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A GUIDE TO A SELECTION OF MONT VERNON CONSERVATION LANDS AND TRAILS
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Archibald

Location: Route 13 just north of the center of town, on the west side of the road just past the wetlands.

Parking: Space available for about 6 cars, just off Route 13, in front of the yellow gate.

Features: It is approximately 60 acres. There is a kiosk at the trailhead. The main trail is relatively flat and approx. 3/4 of a mile before entering onto private property. Two short but steep marked trails leave the main trail and meet with either the Lamson Farm green or blue trail. The wetlands on Rt 13 are part of the Archibald property.

History: The town voted to buy the Archibald property in 2004.
BLOOD ROAD TRAIL

Location: Intersection of Blood Road and Main Street.

Parking: No parking on site. Park at Town Hall or Library and walk up to Blood Road.

Features: The 0.43 mile trail is an easement for pedestrians on private open space owned by Kairos LLC. It is connected to a longer easement; MVCC recommends stopping at the "End of Trail Maintenance" sign. It is a wide flat trail with some stone walls and a vernal pool.

History: The easement is on open space for the Carriage Circle development off of Weston Hill Road.
**CARLETON POND**

Location: Weston Hill Road- just past the post office.

Parking: Parking area directly in front of Pond.

Features: It is the site of the annual Mont Vernon fishing derby. There is a gravel trail that circles the pond.

History: Carleton pond was created by the Grand Hotel around 1900. The surrounding land was given to the town by the Carleton family in 1972. A pond restoration project was started in 2017.
Havinga Woods

Mason Road

Graciously donated to the town of Mont Vernon in 2012 from Jan and Mimi Havinga.

Location: Mason Road

Parking: Parking for 2 cars is roadside.

Features: Kiosk located at trailhead. The nearly 19 acres was added to the 3 acres already owned by the town that abuts Brook Road behind the transfer station. The one mile trail is a mix of gentle and moderate slopes and marked with blazes.

History: Graciously donated to the town of Mont Vernon in 2012 from Jan and Mimi Havinga.
Location: Salisbury Road - East side of road. About 1 mile from the Beech Hill Road intersection. Look for the large boulder by the entrance.

Parking: In front of the yellow gate; parking available for about 6 cars.

Features: The main path is an old logging road which is mowed every year, as well as the old timber landing site, to maintain an open field for environmental diversification. This trail has red blazes and a newly added section which makes the red trail a 1.66 mile loop.

History: The town was given this property, approximately 141 acres, in the 1940s. In 2006, the town voted to designate it a Town Forest which allows it to be logged. It was last harvested in 2008.
**HERLIHY SWAMP**

**Location:** Brook Road, just north of the Weston Hill Road/Gregory St./ Brook Road intersection.

**Parking:** Along the side of the road, for 1-2 cars.

**Features:** There is a trail of about a half mile around the wetlands with some very nice stone work, which circles the 43 acre preserve. A variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and birds can be observed. Fishing, picnicking, and hiking are encouraged uses.
HORTON POND

Location: Franestown Turnpike, East side of the road.

Parking: Two parking spots next to the road and two more a short rough drive into the woods.

Features: A beaver pond good for kayaking and watching turtles. Also great for ice fishing and ice skating. There is no hiking but there is a short walk to a rock for fishing.

History: Horton Pond was given to the town in 1981, allowing for public access to the pond and a strip of land on the southeast border.
Location: On the southwest side of town. Access to Purgatory Falls requires starting at the entrance to Wah Lum.

Parking: Either at the end of Dow road- approx. 6-8 cars or the north end of Purgatory road - 2-3 cars. Roadside parking is illegal at both sites.

Features: Upper falls - "bean pot", and the Devil's footprint on the farside. A 3 mile trail one way starts at Upper falls and reaches the lower falls in Lyndeborough. This trail can be slippery with steep sides especially in winter due to ice. This can be a busy trail that is popular with people from out of state.

History: Purgatory Falls is made up of several land parcels bought by multiple Land trusts using grants and donations and then given to the town starting in 1973. A century ago it was the scene of parties and gatherings by town and the hotels; at one time it even had a dance hall and a bowling alley.
Location: On the southwest side of town.

Parking: Either at the end of Dow road- aprox. 6-8 cars or the north end of Purgatory road - 2-3 cars. Roadside parking is illegal at both sites.

Features: Kiosk at both parking sites. Two loop trails and a high point with a view toward Pack Monadnock. There are steep sections. The trail is used to reach the Purgatory Falls trail.

History: Portions of this area was acquired in 2008 through fundraising and grants with the aid of the Amherst Land Trust. A portion of it is owned by the New England Forest Foundation.