all:

- 78 deeds, surveys & property
- 9 local histories & articles
- 23 maps & aerials

- 9 newspaper clippings
- 10 reports & records
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DATE _____

YOUR NAME AND EMAIL _____

AREA (SEE CONTENTS) _____

TRAIL OR ROAD _____

WHAT YOU FOUND

- ☐ Start of track ☐ End of track ☐ Artifact ☐ Well ☐ Steps ☐ Survey marker ☐ Stone post
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WHERE IT IS (GPS READING, PHONE PIN OR DIRECTIONS) _____

WHAT YOU SEE _____

CONDITION (INTACT, BROKEN, BURIED, MOVED) _____

PHOTOS TAKEN _____



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Mount Desert Island Historical Society. Sound Schoolhouse, 373 Sound Drive, Mount Desert, ME 04660. Mail: P.O. Box 653, Mount Desert, ME 04660. 207-276-9323. info@mdihistory.org. mdihistory.org

Northeast Harbor Library (local history collections). Mail: P.O. Box 279, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662. 207-276-3333.

Southwest Harbor Historical Society. Manset Meetinghouse, 192 Seawall Road, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. Mail: P.O. Box 272, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. 207-244-8063. southwestharborhistorical@gmail.com. swwhs.org

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The website

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