

Hopkinton Outdoor & Recreational Activities Guidebook



**The Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Hopkinton, NH**

Table of Contents

About Hopkinton	1
Multi-Use Trails	2
Biking	7
Scenic Views & Vistas	10
Ponds & Lakes	11
Rivers	12
Brooks & Swimming Holes	13
Ice Skating	14
Snowmobiling	14
Skiing	15
Town Map	16
Sport Fields & Parks	17
Skate Park	18
Recreational Organizations	19
Golf	25
Horsing Around	27
Hopkinton State Fair	28
Local Farms	28
Campgrounds	31

Second Edition, August 2004

User Notes

This Guide is published by the volunteer efforts of the Hopkinton Recreation Committee. If you have any corrections or suggestions on how this guide could serve you better, please email parkrec@hopkintonnh.us.

You may download this Guide at:

<http://hopkintonnh.us/rb.htm>

Cover photo by Hopkinton resident, Bruce Salisbury.

Hopkinton Outdoor and Recreational Activities 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.

Multi-Use Trails

Elm Brook Park

Elm Brook Park is a public recreation area operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The park offers a swimming area with a great beach, more than 100 picnic sites, 4 large group picnic shelters, 2 bathroom facilities, a public exhibit and information building, a children's playground area, horseshoe pits, a basketball court, a ball field, acres of open lawns and great fishing. There is also an elevated wildlife-viewing observation deck that overlooks a natural wetland. At the beach, there is a concrete walkway from the parking area to the water and there is a large floating dock especially for people in wheel chairs who enjoy fishing. The park is staffed by uniformed Park Rangers who offer special programs on a variety of nature topics throughout the season. Each summer the Rangers also present a very popular Junior Ranger program for children ages 6 to 12.

As you enter the park, you will see an 8-foot tall wood carving of Smokey the Bear on your right and a large trailhead sign beside the road on the left. The trail is about 1.5 miles long with gentle inclines. It leads you along wetlands and through uplands where you will see a wide diversity of natural habitats. A self-guided trail brochure is available and there are interpretive signs along the way. There is also a multi-use trail system at the Hopkinton-Everett Reservoir for biking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing with varying degrees of difficulty.

The park is normally open from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm beginning mid May through the second weekend in September. There is a small fee for use of the beach and the large shelters may be reserved for a fee.

Contact: Army Corps of Engineers 746-4775.

Directions: From US 9/202 in Hopkinton, take Rte. 103 to the Contoocook Village Fountain Square, take a left onto Rte. 127, for 3 miles. The park entrance is on the left. OR take Exit 6 from I89, turn on to Rte. 127 South (left turn if traveling North, right turn if traveling South) Follow Rte. 127 South for approximately 1 mile. Turn left to Elm Brook Park at the sign.

Smith Pond Bog

This area consists of 59 acres with 2 trails. Allow 1 hour (short trail, 15 minutes; long trail, 45 minutes.) The bogs were formed when ice from glaciers eventually melted, leaving a “kettle hole” pond. Peat and ice were harvested here in colonial times. In June you may see the pitcher plant, which traps and digests insects, in bloom. You may also see water willow, horned bladderwort, grass pink, rose begonia, as well as other moss and wildflowers. **Summer and fall are the best times to visit.**

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. Boutwell Mill Brook bisects the northern part of the lot, then splits with part of the brook running southeasterly through a relatively large beaver swamp to the southern boundary, while the other part runs southwesterly parallel to Farrington Corner Road and into an old mill pond. Boutwell Mill Brook runs into Bela Brook near the intersection of Clinton Street and Page Road. Bela Brook eventually runs into Turkey Pond in Concord and is part of the Turkey River watershed. 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

Osborne Trail (yellow blazes): 10 minutes

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 1/2 miles, look for a small parking area on your left at the trailhead.

Samuel Myron Chase Wildlife Sanctuary

In 1931, Samuel Myron Chase left in trust sixty-three 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. To return to Jewett Road you must retrace your steps. 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. For the best views of the marsh, three overlook loops can be accessed by the Chase Trail.

The Fred Pilch Loop: Red markers

This loop starts a short distance from Jewett Road. This short loop takes you to a lookout on the edge of the beaver meadow.

The Will Brown & Voydatch Loops: Red markers

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 Stack Brook Trail follows Stack Brook upstream over an area of rocky ground to a crossing at an old ford and bridge.

The Stack Brook Trail: Red markers (cont...)

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 trail begins on Jewett Road about a 1/4 mile south of the Chase Trail trailhead. This relatively short trail takes you to the edge of the marsh to a huge beaver dam. It includes several views of the marsh including a particularly fine view at the end of the trail.

Note: The Brown Robinson Trail includes sections on private property. Please stay on the trail and logging road.

Directions: Rte. 202/9 turn onto Jewett Road in Hopkinton, trail head is 1.7 miles on the right.

Stevens Rail Trail

The Stevens Rail Trail used to be a railroad bed which is now used as a multi-purpose trail. The trail 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, go left at the Y intersection onto Kearsarge Avenue, take a left onto Spring Street, take a right onto Krzyzaniak Road to the end.

Contoocook River Forest

This 97acre 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 NEPCO 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 snowmobiles in the winter months. A hiking loop was constructed by the Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop in the early 1980s but has not been maintained.

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, scenic Elm Brook Park, and several enjoyable miles along the Contoocook River.



Most of the ride is on quiet back roads, though ½ 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 Library on Pine Street, just ¼ 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. Be sure to stop for an ice cream or cold drink, and be sure to ride over to the covered bridge, which you can see from the stone bridge on Route 114. Continued...

- 8.6 R onto Western Avenue
- 9.9 L bear left and choose one of two bridges over the
Contoocook River
- 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, another 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!

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

Many local mountain biking routes cross private land, so we felt that it was not appropriate to include them. We do recommend looking at the **Multi-Use Trails** section of this booklet and visiting Clough State Park in Weare for some really good suggestions. Have a great ride!

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





Kimball Lake 1930's
Photo courtesy of John Boatwright

Ponds & Lakes

Kimball Lake

This lovely lake is approximately 75 acres in size and is located on Main Street in Hopkinton. Residents are encouraged to use this area for ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, fishing and canoeing. A nature walk is also available. The trail begins at the end of the gravel road which is adjacent to the main cabin. This cabin can be rented for group events. No motorized boats or motorized vehicles are permitted.

Hopkinton-Everett Lakes

The Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Reservoir protects Contoocook and other towns and cities along the 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 bodies of water involved in the reservoir that are located in Hopkinton are: 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 and is 14 acres in size and approximately 4 feet deep. Access is located at the junction of Route 103/202 and

Currier Road, about 1.5 miles from Hopkinton Village.

Clement Pond

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 .6 miles and the Boat Ramp and parking will be on your right.

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.



If you want to paddle upstream, park in the Municipal Parking area 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.



Swim Lessons at Kimball Pond with Ross Waniga
Photo courtesy of Bruce Salsbury

Swimming Holes

Kimball Pond

Kimball Pond is located on Rollins Road in Hopkinton and is open to residents for swimming during the summer school vacation. Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. American Red Cross Swim Lessons are offered through the Recreation Department. Please respect the posted hours and safety guidelines.

Elm Brook

For more information, see description under Multi-Use Trails.

Ice Skating

Hopkinton State Fairgrounds

The **Hopkinton State Fair Association** has graciously allowed the use of one of their horse rings for ice skating. This area will be lighted and some parking is available. The rink is located two tenths 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.



Kimball Lake

Kimball Lake is also used for skating and hockey practices. The conditions and availability depend greatly on the weather, which limits its usage. Clearing of the snow is done on a volunteer basis.

Snowmobiling

Snowmads – Snowmobile Club

The Contoocook Snomads 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 7:00pm in the Community Room of the Hopkinton Library.

Contact: Dennis Travers 746-6040
dennistravers@allstate.com

Skiing

Groomed Nordic Ski Trails

Fairgrounds Parking Area (behind Odd Fellows Lodge)

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 volunteers for the High School Nordic Ski Team during January and February. There are also unmaintained hiking trails into and through the woods, which can be broken in winter by intrepid explorers.

The Hopkinton State Fair Association has graciously allowed both the Hopkinton High School Nordic team and the residents of Hopkinton use of this facility at no cost. The Fair recently installed lights out on the course for use in the evening hours. Please respect this property. For more information



call the Hopkinton Recreation Department.

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 (formerly Sunnycrest 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 Currier 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 Interstate 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.

Downhill Ski Areas

Pat's Peak Ski Area

Pat's Peak, in Henniker, NH, is our closest alpine ski area. It has a vertical drop of 770' and a variety of trails for beginners through experts. It is ideal for beginners and families, with a friendly staff of PSIA-certified instructors, for skiers and boarders alike.

Hopkinton has for many years participated in their after-school ski program for children grades 1 – 12, which runs for 5 weeks beginning in January, the first Wednesday after the school Holiday break.

Pat's Peak also offers a terrific Ski Club, staffed and run by volunteer families for youngsters interested in pursuing competitive alpine skiing as well as a Corporate Racing Program for similarly inclined adults.



Contact: 888-728-7732 www.patspeak.com

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 Hopkinton's new and challenging skateboard park. The town is planning major renovations to this critical and well-used facility, but for today, George's Park is the major area for school team activities and will remain so for the foreseeable future.



Houston Fields

Houston Fields, located on Pine St. behind Hopkinton's magnificent Town Library, 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, an official little league field and a children's playground. Under construction are two additional soccer/lacrosse/general purpose fields. 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. The trails and nature viewing sites will be expanded over the next few years. Houston Fields is today a first class example of a recreation facility that is designed to maintain the delicate balance between nature and people.





Spirit Skate Park Mascot
Photo by Angela Wright

Spirit Skate Park

This “state of the art” skate park is located on Park Ave. and is part of George’s Park. The park was designed to feature 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 8 to 16 years of age.

The Shumway & Carr families built this park as a memorial to honor the lives of their sons, Robbie Carr & Jake



Shumway. The park is open weekdays at 7:00 am and 9:00 am weekends and closes at 9:00 pm in the summer. During the school year, it is open from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Children under the age of 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times. All participants are required to wear helmets.

Recreational Organizations

Hopkinton Recreation Department

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

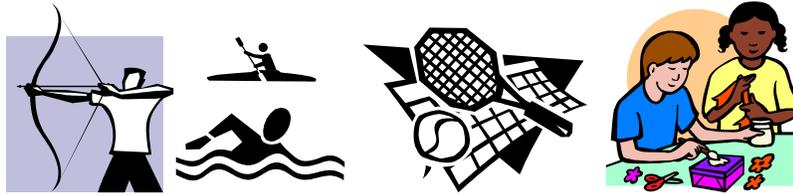
Bandstand/Gazebo

Recreation Department

Hopkinton Town Hall
330 Main Street
Hopkinton NH 03229

Contact: Robert Mattes, Director 746-2915
parkrec@hopkintonnh.us

<http://hopkintonnh.us/rec.htm>



Programs offered by the Recreation Department are:

Adventure Based:

- Adventure Camp (Summer, Ages 11-12)
- Hiking (Year-Round, All Ages)
- Kayaking (Summer, All Ages)
- Outing Club (Year Round, Ages 18+)
- Hiking, Biking, Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, and More...

Camps:

- Adventure Camp (Summer, Age 11-12)
- Hawk Sports Camp (Summer, Age 7-16)
(Baseball, Softball, Basketball)
- Hopkinton Day Camp (Summer, Age 6-10)
- USTA Tennis Camp (Summer, Age 6-16)

General Recreational Programs:

- Archery (Spring/Fall, All Ages)
- Co-ed Volleyball (School Year, Adults)
- Day Trips (Year-Round, All Ages)
- Ice Hockey (Winter, Grades K-3)
- Ice Skating Lessons (Winter, Age 3-10)
- Kimball Pond Swimming (Summer, All Ages)
- Lacrosse (Spring, Ages 9-18)
- Men's Basketball (School Year, Adults)
- ARC Babysitting Course (Spring/Fall, Age 11-15)
- Senior Adult Walking (Year-Round, Seniors)
- Swim Lessons (Summer, All Ages)
- Youth Basketball (Summer, Grades K-5)

Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinton

The Boys & Girls Club of Hopkinton offers a variety of educational and recreational activities for all teens in five core program areas:

- Character and Leadership Development
- Education and Career Development
- Health and Life Skills
- The Arts
- Sports, Fitness and Recreation
 - Adventure Programs
(hiking, kayaking, rock climbing, skiing, snowshoeing)
 - Game Room Activities
 - Team Games
 - Card and Board Games



Contact: Director 746-3474 www.concordkids.org

Cindy's Fitness Training

Cindy's Fitness Training provides healthy living and fitness training by top notch, certified instructors in a variety of morning and evening classes:



- Aerobics/Step
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Resita-ball
- Personal Training
- Kickboxing
- Strength Training

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

Contoocook Dance & Gymnastic Center

The CD&GC teaches dance and gymnastic classes.
Summer camp is also available.

Activity: Age Group:

Tap, Ballet, Point, Jazz Pre-school to Adults

Lyrical Pre-teen to Adults

Artistic Gymnastics 5 to Teen years

Rhythmic Gymnastics 7 to Teen years

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

Countryside Community Church

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



Contact: Pastor Lance Claggett 746-4043

Mike Lewis 746-2462

countryside@conknet.com

The Golden Group of Hopkinton

The Golden Group promotes and

develops programs for senior adults that provide opportunities for wholesome leisure experiences through social, educational and recreational activities. Membership consists of any person age 50 or older. Activities include day trips, overnight trips, carpool outings, pot-luck meals, cook-outs, speakers, holiday celebrations and much more. An off-shoot of the group, the Hopkinton Wellness Connection, organizes programs promoting the components of wellness, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, physical, social and career.



Wellness Programs: Senior Line Dancing

Senior Strong Living

Most activities take place in Contoocook.

Contact: Bev Johnson 746-3859

tjohnsonjr@mettelecom.com

22

Hopkinton Community Center, Inc.

HCC, Inc. is a private organization that provides a number of services to the residents of Hopkinton from preschool activities to senior service programs. Some of the recreational services provided include:

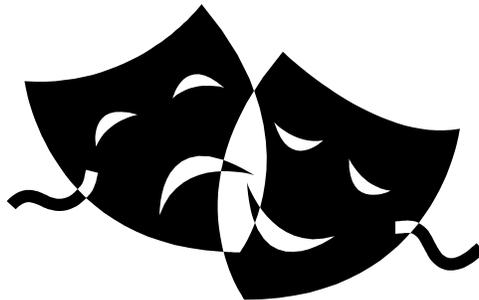
Activity:

Karate
Performing Arts
Tai Chi
Youth Basketball
Major League Soccer Camp
Hershey Youth Track & Field
Senior Lunch Program
YOGA

Age Group:

Preschool to Adults
2 – 6 years of age
Adults
Grades 3 through 8
4 – 13 years of age
9 – 14 years of age
Senior Citizens
Adults

Contact: Nini Allen 746-5676



Hopkinton Independent School

This non-profit school offers a variety of recreational opportunities for children ages 5 to 16 years. Summer camp is offered as a day camp as well as overnight camp. There is a wide variety of enrichment programs that are offered year round as well as performing arts programs.

Contact: 226-4662 www.hopkintonind.org

Hopkinton Senior Babe Ruth

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



Contact: Dave Chase
746-2943

"Two organizations provide soccer opportunities for Hopkinton's youth, the Hopkinton Youth Sports Association (HYSA) and the Hopkinton Soccer Club (HSC). Both are non-profit organizations run exclusively by volunteers. While the principal goal of each organization is the enrichment of our community's youth, each offers a different approach and emphasis.



HYSA and HSC wish to stress that both organizations offer valuable opportunities for our youth. Player attitude and fair play are the prime goals of both organizations. Pick the one that better suits your child's needs."

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.

Activity:	Age Groups:
Spring Soccer	11 to 19
Indoor Soccer	11 to 19
Fall Soccer	11 to 14

Contact: Doug Fuller 746-5717 fuldo@aol.com

Hopkinton Youth Sports Association

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



Activity: Age Group:

Soccer Grades K – 8

Baseball Ages 7 – 15

Softball Ages 7 – 16

T-Ball Ages 5 – 6

Contact: Joe Conley 746-5915

Tooky 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.

Contact: Jeff Donohoe 746-3502

Golf

Duston Country Club

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
Ladies Social League
Junior Instructional League
Couples League**

www.dustoncc.com

**Contact: Bob or Maureen White 746-4234
40 Country Club Road, Hopkinton. Just off Rt. 202/9**

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.

**Contact: Ron Romer, Scoutmaster
746-4857**

www.hopkintonscouts.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.

**Contact: Steve Knight, Committee Chairman 746-2716
Sue Reale, Cubmaster 746-5773**

Hopkinton Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council

The Girl Scouts of Hopkinton provide service to their community, learn new skills, plan and attend trips and overnights, (which vary according to age level), and develop and hold leadership roles.



Daisies – Kindergarten
Brownies – grade 1-3
Juniors – grade 4-6
Cadettes – grade 7-9
Seniors – grade 10-12
Girl Scout -18 + Adult

**Contact: Michelle Korbet 746-5148
DeeDee Rice 800 654-1270 x 115
drice@swgirlscouts.org www.swgirlscouts.org**

Easy Riders 4-H Club

This 4-H Youth Development program of UNH Cooperative Extension provides positive experiences for all youth and adults to develop their individual potential as caring contributing members of an ever-changing world. Membership in the program is open to all youth between the ages of 5-18.

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

Horsing Around

Merrimack Valley Equestrian Special Olympics

Provides Equestrian Sports Training for mentally challenged athletes. They also train in bowling.

Activity: Age Group:

Equestrian Riding 8 years to Adult

Equestrian Driving 8 years to Adult

Merrimack Valley Equestrian Bowling 8 years to Adult

Contact: Marcia Evans 746-3884

Local 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

Horse & Pony Rides Plus

The Red Horse Ranch offers ponies and Miniature Horses for parties and events at the Ranch or at your home, school or nursing facilities. They also offer Basic Riding Lessons that include: grooming, feeding, riding & safety.

Red Horse Ranch

410 Broad Cove Road
Contoocook NH 03229



Contact: 746-5096

The Hopkinton State Fair

In 1980 the Hopkinton State Fair became a full five-day event, opening on Thursday and continuing through Labor Day. Over its eighty-one year history, the Hopkinton State Fair has become the top-ranked agricultural fair in New Hampshire. It is well known for its agricultural exhibits as well as the fine entertainment which it furnishes every year.



Directions - The Hopkinton State Fair is located north of Hopkinton High School.

Contact: 746-4191 www.hsfair.org

Local Farms

Hopkinton Poor Farm

This Christmas Tree Farm is located at the original town "poor farm" (circa 1834-1872) 3 miles from Hopkinton Village going toward Concord on Hopkinton Road, on the left. They offer Blue Spruce, Black Hills Spruce, Balsam Fir and will gladly assist in choosing, cutting and delivery.

744 Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton, NH

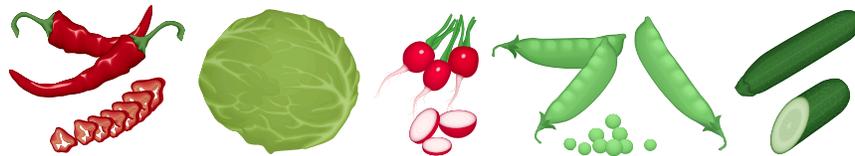
Contact: 225-6705



Hopkinton Farmer's Market

The 1st Annual Farmers Market opened on July 4th, 2003 and is located at the Grange parking lot. The market will be open every Saturday morning from 8:00 am to noon throughout July and August. Call if interested in reserving a space (rentals are \$5.00 weekly).

Contact: Elaine Loft 746-2874 planetloft@attbi.com



Russell's Organic Blueberry Farm

A Certified Organic Pick-Your-Own blueberry farm that also sells organic garlic. Located at 289 Maple Street in Contoocook. The Russells offer delicious berries in a beautiful field full of high-bush blueberry bushes. The picking season is from mid-July through mid- to late-August. Their hours are Wednesday-Friday 1:00pm-6:00pm, and Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-5:00pm. Closed Mondays & Tuesdays for ripening.

Contact: Peter & Marilyn Russell 746-3517

Gould Hill Orchard

A 200 year-old family-owned and operated farm that grows over 85 varieties of apples and 14 varieties of peaches on nearly 100 acres of prime farm land. They also produce fresh sweet cider, maple syrup and other fruit products. Their hilltop location affords both prime apple growing land and spectacular views stretching 75 miles from south-central New Hampshire to the White Mountains.

Starting Labor Day Weekend, a number of apple varieties are available in the "Pick Your Own" orchards, where semi-dwarf trees make picking easy with no climbing. Orchard personnel are always on hand to advise should it be your first apple picking experience. Spend the time to enjoy the view, a crisp autumn day, an orchard picnic as well as your own freshly picked apples. Special arrangements can be made for family, school, church groups and corporate outings.

Contact: (603) 746-3811

www.gouldhill.com



The Little Nature Museum

Located at Gould Hill Orchards is a hands-on nature center suitable for all ages. It is open spring to fall, including weekends in September & October, and by appointment for families and groups. The museum houses collections of fossils, rocks, minerals, shells and sea life, corals, birds nests, fungi, galls, cones, mounted birds, insects, Native American artifacts, a wildlife table and interpretive exhibits.

Outdoors, the Museum includes nature trails, such as Ferns and Forest nature trail, and Everything Has a Home discovery area, suitable for children grades K-2. Each year on a late August weekend, the Nature Museum hosts a two-day Annual Educational Nature Event.

Contact: Sandra Martin 746-6121

nature-museum@conknet.com

Beech Hill Farmstand & Ice Cream Barn

Beech Hill Farmstand and Ice Cream Barn features over 50 premium flavors of New Hampshire made ice cream and a popular make-your-own sundae bar, as well as a country gift shop, New England specialty products, garden accessories, a wonderful assortment of farm animals, and quality family activities.



The New Hampshire State Corn Maze is available in August, September & October for school field trips. A trip through the maze is a lesson in geography, NH state history, map reading, teamwork and fun! In addition to the NH State Corn Maze there will be a second theme maze available for groups to enjoy. Throughout the summer Beech Hill Farmstand provides concerts that are fun entertainment for the whole family.

Located at 107 Beech Hill Road, Hopkinton

Contact: 223-0828 www.beechhillfarm.com

Campgrounds

Sandy Beach RV Resort

Sandy Beach RV Resort is situated among stately pines, overlooking a picturesque New England spring fed lake.



Located at 677 Clement Hill Road, Contoocook

Contact: 746-3591 www.sandybeach.org



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, NH; 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 2004

Varerie Long
Robert Nadeau
Jeff Eitreim
Cindy Glass
David Jones
Marlene Minemier
Elizabeth Ridinger
Robert Mattes, Recreation Director
Don Lane, Selectmen's Representative