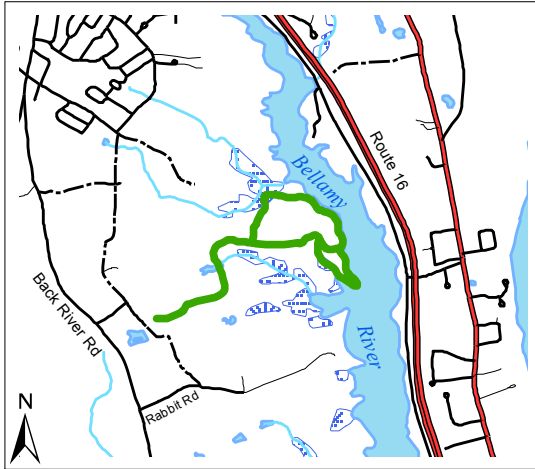


Directions



Directions to:

Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area

From Route 108 in Dover (Durham Road), take Spruce Lane east to Back River Road. Turn right and travel approximately 1 mile. Turn left on Rabbit Road. Veer right at the bottom of the hill. The gate is approximately 75 yards ahead on the left.

This trail guide was created through a collaboration between the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the Open Lands Committee of the City of Dover, NH September, 2008

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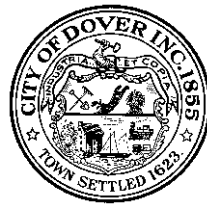
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Waterfowl Impoundment

Dover, New Hampshire



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Visitor Information

Allowable and Non-Allowable Uses:

As guardian of New Hampshire's fish, wildlife, and marine resources, the Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to

- conserve, manage, and protect these resources and their habitats,
- inform and educate the public about these resources, and
- provide opportunities for the public to use and appreciate the open space areas and resources that are under the stewardship of the department.

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area is open to the public for many recreational activities including

- hunting,
- fishing,
- hiking, and
- cross-country skiing.

Other activities, that **do not** interfere with the purpose for which this area was acquired or developed, are allowed only by special use permit. The following list includes some of the activities that require a special use permit include:

- trapping;
- agriculture and maple sugaring;
- construction or maintenance of trails for any purpose;
- camping;
- organized horseback riding events;
- organizational activities of 15 people or more that have the potential to negatively affect wildlife habitats;
- the operation of off-highway recreational vehicles, OHRVs, (as defined in RSA 215-A:1 VI) on bare ground;
- the removal or disturbance of vegetation and natural resources.

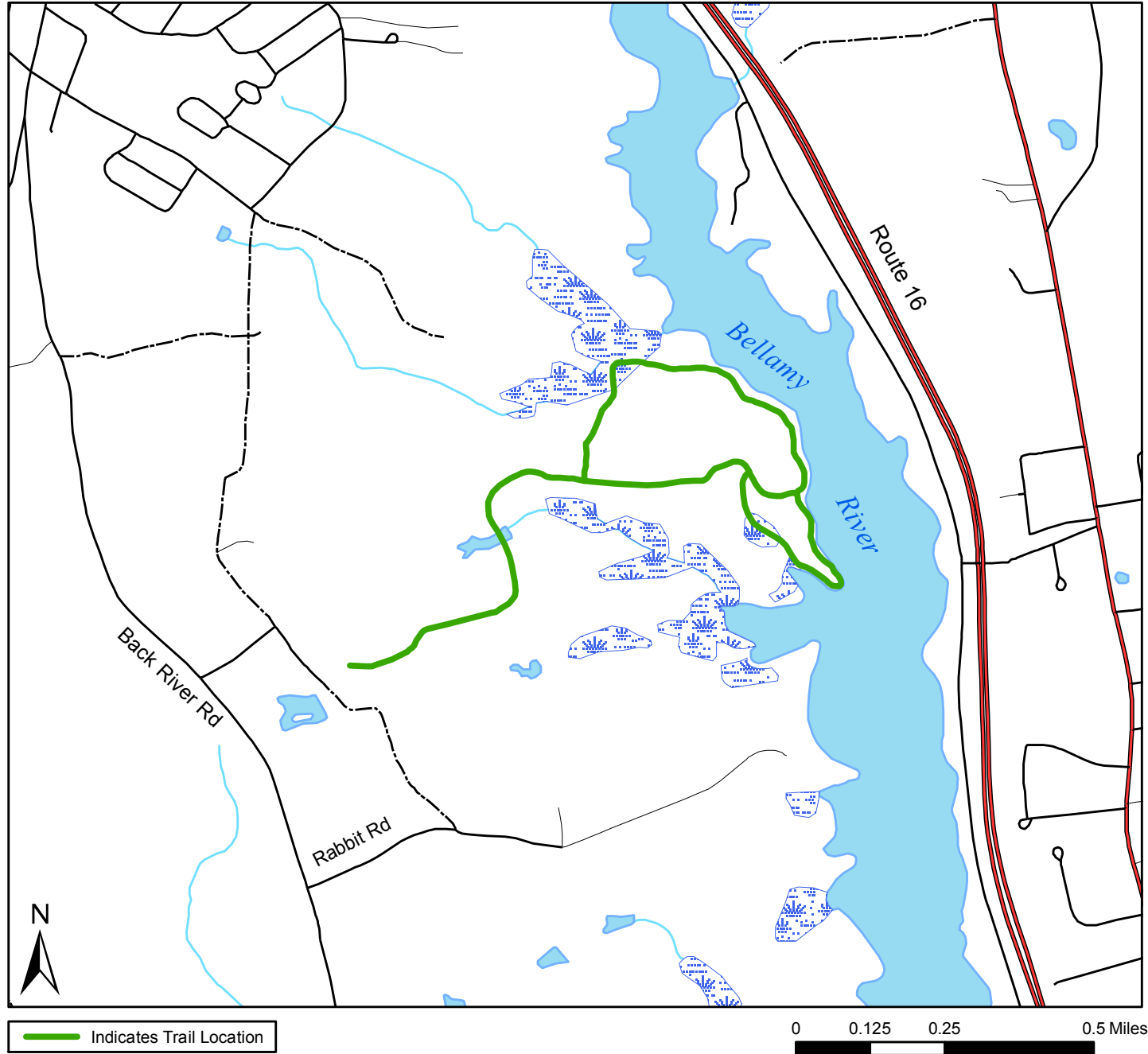
Additional rules and information regarding allowable and non-allowable activities are explained on the website of the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game at <http://wildlife.state.nh.us/legislative/legislative.htm>.

Visitors are asked to respect and adhere to the rules governing the use of the Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area. By doing so, members of the public help to preserve and protect the natural resources of this area.

Dover Open Lands Committee

The City of Dover Open Lands Committee is an advisory group that was established by the Dover City Council to promote open space protection as outlined in the city's 2000 Master Plan. The committee works to protect undeveloped lands that possess significant conservation features, including drinking water supply resources, farm and forestlands, critical wildlife habitat, and historic and scenic areas. For more information about the Open Lands Committee, contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008, or email openlands@ci.dover.nh.us.

Trail Information



Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area

The Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area contains many prominent natural features that include riverside shoreline, tidal creeks, salt and fresh water wetlands, wildlife habitats, fields, and woodlands. Located on the west shore of the Bellamy River between Dover and Portsmouth, the 400-acre parcel was acquired by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department between 1990 and 1992 with assistance from the **Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP)**. The area contains trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, and wildlife watching. Hunting and trapping are permitted. The importance of this beautiful and expansive tract is enhanced by its location in the midst of several urban communities.

Common wildlife: Deer pheasant, upland game, bobolinks, meadowlarks, and waterfowl. The area is a major feeding and resting place for migrating waterfowl and estuary species such as herons, gulls, osprey, and sandpipers. The New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game has conducted varied land and wildlife management projects since the mid 1990s.

