

## Trail Description

The Tolman family donated a conservation easement to the Monadnock Conservancy with the intention of keeping the land open to the public for hiking. The Swanze Open Space Committee has worked with the Tolman family to create a loop trail up to the top of Carroll's Hill. This trail traverses the property's hemlock and hardwood groves and affords views of the hilltop forests. The trail is a moderate hike, starting on the Old Calvin Curtiss Road before winding up the north slope of the hill through mixed forests, and arriving at a scenic overlook. The second half of the loop returns to the old road and follows the western edge of the property, which is also the town boundary.

## Property History

Carroll's Hill borders the Old Calvin Curtiss Rd. which once connected the small farms scattered from East Swanze to Richmond to Rabbit Hollow. The property also has a history of diverse plant life; the land owners have found a variety of imperiled wildflowers over time.

## Uses

Hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing are welcome. Please leave only footprints.



View of the frontage along Westbrook Court, near parking for the Carroll's Hill loop trail



Plantain sedge abounds on the slopes of Carroll's Hill, alongside jack-in-the-pulpit and lady slippers. This herbaceous plant prefers slightly enriched soils.



The Monadnock Conservancy's mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character and scenic beauty of the Monadnock Region. We care for our conservation lands, and we engage people in ways that strengthen their communities and their connections to the land.

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A Guide to



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**Rating: Moderate**

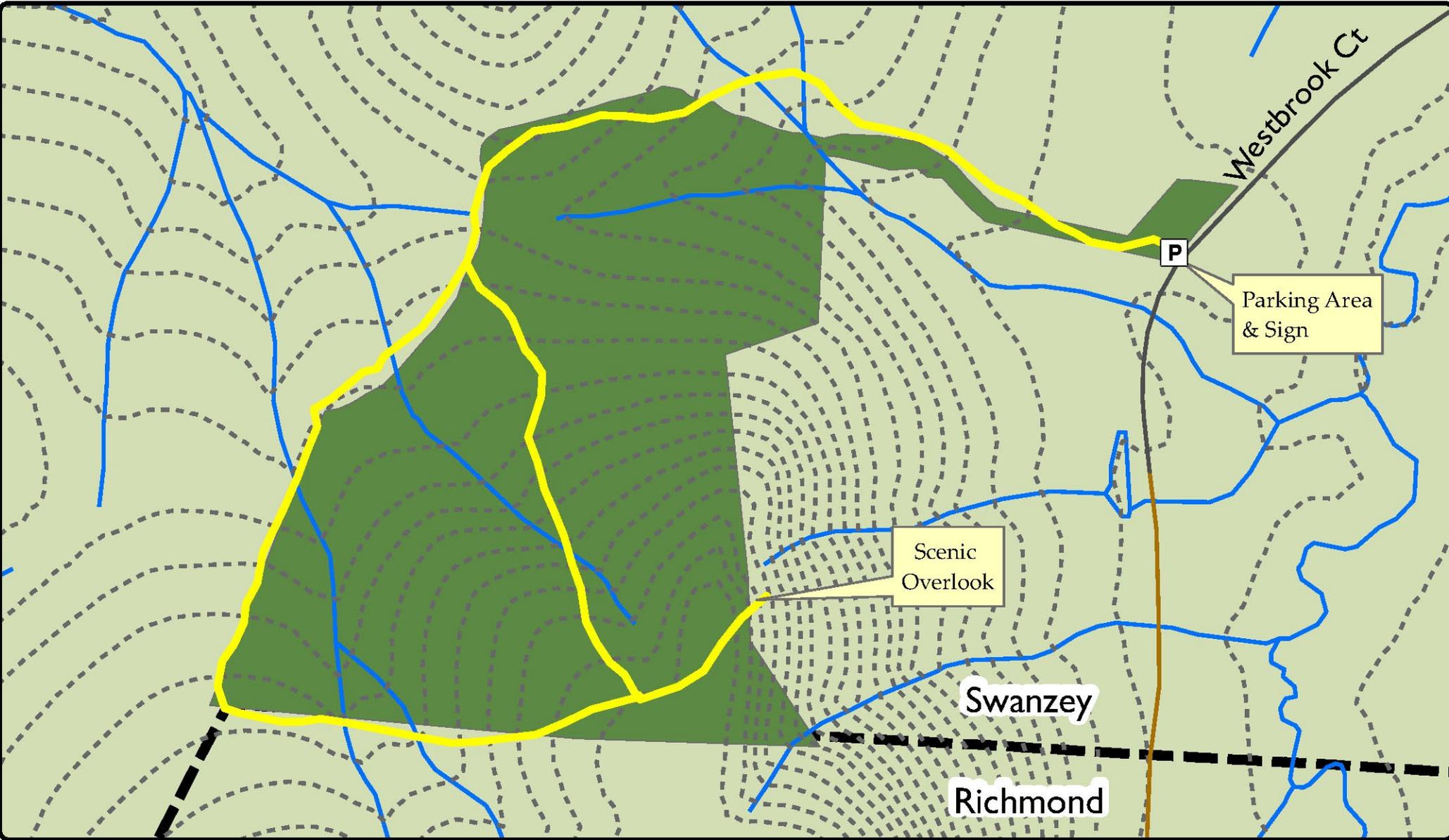
**Distance: 1.5 miles**

**Parking: Along Westbrook Court frontage**

**Access: Westbrook Court**

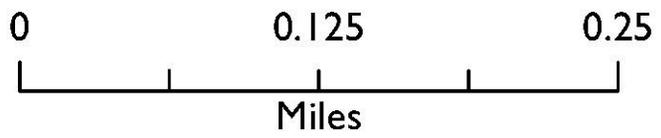
**Difficulty: Medium (trail not groomed)**

This 61-acre easement is located in Swanze, New Hampshire, and provides wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities very close to Swanze Lake. The Carroll's Hill Trail is owned by the Tolman family, and maintained with the help of the Swanze Open Space Committee. The property features several unnamed streams, mixed hardwood forests along the rocky slopes of Carroll's Hill, and frontage along the old Calvin Curtiss Road.



**Tolman Conservation Easement and Carroll's Hill Loop Trail Map**

-  Carroll's Hill Loop
-  Tolman Conservation Easement
-  Non-maintained Roads
-  Roads
-  20' Contours



E. Hague, 11.17.11; map not survey accurate. 1:9,000 scale.  
Sources: GRANIT, GPS, Projection: NAD83, NHSP feet