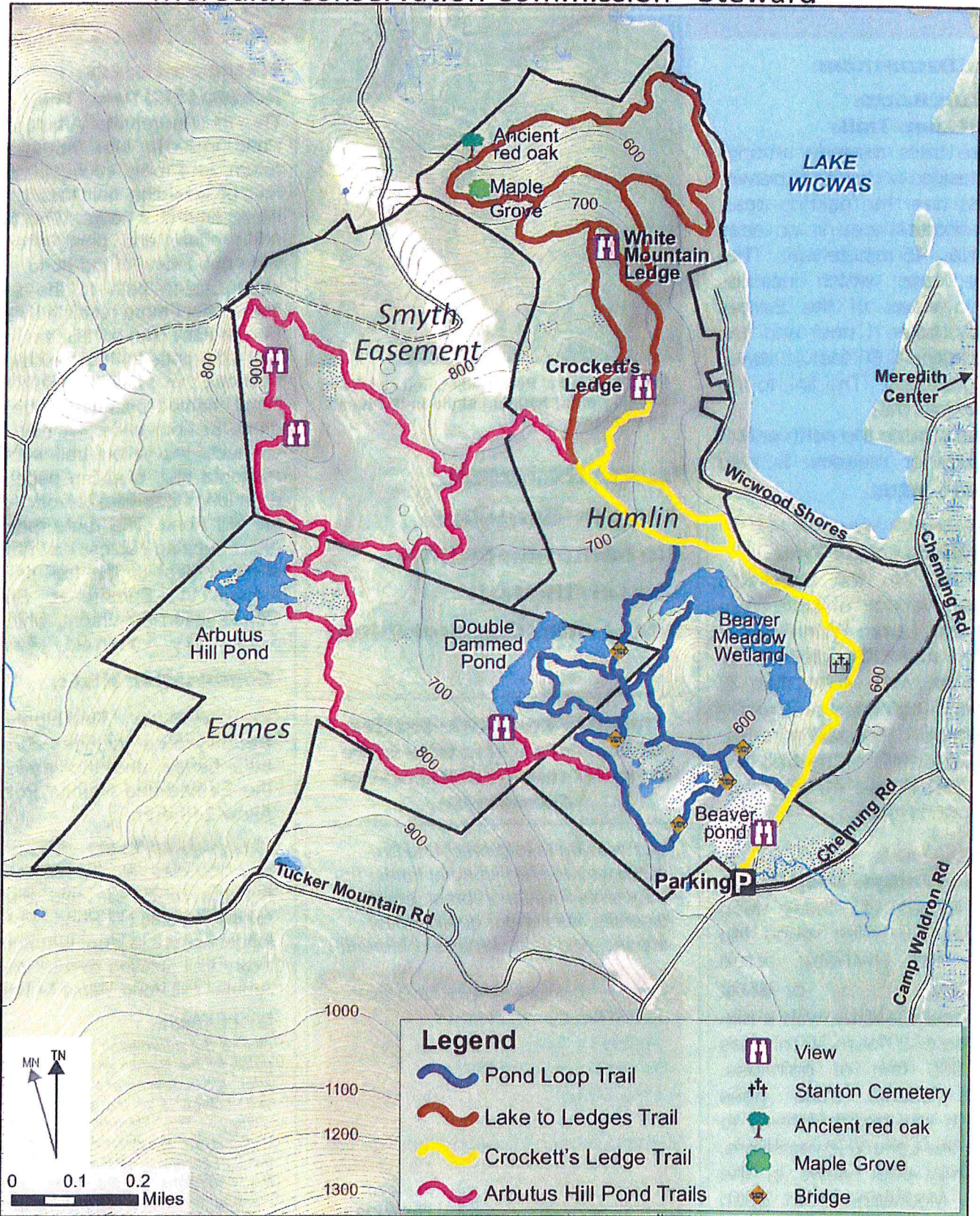


Hamlin-Eames-Smyth Recreation and Conservation Area

Meredith Conservation Commission - Steward



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Directions: In Meredith from the intersection of **Route 3** and **25**. Take Route 3 South, and a right turn onto **Route 104**. Turn left at the sign 'Meredith Center Road' and a left onto Meredith Center Road. After passing the Meredith Center Fire Stn, take the first right onto Chermung Rd. There will also be a brown sign, 'Hamlin Park'. Follow Chermung Rd, and take a **sharp** right at the intersection with Camp Waldron Road. The Hamlin Parking Lot will be on the right, marked by a tall wooden sign.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:

■ BLUE BLAZES

Pond Loop Trails

These trails meander around and beside a cluster of beaver ponds near the parking area. The shortest loop is an easy 1.6 mile, 45 minute walk. The longer loop, which includes scenic views of the Eames Ponds, takes 1 hour and has an additional 60 feet of elevation gain/loss. The link to the yellow trail that circles around the north end of the Beaver meadow is also blazed in **BLUE**.

■ YELLOW BLAZES

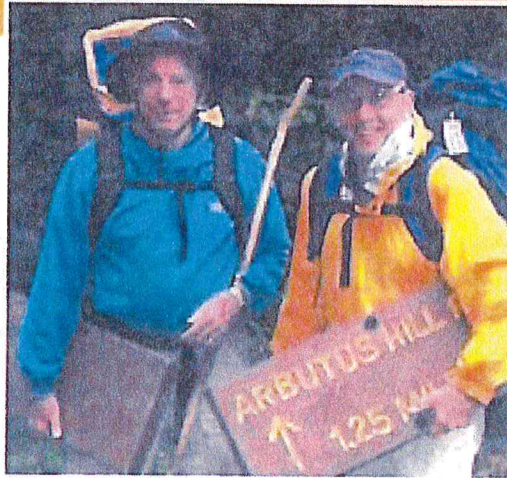
Crockett's Ledge Trail

The trails to the Crockett's Ledge overlook of Lake Wicwas and Lake Winnisquam have a round trip distance of 2.7 miles, with 400m feet of elevation gain/loss and a hiking time of 1 hour 30 minutes. The upper half of the trail is a loop that allows for an alternate return route.

■ RED BLAZES

Lake to Ledges Loop Trails

The longest of these loop trails is 5.5 miles round trip from the parking area (including **YELLOW** or **BLUE** trail access/return), with a hiking time of 3 hours 30 minutes and 900 feet of gain/loss. These scenic trails pass through old growth forests to reach the Lake Wicwas shore, and they offer views of the White Mountains from open ledges.



MCC members Peter Miller, left, and Dan Heyduk, right, hanging signs in the Hamlin Town Forest

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Carry In Carry Out

No bathroom facilities

Stay on the trail

Fires & smoking prohibited

Trail map and guide courtesy of the volunteers who serve on the Meredith Conservation Commission.

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■ MAGENTA BLAZES

Arbutus Hill Pond Trail

The trail to remote Arbutus Hill Pond, including blue trail access/return, is 4 miles in/out, with 450 feet of elevation gain/loss and a hiking time of 2 hours. The trail's north shore end point offers a wide open view of the pond. The shorter, side path to the south shore offers more restricted views. For an easy hike on this trail, take the side path to the spectacular overlook of Double Dammed Pond, named because of beaver dams at both ends. A new trail connects the yellow trail with the magenta trail, enabling people to do a long, loop hike to/from Arbutus Hill Pond. The route requires rock hopping across a narrow stream. Most of the trail passes through the Barbara R. Smyth Conservation Easement, which is privately owned land.

Combination Hikes:

YELLOW/BLUE: This highly rewarding loop includes Crockett's Ledge and the views of the Eames and Hamlin Ponds. Allow 2+ hours.

YELLOW/RED/BLUE: This grand tour includes all the rewarding features of Hamlin and Eames except Arbutus Hill Pond. For the longest possible loop, turn right at every trail junction except toward Arbutus Hill Pond. Allow 4+ hours.

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