

Hopkinton

Recreational Guidebook

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User Notes

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www.hopkintonnh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_Recreation/guide.pdf

Hopkinton Recreational Guidebook

Purpose of the Guide

It is the hope of the Recreation Committee that this guide will help residents find out about different programs and recreation locations/facilities in town and whom to contact for more information. It should also serve as the common thread among the many organizations/providers and should assist communication and planning.



About Hopkinton

Hopkinton's natural beauty and the historic charm make it a special place to live.

One of the most frequently asked questions is: "If it is the 'town of Hopkinton,' where does 'Contoocook' fit in?"

Incorporated in 1765, the town of Hopkinton actually consisted of three villages: Hopkinton, West Hopkinton and Contoocook. The first settlers came to the Contoocook River Valley in the 1730s eventually creating the three villages with forts, meeting places and other infrastructure. Because of its position on the river, Contoocook became the commercial center and Hopkinton Village the seat of town government, an arrangement that still exists today.

Public Conservation Areas

Properties Acquired with Open Space Bond Funds

At Town Meeting in 2003, voters overwhelmingly (with a vote of 390 to 93) to establish an open space bond allowing for the expenditure of up to \$5 million “for the protection of the natural heritage and rural character in the best interests of the Town.” The 2003 vote also led to the creation of the Hopkinton Open Space committee, which advises the Board of Selectmen about properties that may be suitable to protect with the open space bond. The Selectmen may then propose such acquisition to the voters at a regular or special town meeting.

As of spring 2010, voters have approved spending funds to acquire seven properties. Six are owed outright by the town, with the town owning a conservation easement on another.

These are the properties that have been acquired through voter approval of use of the open space bond funds:

The Beyer property, 14 acres on Old Hopkinton Road, next to New Hampshire Audubon’s Smith Pond Bog. This property is largely an upland field that protects Smith Pond Bog. In the future, it is expected to include a small trail head parking area improving safety and access to Smith Pond Bog.

The Bermuda Harris property is 40 acres in Hopkinton and 70 acres in Warner. Road access is on the north side of Bound Tree Road, west of Pleasant Lake Road. There is an old woods road that leads into the property, but nearby parking is extremely limited.

The Carson property is 30 acres on Farrington Corners Road, adjacent to and west of the Brockway Nature Preserve, which has trail access and modest parking space.

Ransmeier Woods is a 68 acre parcel on Hopkinton and Briar Hill Roads. There is a loop trail on the Hopkinton Road parcel, with access from the Police Station.

The Rice property is 210 acres on the north side of Maple Street in West Hopkinton.

The Rollins property is 48 acres on the north side of Penacook Road, just west of the junction with Gould Hill Road. It is an open field that provides views of Mount Kearsarge.

The Bohanan Farm Conservation Easement is a 400+ acre working farm located upstream and downstream from Penacook Road just north of the river crossing. There is an informal parking area between the farm driveway (left after crossing the bridge going toward the dump) and the river. The owners retain rights to continue active farming and timber management. Twenty two acres around the house and barns are not part of the conservation easement. The conservation easement allows non-motorized public access on the farm roads and trails on the property. Visitors to the property should be careful not to interfere with farm and logging operations that may be taking place.

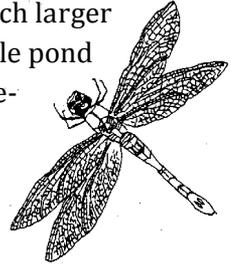
As of spring 2010, the Hopkinton Open Space Committee and Hopkinton Conservation Commission are working to provide signs on all the properties acquired with open space bond money, to have maps and descriptions of each property available on the town website, and to develop trails and trailhead parking areas as suitable for each of the parcels.

To insure permanent long term protection of the properties as open space and the prevent future voters from changing the intended use of the parcels, the Open Space Committee has been clear from the start that conservation easements should be added to each of the fee owned properties.

For more information, contact a member of the Open Space Committee.

Smith Pond Bog

The 59-acre Smith Pond Bog Wildlife Sanctuary is made up of a diverse mosaic of wetland habitats surrounding Smith Pond. This kettle hole pond, named for James Smith who settled nearby in 1765, covers almost eight acres, though it was much larger when it was created 12,000 years ago. A kettle hole pond is created when a block of ice, buried in soil left behind by a retreating glacier, eventually melts and creates a deep, steep-sided pond. Smith Pond Bog is open throughout the year during daylight hours. Although these trails are maintained for your enjoyment, this sanctuary's primary purpose is to protect vital habitat for wildlife and plant life.



Directions: From Hopkinton Village, proceed 1/4 mile west on Rte 9/202, across from Gage Hill Road. Property owned by the New Hampshire Audubon Society

Hawthorne Town Forest

This 111-acre lot is located just east of Hopkinton Village between the east end of Main Street and Rollins Road. The only current access to the lot is from Rollins Road. The gorge-like valley found along Rachael's Brook in the northern part of the lot is quite scenic and contains several small cascades during periods of high water. You can sled on a nice slope just 50 yards from the road pullout. The sliding slope is the only publicly owned slope in town. However, the most impressive feature of the lot are the numerous stone walls that mark several old croplands and pastures.

The 1.7-mile trail starts in the open area at the far end of the parking lot and is marked by yellow blazes. About 100 yards after entering the forest, the trail crosses a bridge over Rachael's Brook. Soon after the crossing, a trail junction marks the beginning of the loop trail. To the right is a gradual incline, the left is fairly level. Along

the trail are historic stonewalls and tall stands of Hemlock, Oak and Beech. There is a cutoff situated halfway through the loop. This trail is about 200 yards long and reconnects to the loop trail. In the spring, this trail passes through a marshy area so hikers should wear sturdy boots.

Directions: From the center of Hopkinton Village, proceed north on Briar Hill Road for 0.3 miles, then right on Rollins Road for 0.3 miles to a small pullout on the right.

John Brockway Nature Preserve

This 98-acre town-owned lot is located on the northeast side of Farrington Corner Road, across from the Brockway Road intersection. A unique feature of the lot is that it was used as a water storage system for two water-powered mills. Both mills were located on this property and one mill foundation is still visible on the southwest side of Farrington Corner Road. In addition to the ponds and swamps along Boutwell Mill Brook, the lot contains numerous but scattered vernal pools and seeps.

A trail hiking system starts on Farrington Corner Road at the Brockway Dedication Monument and crosses into the lot on the top of an old fieldstone dam. The trail incorporates some of the existing woods roads and has a few side loops to the various wetland areas. Trails can also be used for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Walking Times: McAnerny Marsh Loop (yellow blazes): 10 minutes. Verville-Benson Pond Loop (red blazes): 15 minutes

Directions: From the center of Hopkinton Village, take Route 103 toward Concord. Jewett Road is on your right. Once on Jewett Road: after 6/10 mile, turn left onto Farrington Corner Road; after 1.5 miles, look for a small parking area on your left at the trailhead.

Sweatt Preserve Nature Trail/Old Stagecoach Road, Hopkinton

The Sweatt Preserve Nature Trail is located alongside Old Stagecoach Road near Hopkinton Village, a dirt road that rises from Briar Hill Road up to Gould Hill. Consisting of a 2-mile pathway marked by a roadside sign, the trail leads hikers and snowshoers deep into the forest, over brooks, up a slight hill, around a loop, and back to the start. Nature trail brochures are available at the trail-head, providing an overview of the property's history and natural features.

The property was generously given to Five Rivers Conservation Trust in 2003 by Nancy Sweatt in loving memory of her late husband Robert Sweatt. Raised nearby, Robert was a decorated veteran of World War II. During his many years in the service, he lived in various places around the globe. Yet his love for his boyhood town of Hopkinton and for his land on Old Stagecoach Road never diminished. He and his wife Nancy were committed to preserving this land, and after his passing, the property's long-term conservation was ensured through Nancy's wonderful gift.

The nature trail on the Sweatt Preserve is for all to enjoy. Visitors will see a variety of tree species, interesting glacial deposits, a quiet hidden brook, and perhaps some of the wildlife that frequent the landscape.

For more information, people may contact Five Rivers Conservation Trust, a Concord-based nonprofit serving New Hampshire's capital region, at 225-7225, or visit Five Rivers' web site at www.5rct.org.



Samuel Myron Chase Wildlife Sanctuary

In 1931, Samuel Myron Chase left in trust 63 acres of wooded land in the town of Hopkinton. Samuel Chase had a life-long interest in and concern for wildlife and wished his land to be held in trust as a greenbelt around the town of Hopkinton, “where the axe of the lumberman shall never ring again, and where New Hampshire bird life, wildflowers, and animals shall be protected in perpetuity.” The seed he planted has led to steady growth of the sanctuary, which is now approximately 550 acres. The greenbelt Chase envisioned those many decades ago is slowly coming to fruition.

The following trails are part of this system.

Chase Trail: (Yellow markers) This trail is the longest in the sanctuary. It runs from Jewett Road through the forest and ends at the marsh. The trail is home to many fern species, wildflowers, tracks that would include white-tailed deer and moose, and to many of the state’s woodland birds.

The Fred Pilch Loop: (Red markers) This short loop starts near Jewett Road and takes you to a lookout on the edge of the beaver meadow.

The Will Brown & Voydatch Loops: (Red markers) These trails are located near the end of the Chase Trail where there are several overlooks on the edge of the marsh. The Voydatch Loop is especially good as a place to watch succession in progress, as there are a variety of stages to be seen, from lichen to forest.

The Stack Brook Trail: (Red markers) Trail begins and ends from the Chase Trail a short distance from the Fred Pilch Loop. The trail follows Stack Brook upstream over an area of rocky ground to a crossing at an old ford and bridge. The trail then follows the brook back down to rejoin the Chase Trail. Walking conditions are a little rocky and wet, so care should be taken.

The Brown Robinson Trail: (Red markers) This relatively short trail begins on Jewett Road about 0.25 miles south of the Chase Trail

trailhead. It takes you to the edge of the marsh, to a huge beaver dam. Note: The Brown Robinson Trail includes sections on private property. Please stay on the trail and logging road.

Directions: Take Route 202/9 and turn onto Jewett Road. The trail is 1.7 miles on the right.

Stevens Rail Trail

The Stevens Rail Trail used to be a railroad bed, but is now used as a multi-purpose trail. It starts at the end of Krzyzaniak Road and continues for approximately 1 mile, ending at the Warner Town Line.

Directions: From the center of Contoocook Village, cross the stone bridge and bear to the left at the “Y” intersection onto Kearsarge Avenue. Bear left at Spring Street and turn right onto Krzyzaniak Road.

Contoocook River Forest

This 97-acre town-owned lot is located along the Contoocook River adjacent to the Mast Yard State Forest and Concord Broad Cove City Forest. Access to the lot is from a logging road that starts under the power lines on Broad Cove Road. The road follows the power lines for a short distance and then turns left and runs along the Town Line all the way to an old railroad bed. The railroad bed is a heavily used recreational trail, especially by snowmobilers in the winter months. A hiking loop was constructed by the Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop in the early 1980s.

Mast Yard State Forest Trails

Access to the trails: From Carter Hill Road, take Broad Cove Drive to its junction with West Parish Road or connect directly to West

Parish Road off of Carter Hill Road. Turn right onto West Parish Road. About 1000 feet down from the intersection with Broad Cove Drive, there is an opening on the right and a small area to park your car. Step over the large log to begin your walk.

The trails: Hiking travel time: about 2 hours. Distance: about 5 miles total

Allen L. Lewis Town Forest

The Allen L. Lewis Town Forest is located on Jewett Road. It has many historical artifacts that can be seen along the path.

Scenic Views & Vistas

Hopkinton has a rich variety of scenic views and vistas. As you travel along the rural roads, you will see the Contoocook River, farms, open pastures, wooded land, historical New England houses, stone walls and panoramic views of area hills and mountains. Some of Hopkinton's beautiful landscapes include:

Kast Hill Road

Maple Street to West Hopkinton

Galloping Hill Road

Corner of Hatfield & Thain Roads

Putney Hill Road

Briar Hill Road

Gould Hill Orchards

Tyler Bridge on Tyler Road

Patch Road

Beech Hill Farm

Stone Bridge in Contoocook Village

Brockway & Jewett Road intersection

Penacook Road & Gould Hill Road intersection

Ponds & Lakes

Kimball Lake and Cabins

This lovely lake is approximately 75 acres in size with adjoining cabins and hiking trails is located at 185 Main Street in Hopkinton. Residents are encouraged to use this area for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and canoeing/kayaking. A nature walk is also available. The trail begins at the end of the gravel road, which is adjacent to the main cabin. Trail maps can be found in the mailbox or picked up at the Senior Center. The cabins are owned by the Town and used for summer day camp, special events and the boy/girl scouts. The main cabin can be used for group events, contact the Recreation Director for information. No motorized boats or motorized vehicles are permitted. Ice skating is at your own risk. The town does not maintain the ice.



Hopkinton-Everett Lakes

The Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Reservoir protects Contoocook and other towns and cities down river from flooding. It provides Hopkinton with a variety of recreational opportunities, including Elm Brook Park, which is formed by a dam on the Contoocook River in West Hopkinton, and the Everett Flood Control Dam on the

Piscataquog River in Weare. The major water bodies involved in the reservoir, which are located in Hopkinton, are the Contoocook River, Pool Canal No. 1, Elm Brook Pool and Marsh, Stumpfield Pond and Marsh, Drew Lake, and Canal No. 2.

Drew Lake

Drew Lake lies southeast of the Hopkinton-Everett reservoir. It has an area of approximately 38 acres in size and is a popular fishing site. Located 0.8 mile from the junction of Route 202/9 and Sugar Hill Road.

Whittier Pond

Whittier Pond, also called Fry Pond, lies north of Hopkinton Road. It is a natural pond that has been raised by damming, 14 acres in size and approximately four feet deep. Access is located at the junction of Route 103/202 and Currier Road, about 1.5 miles from Hopkinton Village.

Rivers

Contoocook River

The Contoocook River has been cited as Hopkinton's prime natural resource. The river originates in southwest New Hampshire and flows approximately 66 miles northeast to join the Merrimack River in Penacook. **The Blackwater and Warner Rivers are its main tributaries.** People have enjoyed kayaking, boating, canoeing, fishing and swimming in the Contoocook River. You can easily access the river in two public places in Contoocook Village, either upstream or downstream of the covered bridge.

Boat Launches

Riverway Park Boat Launch

This boat launch is located in the middle of Contoocook Village and can be found right after the Covered Bridge. This launch is not meant for powerboats. Rowboats, canoes and other small boats may be launched from this site.

Cedar Street Boat Launch

This launch is located right before the dam. It is not intended for powerboats. Rowboats, canoes and other small boats may be launched from this site.

Stumpfield Road Boat Launches

This boat launch is for powerboats and other small boats. It is located at the end of Stumpfield Road and has two places for launching.

Kimball Lake Boat Launch

This beautiful lake is located in downtown Hopkinton with access from the dirt road that leads to the Kimball Cabins. Powerboats are not permitted at this site. Rowboats, canoes, kayaks and other small boats may be launched from this site.

Kimball Pond Boat Launch

Kimball Pond is located off Rollins Road and is open from late June to mid August. There is a nice sandy beach, docks and ample parking. Powerboats are not permitted at this site. Rowboats, canoes and other small boats may be launched from this site.

Clement Pond Boat Launch

Clement Pond, also called Lake Josylvia, is 100 acres in size and has a maximum depth of 50 feet. There is public access from Bound Tree Road in Contoocook. Take a right onto Bound Tree Road from Pine Street and travel for 2.3 miles and take a left at the “Y.” Travel another 0.6 miles and the Boat Ramp and parking will be on your right.

Cedar Street Municipal Parking Lot

If you want to paddle upstream, park in the Municipal Parking lot on Cedar street, adjacent to the Grange Hall. You can put your non-motorized craft in upstream of the safety barrels. If you are interested in a downstream paddle, park in the Municipal Parking area behind the Bank of New Hampshire. You will find the “ramp” to the river near this area. There is a nine-mile stretch of calm water downstream from here that eventually ends in Riverhill.

Swimming Holes

Kimball Pond

Kimball Pond is located at 58 Rollins Road. It can be used by all of Hopkinton/Contoocook residents. The pond is open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. from late June to mid August. It is staffed with American Red Cross-trained lifeguards. The pond has no



running water but does have Port-A-Johns for public use. There are designated swimming areas and several docks. Swim lessons are offered through the Recreation Department. Personal watercraft is allowed outside of the designated swimming area. The pond phone number is 746-9885 and can be called to find out if it is open during inclement weather or visit the website for further information: www.hopkinton-nh.gov (click recreation). *Please respect the posted hours and safety guidelines.*

Elm Brook

For more information, see description under “Sports Fields and Parks.”

Biking

Hopkinton - Henniker - Hillsborough

This is a great ride, starting in the village of Contoocook, riding out to the center of Henniker, and along the Contoocook River just into Hillsborough. It features three covered bridges, the Hopkinton Dam, Elm Brook Park, and several enjoyable miles along the Contoocook River. Most of the ride is on quiet back roads, though $\frac{1}{2}$ mile is along Route 202/9, which, though busy, has a wide shoulder. Total distance is 27.3 miles, or about 18 miles without the spur along the river.

If you don't live in Hopkinton, a good place to start is at the Hopkinton Town Library on Pine Street, just $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the bridge in Contoocook (see the end of the ride directions below).

0.0 R from the end of the library driveway onto Pine Street

2.1 L onto Clement Hill Road

3.5 on the left is Rowell's Covered Bridge, one of two in Hopkinton

3.8 R bear right onto Kast Hill Road near the top of the hill

- 4.5 R onto French Road
- 5.6 L bear left onto French Pond Road
- 5.8 R onto Foster Hill Road
- 7.1 R onto 202/9 (busy road/wide shoulder)
- 7.6 R get off 202/9 at Route 114 to Henniker
- 7.9 L at ramp end onto Route 114 South
- 8.6 Henniker Center

If you wish, you can eliminate over 9 miles here by simply taking a left on Western Avenue and rejoining the directions at 18.3 miles below.

- 8.6 R onto Western Avenue
- 9.9 L bear left and choose one of two bridges over the Contoocook R.
- 10.1 R after bridge, keeping the river on your right (still on Western Ave)

The next several miles along the river are probably the best part of the ride. This quiet road follows one of the most scenic parts of the Contoocook River. Don't be afraid to stop and stick your toes in the water. Or bring a fishing pole and throw in a line.

- 13.5 U turn around and retrace your path to Henniker Center (note that the road is now Contoocook Falls Road, in Hillsborough)
- 18.3 Continue across Route 114 on Western Avenue
- 22.1 Cross 202/9 here, onto Route 127 North
- 22.8 R over the Hopkinton Dam
- 23.1 L Stay on 127N (no choice)
- 23.2 R stay on 127N (you pass Rowell's Covered Bridge again here)
- 24.2 Elm Brook Park is on your right here; a great place to stop
- 26.9 L onto 103/127 North, over the stone bridge in Contoocook Village (The covered Railroad Bridge is on your right as you cross the river.)
- 27. go straight here, turning off 103/127 immediately after the bridge
- 27. L onto Pine Street, in front of the fire station
- 27.2 R into library driveway.

Hopkinton – Contoocook - Webster

This is a beautiful ride that passes through three scenic villages, crosses three rivers numerous times, and includes plenty of scenic, quiet back roads. It starts in Hopkinton Village, and on the way out passes through Contoocook Village, over the Contoocook River, through what remains of Davisville, then over the Warner River. On the way back, it passes over the Blackwater River twice, back over the Contoocook River, and by many beautiful farms. Typical of our area, it also includes lots of hills! Keep in mind that what goes up must come down: the direction you ride will make a difference. As described below, it is somewhat easier. Reverse the course for an even better work out!

Route: The ride begins at the First Congregational Church parking lot in Hopkinton Village, which has ample parking, except on Sunday mornings.

0.0 R from the parking lot onto Hopkinton Road/Route 103

2.8 R after stone bridge onto Route 103/127 (on right is a Covered Railroad Bridge)

4.6 R onto Route 127, just before Davisville Store (cross Warner River)

8.0 R sharp right onto Tyler Road

8.1 cross Blackwater River (a very pretty spot to put your toes in the water)

11.4 straight through, now on Penacook Road

12.3 L onto Briar Hill Road (caution: difficult to see oncoming traffic)

15.5 R onto Route 103, then R again into Church parking lot

Mountain Biking

New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) has been active in trail building at Elm Brook Park in Contoocook. The Army Corp. of Engineers has been great with allowing access and providing sup-

port for developing mountain bike trails. Trail building and maintenance work is ongoing and anyone interested in getting involved may contact: Sharon Nall, VP Elm Brook Trails, 731-3248

We also recommend looking at the Public Conservation Area section of this booklet for other trails that are appropriate for mountain biking. Have a great ride!

Road Races

July 4th 5k Fun Run

A 5k fun run and walk is held on July 4th. Come wearing your red, white and blue! Race begins at the American Legion, 169 Boundtree Rd, continues down Boundtree Rd to Burnham Interval Rd and back to Legion. This is a fun, social run but there is informal (stop-watch) timing at the finish. Awards are presented during the July 4th Family Fun Day at Houston Field Complex. Race is hosted by the Town of Hopkinton Recreation Department and is sponsored by the Hopkinton Lions Club. There is no fee for this event but donations are gratefully accepted by the Hopkinton Recreation Department. Registration begins at 8am and the starts at 9am.



5k Autumn Road Race

The Hopkinton Lions Club sponsors the annual 5K Autumn Road Race and 2.5 Fitness Walk the first weekend in October. Course is TAC Certified N.H. #92004WN. Computerized timing is provided by Fitness Resources of Bow, NH. Race day highlights include time splits, course water station, awards for men & women (seven age categories), refreshments to all participants, and t-shirts for the

first 50 pre-registered runners. Course is mostly flat, paved, wooded country road. Visit the Hopkinton Lions website at hopkinton-nh-lions.org for registration form, fee, and additional information or contact Ted Story at 746-4347.

Riding Stables

Easy Riders 4-H Club

This 4-H Equestrian Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension provides positive experiences for all youth to develop their individual potential as caring, contributing members of an ever-changing world. Adult leadership training is also offered. **4-H Educational Goals and Objectives:** Physical & Mental Health and Health Practices; Personal and Social Competence; Cognitive and Creative Competence; Vocational Competence; Citizenship Competence.

Contact: Marcia Evans 746-3884

Merrimack Valley Equestrian Special Olympics

MVESO provides Equestrian Sports Training for mentally challenged athletes. Riding and carriage driving training is available for all individuals from age 8 to adult. Training to compete in bowling is also offered for individuals who are at least 8 years of age.

Contact: Marcia Evans 746-3884

Shared Gifts

Dawn-Mar Ranch Riding Academy

64 Stumpfield Road, Hopkinton, www.shared-gifts.org

Dawn-Mar Ranch Riding Academy is the home of Shared Gifts, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to helping people of

life challenges find acceptance through love, care and riding of retired and rescued horses. Able bodied and disabled individuals are paired with a rescued horse to learn to ride, drive or simply enjoy an equine experience. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Contact: Marcia Evans 746-3884

Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center (BITS ETC)

334 College Hill Road, Hopkinton, bitsetc2003@aol.com. BITS ETC offers Therapeutic Riding, Hippotherapy and SpiritHorse Therapeutics Autism Intervention for people living with disabilities in central NH. They additionally offer volunteer opportunities for area high school and college students, as well as able bodied adults, who wish to enjoy some exercise in the presence of horses.

Contact: Pauline Meridien, Director 746-5681

More Stables:

Donna Grady Riding Lessons

1468 Maple Street, Contoocook, 746-5242

Phoenix Stables

295 Stumpfield Road, Hopkinton, 746-6418

Contoocook Valley Farm

Jewett Road, Hopkinton, 224-3406



Ice Skating

Hopkinton State Fairgrounds

The Hopkinton State Fair Association has graciously allowed the use of the Nelson horse ring for ice skating. During the winter, the ice is maintained by Town of Hopkinton Public Works Department. The rink is located $\frac{2}{10}$ of a mile past the High School and on the left. You will see a fence and a small parking area. The rink is about 50 yards straight back. There is a light switch on a utility pole to light the ice. Please turn off lights when finished. This is a carry-in/carry-out facility.

Kimball Lake

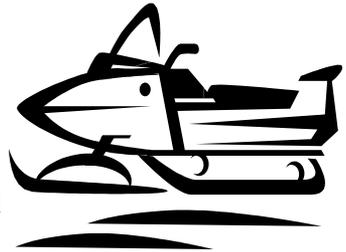
Use at your own risk. The ice is NOT maintained by the town of Hopkinton.

Snowmobiling

Snowmads – Snowmobile Club

The Contoocook Snowmads Snowmobile Club was established in 1969 and has over 75 active members from Contoocook, Hopkinton, Concord, Warner, Henniker and Webster.

The club maintains and grooms over 62 miles of trails throughout Hopkinton and Contoocook. The trails are located on state, town and privately owned property. Without these trails, northern travel into the Mt. Kearsarge region would be



nearly impossible. Many local businesses benefit from snowmobile traffic. The Snowmads have a dedicated team of volunteers that keep the trails safe and in top-notch condition throughout the season. The Club meets from October thru April on the first

Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Community Room of the Hopkinton Library. **Contact: Dennis Travers 746-8300, Dennis@TraversInsuranceAgency.com**

Cross-country Skiing

Groomed Nordic Ski Trails

This area has about 3 kilometers of trails in open fields between Route 103 and Kearsarge Avenue. The trails are groomed for skate and diagonal skiing by the Blackwater Nordic Ski Club, a 501(c)(3) organization. The trails are groomed for the sole purpose of Nordic skiing and other activities are not allowed. Please visit the club website at www.blackwaternordic.org for more information on programs, activities and events. **In order to support the continued efforts of the club, membership is strongly encouraged!** Our mission is to build a strong community of Nordic skiers in the Hopkinton area to provide support for our educational programs from BKL through high school race teams.

Directions: Go North on Route 103 from Contoocook; this area is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile past Hopkinton High School. Take a left at the Odd Fellows Lodge and park in the back. Access to the trails is at the back of the parking lot.

Carter Hill Orchard

The Orchard has about 5 hilly kilometers in a scenic hilltop setting. Most wind through and skirt the orchard, though a few venture into the surrounding woods. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skate skiing. Detailed map at <http://www.onconcord.com>.

Directions: Follow Hopkinton Road (also Routes 202/9) into Concord. Just after Carrier Road joins from the left, take the first left onto Long Pond Road. At the end (facing Penacook Lake), go left

again onto Lake View Drive, which becomes Carter Hill Road. After about 1.5 miles, at the top of a series of hills, take a sharp left at the sign into Carter Hill Orchard. Park in the lot at the top of the drive.

White Farm, Concord

About 7 kilometers of trails are groomed by volunteers for diagonal and skate skiing during January and February. These trails mainly skirt the farm's open fields, though many additional ungroomed trails wind through the surrounding woods. Detailed map at <http://www.onconcord.com>.

Directions: Access these trails through the Memorial Field Parking Area on South Fruit Street. From I-89, take Exit 2. Turn right onto Clinton Street. At the first light, go left onto Fruit Street. Look for the Memorial Field sign on the left. Turn left into the parking lot just after the sign. Access to the trails is at the bottom of the lot.

Town Map and Website Listing



The below link is an interactive brochure of Hopkinton. Here you will be able to find out what attractions and what activities our town has to offer. This map was designed and created by Eagle Scout Aleksandr Hubbard with the help of Troop 77 of Hopkinton. Please feel free to contact him at a.c.hubbard@comcast.net for questions or concerns.

http://hopkinton-scouts.org/Troop77/T77_Eagle_Project/ACH/Index.html

Sports Fields and Parks

George's Park

George's Park is located adjacent to Hopkinton Middle/High School and is its primary recreation area. At present, the park is composed of Hopkinton's only full-sized baseball field, two little league/softball fields, a soccer field, a field hockey field and a 1/5-mile track. Also at this location are two tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court and the Spirit Skateboard Park. This is used for school team activities and other organized sporting teams. For scheduling of field use, please contact the Athletic Director at 746-4167.

Spirit Skate Park

This state-of-the-art skate park is located on Park Ave next to the High School, and is part of George's Park. The park features multiple ramps that vary in size and difficulty. The park is open to skateboarders, scooters, inline skates and BMX bikes, and is geared to kids of all ages.

The Shumway and Carr families built this park as a memorial to honor the lives of their sons, Robbie Carr and Jake Shumway. The park is open seven days a week from sunrise to



sunset. The park is not staffed and all participants use at their own risk. Helmets are mandatory! Children under the age of 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Houston Fields

Houston Fields, located off of Pine St. behind Hopkinton's Town Library and Senior Center, is the gemstone of the town's recreation facilities. It is designed to serve all age groups from the very young to the elderly and it is the home for most town-sponsored team recreation activities. At present it is comprised of two full-sized soccer fields, two multi-purpose fields used for lacrosse, soccer and football, an official little league field and a children's playground. Lovely picnic areas, one with views of the entire park, have been developed near the playground. Walking paths and nature viewing locations are also available. Houston Fields is today a first class example of a recreation facility that is designed to maintain the delicate balance between nature and people.

“New Field” at Fairgrounds

Over the past couple of years, the Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA) has worked on developing a field on town acquired land adjacent to the Hopkinton Fairgrounds. The field (yet named) is accessed by parking in the Odd Fellows parking lot. The field is currently being used for baseball practices.

Gazebo

The Lewellen Gazebo is located in the center of Contoocook next to the Depot Train Station. There is a municipal parking lot next to the gazebo for patron use. The gazebo is used during the summer months for various concerts, community events and the July 4th Kids Parade. The gazebo can be used by any community member or group and can be reserved by contacting the Recreation Department.

Civil War Park

The Civil War Park, formally known as “The Park” or “Veteran’s Park” is located across the street from the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton. The park includes monuments dedicated to those who served in the: Revolutionary, Mexican, Spanish, Civil, Korean, Vietnam, World War I and II. The 1933 wooden flag pole was replaced by a new pole and light by the Rotary Club of Hopkinton. The park is maintained by the town of Hopkinton with garden work by the Rotary Club.

Elm Brook Park

Phone: 603-746-3601

Location: Take exit 6 from I 89. Turn on to Route 127 South (left turn if traveling North, right turn if traveling South). Follow Route 127 South for approximately 1 mile. Turn left to Elm Brook Park at the sign, Contoocook. Acreage: 10,000 acres. Waterfront: Hopkinton - Everett Lakes. Activities: Swimming, picnicking, boating

Amenities: Picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, a swim beach (no lifeguards), a short nature trail, a boat ramp, and four picnic shelters available on a fee basis. There are no campsites. Shelter reservations are made through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov.

Fees: A fee of \$1 per person is charged up to \$4 maximum per vehicle. There is no fee for children 12 and under. A fee of \$3 is charged for boat launching. Operation Schedule: Mid-May through the second weekend in September from 9 am to 8 pm (May - August), and 9 am to 7 pm (September).

More Information: For more information please visit the website at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/hel/helhome.htm> .

Sport Organizations

Hopkinton Senior Babe Ruth

Hopkinton Senior Babe Ruth is a summer baseball program for boys ages 15-19.

Contact: Dave Chase 746-2943

Hopkinton Soccer Club

HSC is a travel soccer club that offers a competitive soccer program year round. Players are selected at tryouts, which attempt to evaluate skill, athletic ability, and player attitude. Not all who try out will make the team.

Spring Soccer: Ages 11 to 19

Indoor Soccer: Ages 11 to 19

Fall Soccer: Ages 11 to 14

<http://www.eteamz.com/hsc/>

Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA)

HYSA offers recreational fall soccer for all Hopkinton youth who sign up. There are no tryouts. HYSA teams emphasize fair play, sportsmanship, and equal playing time for all. HYSA does not offer indoor or spring soccer. In addition, HYSA offers youth baseball, softball and T-ball.

Soccer: Grades K – 8

Baseball: Ages 7 – 15

Softball: Ages 7 – 16

T-Ball: Ages 5 – 6

Contact: Bob Berliner 226-2575

<http://www.eteamz.com/hysa-nh/>

Contoocook Men's Softball League

This league offers men an opportunity to participate in a recreational softball league aimed at having fun. Sign-ups for the league take place in the spring and games begin in late May. The League schedule games Mondays through Thursdays, and the season runs through early September. Must be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school at the start of the season.

Contact: Jeff Donohoe, jeff@teamdonohoe.com

Countryside Community Church

Provides co-ed softball opportunities for residents between the ages of 15 years to adult.

Contact: Mike Lewis 746-7233, countryside@mcttelecom.com

Hopkinton Recreation Department Information/Events

Easter Egg Hunt

The week before Easter on Saturday, the department hosts an Easter Egg Hunt at the Hopkinton Middle/High School. The hunt is for children up to grade 3. We begin the day at 11am with a visit from the Easter Bunny.



The egg hunt begins at 11:30am. The event is weather dependent, either taking place in the school or on the fields. Don't forget your Easter Basket!

July 4th Family Fun Day

This event always takes place on July 4th and a lot of the community members and groups volunteer to make this day a special one. It starts off with a 5K fun run/walk across from the Contoocook Fire Station. Registration at 8am, race at 9am. Then, there is Canoe/Kayak race starting at Multi Weld on Riverside Road. Registration at 9:30am, race at 11am. The Kid's Parade starts at 11:30am at the Gazebo. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes and wagons and themselves. The Independence Parade starts at 12noon. Line-up begins at 11:30am at the Hopkinton High School. The parade is hosted by the Hopkinton Fire Department.

Immediately after the parade, patrons head to Houston Fields for the Family Fun Day.

This event is packed with fun for all ages.

The games include wa-



ter balloon toss, three-legged race, dunking booth, tug of war and many more. All sorts of food is available, like hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, homemade baked goods, ice cream and more. There is music, entertainers and contests, including pie-eating, bubble-gum blowing and root-beer chugging. You can also take a carriage ride, look at antique cars, watch a trick pony and partake in the "Tookie Cookie Bakeoff."

Halloween

The weekend before Halloween we host a Fall Festival or a Haunted House at Kimball Cabins. The Fall Festival "Halloween Holler" geared toward families is a day filled with food/drinks/snacks, games, crafts, story telling, horse-drawn carriage rides and more. The Haunted House is held one evening the weekend before

Halloween and is geared for older children and adults. There is a kid's hour before we open the Haunted House with activities for the young children and a tour of the haunted house.

Breakfast with Santa

Every second Saturday in December, Santa makes his way to the Slusser Senior Center to visit with the community children.



The Hopkinton Recreation Committee, along with other volunteers, cook up a hot breakfast to include eggs, pancakes, bacon, toast, muffins, hash browns and more while the kids can have a special visit with Santa and partake in craft activities. The event is held from 8

am – 11 am and all proceeds go towards Operation Christmas organized by the Human Services Department and housed at the center. All are welcome!

Holiday Lights Contest

Every December, we encourage the community to decorate their home for the Holiday Lights Contest. Whether you have peaceful yard exhibited, or a massive light spectacle, be sure to enter your home. Judging categories are: “Wow Factor,” originality, layout/design and holiday spirit/theme. The top three winners will be chosen by the Recreation Committee in mid-December and will have large signs displayed in their yards declaring them the winners, as well as the names and pictures posted on the website and in the newspapers. Show some community holiday spirit and out-decorate your neighbor! Homes must be entered by calling 746-2915. For Hopkinton/Contoocook Residents only.

Ginger Bread House Workshop

During the first weekend in December coinciding with the Town's Starry Starry Weekend, the department hosts a Ginger Bread House Workshop at the Slusser Senior Center. All tools necessary to build a gingerbread house, along with hot chocolate and cookies, will be provided. This is a family workshop, so all children need to be accompanied by an adult. Spaces are usually limited and often sell out. You need to call 746-2915 to register.

Santa Calling Program

Every year, the Hopkinton Recreation Department makes special arrangements for Santa Claus to call the children of Hopkinton/Contoocook. Parents can pick up "Santa Calling" forms at the Slusser Senior Center, Town Hall, and the Library or download them off the web at www.hopkinton-nh.gov (click recreation). Santa will call children ages 3 to 8 on a specific evening in December.

The American Red Cross Safe on My Own Class

This is offered twice a year and will provide youth ages 8-11 years old with necessary knowledge and skills to safely stay at home alone and what to do in emergency situations. This is a 2.5 hour class.

The American Red Cross Babysitting Training

This course is offered twice a year and is geared for children ages 11-15. Skills taught are: general first aid, identifying safety hazards, making good decisions, supervisory skills, safe toys and games, bedtime issues and more. This is an eight-hour course which may be taught in one day or split into two days.

Swim Lessons at Kimball Pond

Swim lessons are held at Kimball Pond off of Rollins Road during the summer months. The classes are for children ages 4 years old or older and include five levels taught at various times. The levels vary from beginner water readiness, to floating/kicking, to stroke development, to advance stroke technique. We offer three, two-week sessions that run Monday through Thursday with Friday as the rain make-up day. Each lesson is 30 minutes long and is taught by a certified swim instructor. Registration forms are available mid March. Check the website for registration information.

Hopkinton Summer Day Camp

Every summer, the department offers a stellar summer day camp for children ages 6 -12 years old. The camp runs for seven weeks and allows campers to sign-up per week. Camp starts at the end of June and end mid August and is based out of Harold Martin School. We



offer arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, adventure activities and more. We hire skilled camp counselors that often return summer after summer. Registration starts mid March and often fills up. Check the website for registration information.

Movie in the Park

Started in 2008, every summer the department brings outdoor movies to Houston Fields. Set up on Memorial Field, guests are welcome

to bring lawn chairs, blankets, bug spray and friends and family. All movies are geared for family entertainment and are shown on a huge inflatable screen. The snack bar is open for popcorn, snacks and drinks. We try to show a movie in June, July and August. Check the website for dates and details. Also, the community is invited to submit suggestions and vote on what movies will be shown.

Community Trips

The department offers various trips to Red Sox games, casinos, theaters and shopping during the year. Check the website for updates.

Gazebo Events

The Gazebo located in the center of Contoocook is used by the department during the summer for various performances for families, children and adults. Check the website for the schedule.

Arts and Crafts Groups

We are always open to new ideas and new groups. We currently have a scrapbooking group, which meets a couple of times per month, and a Stained Glass Group that meets once a week at the Slusser Senior Center.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi meets every Tuesday (7-9pm) and every Saturday (8:30-10:30am) at the Slusser Senior Center. All levels are welcome.

Hopkinton Youth Lacrosse

During the Spring the Hopkinton Recreation Department, along with volunteer leaders Rob Thomson and Eric Sideleau, organize a youth Lacrosse program. All boys and girls ages 8 -14 are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. There is a cost of around \$65 for the program which starts mid April and ends mid June.

Registration forms can be found online beginning in March at www.hopkinton-nh.gov and clicking “Recreation.”

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball

Every Sunday (September – June) night from 7-9pm at the Hopkinton High School gymnasium, come and join us for volleyball. All skill levels are welcome and there is no fee. Just show up ready for a great time!

Indoor Soccer Team

Hopkinton Recreation puts together a Co-ed Indoor Soccer and is always looking for team members to play. We play at the Fieldhouse Sports recreational facility in Bow. The games start in October and go through April. Games are once a week and are typically played on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Men must be 25 years or older and women must be 21 years and older. This is a fun league for all levels of play, no matter your experience. Cost is usually between \$90 and \$110 per person. Call 746-2915 to register.

Community Breakfast

The Recreation Department holds community breakfasts throughout the year at the Slusser Senior Center. This event is for the entire community. Whether you are on your way to work or school or just

want to treat the family to hot meal, come on down to the Slusser Senior Center. The breakfast buffet has an assortment of eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, baked goods, pancakes, juice and coffee. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under the age of 10. The Slusser Senior Center is located next to the library. Check the website for updates.

Hershey Track & Field

Hershey's Track & Field Program was created to promote youth physical fitness and provide fun learning experiences for children 9 to 14 years old. Hopkinton Hershey Track is a four-week program designed to give children experience in the sport of track and field. All participants will have an opportunity to compete in the regional meet in Concord and qualifying athletes may compete at the State Meet. Practice will be on the track at George's Park, next to the high school, twice a week. Children with birth years between the ages of 9 and 14 are eligible to participate in the program. The cost of the program is \$20, includes the cost of the team shirt. (\$50 max per family). The Hershey Track program is sponsored by the Hopkinton Recreation Department. Contact George Sabol at 369-3733 or at ridgewalkerNH@comcast.net for more information.

Red Sox Trips

The Hopkinton Recreation Department secures a limited amount of tickets to one or more Red Sox games per year. We put together a package deal that includes roundtrip transportation from Contoocook to Fenway on a luxury coach, driver gratuity, and a ticket to the ballgame. The bus leaves from the Senior Center and drops you off right in front of the ballpark. Hopkinton/Contoocook residents have first priority of purchasing the package deal. The trip usually sells out quickly as there are a limited amount of spots.

Additional Services

In addition to programming, the Recreation Department manages scheduling for each of the following town facilities:

Houston Fields:

- Playground
- Multi-Use Fields
- Little League Diamond

George's Park:

- Baseball Diamond
- Blood Field
- Clark Field
- Multi-Use Fields
- Tennis Courts
- Spirit Skate Park

Kimball Pond

Kimball Lake:

- Kimball Cabins
- Ice Skating & Ice Hockey

Bandstand/Gazebo

Recreation Department

Mailing address:

Hopkinton Town Hall

330 Main Street

Hopkinton NH 03229

Office located at the Slusser Senior Center

Contact: Justin Lavigne, Director, 746-2915

Email: parkrec@tds.net

Fax: 746-2277

Website: http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_Recreation/index

Senior Activities/Services

Slusser Senior Center

41 Houston Drive, Contoocook NH 03229

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(603) 746-3800

The Slusser Senior Center opened on November 3, 2007, thanks to the generosity of Gene and Anne Slusser. It is a public building owned by the town of Hopkinton, and is operated under the Recreation Department and under the direction of the Recreation Director. The center's primary use is for senior residents, aged 50 years or older.

The Slusser Senior Center provides a place where the senior community of Hopkinton/Contoocook can meet together to pursue



mutual interests, receive health and educational services and participate in social and recreational activities that will enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their continued involvement in and with the community.

The Center strives to create a place that feels welcoming, comfortable, safe and accessible. There is a living room with comfortable upholstered furniture and a fireplace that can be used in the winter. A large kitchen is available for preparing meals for small or large groups. The dining room can seat 80 people and host special events, like our themed parties. A large fitness room is used for various fitness classes and dancing groups, and has a ping-pong table. There is a game room with a lending library, TV, puzzles, games, card tables, and a pool table.

At present, there is no charge to become a member of the Slusser Senior Center. Some activities are free and some require small fees, and donations are always accepted. The Center invites senior residents to suggest or begin new group activities. The Senior Recreation Committee meets every third Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Center and the meeting is open to the public.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Slusser Senior Center community. The daily activities and many of the programs, classes and meals are run by volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers and if you are willing to help, we will find you a spot!

The Slusser Senior Center invites you to drop in and visit, take a tour, and participate in an activity! Calendars of monthly activities are available at the front desk.

Other Annual Events

Josh Russell Memorial Fishing Derby

Fun day for the whole family! Sponsored by The 521 Club to Benefit the Josh Russell Ski Racing Scholarship Fund. Event is held at Lake Josylvia (Clement Pond), 329 Camp Merrimac Road, Contoocook

There will be breakfast, lunch and hot beverages available for purchase. Door prizes will be drawn every 15 minutes throughout the day. Over \$3,000 in prizes will be given away! Must be registered in the derby to win prizes. Entry Fees: Adults - \$12; Kids (7-12) - \$6; Kids 6 and under - FREE

Visit www.521club.org for more detailed information on prizes, etc. Email derby@521club.org with any questions.

Contoocook Carry/ Wood for Warmth

The Contoocook Carry Triathlon, was first held in 2002, as a gift of the Congoran family, to help build the town's Spirit Skateboard Park. The event takes place towards the end of September. Every year since the proceeds go to a different cause and the past two years they gave 100 percent of all proceeds directly to ***Fuel Assistance*** (through Human Services) for those who might need a little extra help with the coming winter. The "Carry" begins from Hopkinton High School with a two-mile run to the bank of the Contoocook River and a beautiful view of Putney Hill. After putting your boat in the water, you'll paddle about a 1 ½ miles to the portage, just above the dam and bridge in the village of Contoocook. You and your boat will portage (you carry, it rides) about 200 yards to return to the river. At the end of the paddle, you can begin the 14-mile bike through the lightly rolling country back to high School.

You can also read more about the community effort to supply fuel assistance through the Contoocook Carry Fund and the newly created Sean Powers Wood Bank at <http://www.woodforwarmth.org>. **Triathlon:** 2-Mile Run, 5-Mile Paddle (with short portage—help will be available) and 14-Mile Bike. **Contact:** For questions, call Mary at 603-529-2692 or email tcongoran@hotmail.com or for more information go online at <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov> and go to Contoocook Carry.

Starry, Starry Weekend

"One Weekend, Two Villages ... More than 20 destinations." This annual event takes place the first weekend of December and includes the participation of local merchants/restaurants, artists, town departments, churches with music, food, tree lighting ceremonies and much more. Visit www.starrystarryweekend.com for more details.

Veteran's Day Memorial Service

Every Veteran's Day all are invited to the Hopkinton and Contoocook Candle lighting Ceremony at the Civil War Park across from the Cracker Barrel in Hopkinton Village. At dusk there will be a gathering with color guard (kindly provided by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars) and a small ceremony to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in the past and for those who are sacrificing today. Please come, rain or shine. You may bring your own candle or one will be provided for you. Please check www.hopkinton-nh.gov for updates and more information.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market takes place in the center of Contoocook in the parking lot of the Depot Train Station. It is held from mid June to early October and you can shop for local produce, crafts and much more. For more information please call Elaine Loft at 746-2874.

Hopkinton Memorial Day Parade

Parade begins at 10:00AM. Hopkinton Town Center. The parade route begins at Harold Martin School and ends at the Town Hall Cemetery. Following the parade will be a community cookout hosted by the American Legion in Contoocook. The Owen L. French Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinton sponsors the annual Memorial Day Parade. For more information on the Boys & Girls Club please call 224-1061 or 410-5179 or visit www.concordkids.org.

The Hopkinton State Fair

Over its history, the Hopkinton State Fair has become a large, top-

ranked agricultural fair in New Hampshire. It is well known for their agricultural exhibit as well as the fine entertainment which it furnishes every year. The directors and staff endeavor to improve the fair each year to make it more enjoyable for our many guests. The fair is a full five-day event opening on Thursday and continuing through Labor Day. **For more information visit our website: www.hsfair.org.**

Local Organizations/Services

Owen L. French Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinton

The Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinton has been offering services to youth in Hopkinton since 2001. In 2009, we opened the Slusser Youth Center, allowing us to provide services to youth of all ages. We offer After School Programs enriching the lives of the community through teaching our Five Core Values; Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Teamwork and Proactive Thinking. In addition to our After School Program we also offer Summer and Vacation Camps. Vacation Camps are available during school vacation weeks and provide valuable service to families in Hopkinton. You can visit the drop in program at the Slusser Youth Center located at 195 Park Avenue, Contoocook. **For more information please call 410-5179 or visit www.concordkids.org**

Boy Scouts of America, Hopkinton, NH Troop 77

The Scouting program offers boys ages 11 through 18 years an opportunity to experience some outdoor activities as part of a larger, world-wide organization. Activities include hiking, bike trips, camping and community service. Troop 77 meets weekly at 7:00 pm in the Odd Fellows Hall on Park Ave. in Contoocook. **For more information visit our website: www.hopkinton-scouts.org**

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts do fun things with other kids! Cub scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade. **For more information visit our website:** www.hopkinton-scouts.org

Hopkinton Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains *Serving New Hampshire and Vermont*

Girl Scouting provides leadership opportunities to girls from all areas and backgrounds. By working with caring volunteers, girls are mentored in a variety of areas and skills. Girl Scouting is a girl led program which uses resources designed by skilled professionals. Our organization provides training and professional support to our adult volunteers. Girls may participate via traditional troop structures, or through short term, interest specific activities. We operate both day and resident camps in the summer to provide outdoor educational opportunities to girls. The Girl Scouts in Hopkinton welcome all girls and adults. Many volunteer opportunities available. Join Us!

Grades K – 1 Girl Scout Daisies

Grades 2 - 3 Girl Scout Brownies

Grades 4 – 5 Girl Scout Juniors

Grades 6 – 8 Girl Scout Cadets

Grades 9 – 10 Girl Scout Seniors

Grades 11 – 12 Girl Scout Ambassadors

www.girlscoutsgwm.org

888.474-9686

Contact: DeeDee Rice, Director of Membership and Marketing
at drice@girlscoutsgwm.org

The Little Nature Museum

Located at Gould Hill Orchards, The Little Nature Museum is a hands-on nature center, founded in 1955; it is suitable for all ages. It is open from late spring through fall on weekends and holidays and by appointment on weekdays for groups. The museum features collections of fossils, rocks, minerals, shells and sea life, corals, birds' nests, fungi, galls, cones, mounted birds and mammals, insects, Native American artifacts, and interpretive exhibits. It includes nature activities for children and adults and changing exhibits. Outdoors, the Museum offers self guiding nature trails including the *Ferns and Forest Nature Trail* and *Everything Has a Home Discovery Area*, suitable for children in grades K-3. Child Survival programs and related outdoor nature programs are also offered. On the weekend following Labor Day weekend, the museum hosts a two-day annual NatureFest event which includes a special program, activities, exhibits, and trail walks. For more information about the Museum, educational programs, hours, and special events, www.littlenature-museum.org. **Contact: Sandra Martin 746-6121 nature-museum@conknet.com**

Hopkinton Historical Society

300 Main St., Hopkinton, NH 03229, (603) 746-3825 hopkintonhistory.org

The Hopkinton Historical Society is Hopkinton's history museum and resource center. We are open March through December, Thursdays and Fridays 9 am – 4 pm, Saturdays 9 am – 1pm. Programs include 3 new exhibits each year, including new perspectives on Hopkinton history, cemetery walk, and a showcase on local artists. Collections include items that help elucidate Hopkinton's history, including deeds, diaries, photographs, postcards, paintings, furniture, and crafts. All are welcome to see the exhibits, conduct research, or volunteer.

Cindy's Fitness Training

Cindy's Fitness Training provides healthy living and fitness training by top notch, certified instructor in a variety of morning and evening classes, including: Aerobics/Step, Yoga, Pilates, Resita-ball, Personal Training, Kickboxing, Zumba and Strength Training.

Contact: Cindy Glass 746-4572 cindyfit@tds.net

Contoocook Dance & Gymnastic Center

The CD&GC teaches dance and gymnastic classes. Tap, Ballet, Point, Jazz for Pre-school to Adults; Lyrical for Preteen to Adults; Artistic Gymnastics for 5 years to Teens; Rhythmic Gymnastics 7 years to Teens; and Summer camp is also available.

Contact: Yvonne Bossi 746-3282 beutyndanc@aol.com

Duston Country Club

40 Country Club Road, Hopkinton off of Rt. 202

Duston Country Club is a 9-hole Public Golf Course that offers the following programs: Men's Night League, Ladies Night League, Men's Senior League and Ladies Social League.

Contact: Bob or Maureen White 746-4234, www.dustoncc.com

Tooky Wheelworks LLC

478 Broad Cove Road

Hopkinton, NH 03229

Phone: 603-496-9747

E-mail: tookywheelworks@yahoo.com

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Contact Arlene Pinkos McGrath at 738-3010 or apmfitness@aol.com for additional information.

Campgrounds

Sandy Beach RV Resort



New Hampshire RV Campground at Sandy Beach has long been one of the premier RV camp-

sites in the whole state. Situated among stately pines, overlooking a picturesque New England spring fed lake, it has also been one of the best kept secrets in New Hampshire. Sandy Beach RV Resort is centrally located in Contoocook, N.H. Just 15 minutes north of the state capitol, Concord, N.H. and just a little over 1 hour from the Boston, Mass. area. Our New Hampshire RV Resort at Sandy Beach is ideal for day trips to surrounding areas including the White Mountains, the Lakes Region and the New Hampshire Seacoast. You can reach Sandy Beach RV Resort via I-93 or I-89 if traveling from the north or south or Route 9 traveling from the east or west.



Hopkinton Recreation Committee

Mission

The Recreation Committee of the Town of Hopkinton exists to aid and promote the establishment of recreation programs for all citizens of Hopkinton, N.H.; to sponsor, co-sponsor, organize and conduct recreation programs; to encourage wholesome and healthful use of recreation; to encourage public and private support and financial sponsorship of recreation programs; to support private organizations involved in providing recreation activities; and to coordinate the use of recreation facilities and provide opportunities for all.

Committee Members 2010

Louise Carr, Chairman
Steve Crawford
Ed Kerr
Justin La Vigne, Recreation
Director
Chris Lawless, Selectman's
Representative

Jim Lewis
Jim Martin
Vernon Miller
Mark Newton
Jessica Scheinman
Ann Wayland

The Recreation Committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Slusser Senior Center. If you would like to volunteer or join the committee, please contact the Recreation Director at: parkrec@tds.net.

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