

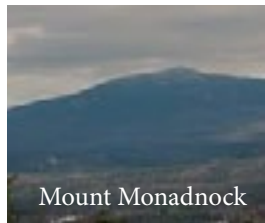
#1 PROSPECT HILL TOWN FOREST (BLUEBERRY HILL)

Location: Park at the Dummerston Town parking lot at 1523 Middle Road, which is in Dummerston Center. Walk north on Bunker Road and take left fork to Park Laughton Road. Walk 4/10 mile just past house at 133 Park Laughton Road. There is no sign for the trail.

Rating: Strenuous hike

Trail Description: Follow the beaten path across a wet area, straight up along a stone wall until it turns to the left. Trail is marked and is about 6/10 mile.

Points of Interest: The land was donated to the town in 1974. To the east, there is a view of Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. To the west you can see Mount Snow.



Mount Monadnock

For a nice 5 mile circular walk on town roads, continue north on Park Laughton Road and then south on Bunker Road to the parking lot.

#2 DUMMERSTON QUARRY - THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Location: Granite quarry (active 1884-1938) about 1/2 mile south of the Covered Bridge. Park and explore the area freely.

#3 BLACK MOUNTAIN ---- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

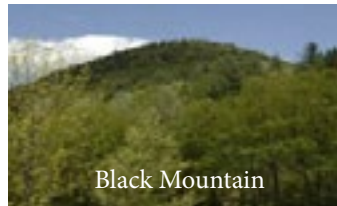
Location: The trailhead is near 1088 Rice Farm Road (1 1/2 miles south of the Covered Bridge. Parking is available.

Rating: Strenuous hike

Trail Description: Follow the marked trail 1 1/2 miles to the western peak of Black Mountain.

Points of Interest:

Black Mountain is an area of special interest because of its unusual geology. Deep beneath the earth's surface, between 345 and 395 million years ago, magma rose from beneath the crust of the earth and intruded into the native rock, forming a granite dome. Over time erosion has exposed the granite. Rare species for this area include scrub oak, pitch pine, red pine and mountain laurel, which blooms in June.



Black Mountain

#4 WEST RIVER TRAIL

Location: Park along the road near 971 Rice Farm Road (1/2 mile south of the Green Iron bridge). The trail is on the river side of the road. There is a small gate. Due to bridge construction, the trail may sometimes be closed.



West River Railroad

Rating: Easy walk or bicycle ride (lightweight mountain bike).

Trail Description: A 3 1/2 mile relatively flat trail along the West River made accessible by the dedicated work of the *Friends of the West River Trail*. No motorized vehicles.

Points of Interest: Created in 1879, this was the track bed of the former West River Railroad. This trail ends at The Marina restaurant in Brattleboro, where a snack or meal is available.

#5 FALLS BROOK

Location: Park at the Covered Bridge on Route 30.

Trail Description: Walk across the Covered Bridge. Turn left to walk along Camp Arden Road. Take first right onto Green Mountain Camp Road. Take a left onto Hague Road and then left onto Falls Brook Road until the end. Total length of walk one way is under 2 miles.



Rating: Moderate walk

Points of Interest: Along the way, there are views of the West River. At the end of the walk is Falls Brook, which has some small but striking waterfalls.

#6 WEST DUMMERSTON COVERED BRIDGE

Location: Park at the Covered Bridge on Route 30. There are steep steps down to the West River, where there is a small beach and a great place to *swim* or *wade!*

#7 OLD JELLY MILL FALLS

Location: Park at the Dummerston Community Center (166 West Street) which is also the Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Rating: Moderate walk

Trail Description: Take left onto West Street (south), then right fork onto Leonard Road. Follow Leonard Road until it becomes Stickney Brook Road and walk left to see the Falls. Walk is about .8 mile each way.

Points of Interest:

Old Jelly Mill Falls is a series of small waterfalls. It is a great place to have a picnic and wade (use caution on the very slick rocks in the water). Don't forget to walk up and down West Street to get a good feel for West Dummerston Village.



Old Jelly Mill Falls

#8 DUTTON PINES STATE PARK

Location: Park in the parking area adjacent to Route 5 and 1/2 mile south of Dummerston Station Road. There is a sign for the Park and a kiosk.

Rating: Easy walk

Trail Description: This unmarked trail (1/3rd mile in length) offers casual walking on a wide trail that is partly a gravel road and partly a woods road.

Points of Interest: The trail passes the remnants of a number of historical structures of the original campground built by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in the early 1930's and also large pines planted by the Dutton family in the early 1900's. There are no restrooms.

Note: For more fun, walk north 1/2 mile along Route 5 and then turn right onto Dummerston Station Road. Follow this to an area overlooking the Connecticut River (9/10 mile).



CCC building

#9 ELYSIAN HILLS TREE FARM



Location: Off of Tucker Reed Road, on East Knapp Road where there is a large sign for *Elysian Hills Tree Farm*. When you turn on East Knapp Road, parking is immediately located in a field on the left side of the road. Look for box with trail flyer and map.

Rating: One easy short hike and an easy to moderate long hike.

Trail Description: A short 1 mile hike and a long hike with two loop options, (1 1/2 or 2 1/2 miles).

Points of Interest: Elysian Hills Tree Farm is a working farm where Christmas trees and other crops are grown. It is stewarded by the Manix Family who own nearby Walker Farm. Some points of interest are 2 stone trees, a circular stone cemetery, a sugarbush with an old sugarhouse site, wildlife habitat patch cuts, & scenic distant views.

DUMMERSTON WALKS & TRAILS



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The One and Only DUMMERSTON

Founded in 1753

Legend

-  Snacks
-  trail head
-  walks
-  town road
-  town boundary
-  20 foot contour



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A	Brattleboro North KOA - Restaurant	8 - 8	April 15 - October 15	Thurs-Sun
B	Walker Farm - Fruit, veg., baked goods	10 - 6	June - Thanksgiving	
C	Hidden Acres Campgrounds - Ice cream	11 - 8	April 15 - October 15	
D	Scott Farm - Fruit, veg., maple syrup	All day	July - November	

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