

Atkinson Town Forest Hunting Access and Parking

Hunting with bow, shotgun, or muzzleloader is allowed on Town-owned parcels in areas 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 with no Town permit required. (All NH Fish and Game rules, seasons, and regulations must be followed at all times). These five areas abut swamps or ponds and provide waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Bow and crossbow hunting is allowed on Town-owned parcels in areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, and 12 with a special Atkinson Bow Hunting permit available from the Selectmen's Office.

A larger scale PDF map of the conservation lands and trails is available on the town's web page at http://www.town-atkinsonnh.com/conservation_trails_lands.html

1/ Caroline Orr Town Forest (61 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. Park at the Community Center or use the trail at the end of Robie Lane.

2/ Sawyer Town Forest (140 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. Park at the trailhead on the South side of Sawyer Ave near Main Street, or along Juniper Lane at the marked trailhead there.

3/ Chadwick Town Forest and Woodlock Trails (51 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. No hunting is allowed in the Woodlock Park Recreation Area. Park in the recreation lot at the end of Woodlock Park Lane or by the trailhead on the side of Hovey Meadow Road.

4/ Chambers-Fila - Crown Hill Town Forest (40 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. This land abuts the Plaistow and Hampstead Town Forests. Park (where marked) along the driveway that enters the Town Forest on the east side of East Road by a small cemetery at the Hampstead town line. Or use the Plaistow Town Forest parking lot on the West side of Route 121A.

5 & 6/ Sawmill Swamp Town Forest (94 acres)

Bow, shotgun or muzzleloader hunting is allowed on this backland. There is a small parking area at the end of Knightland Road with access to the northern area (parcel #6), and there is a parking area at the end of Woodlawn Ave and a trail easement (to the right through the gap in the stone wall) across private land to access the southern area (parcel #5). However, the terms of the easement prohibit hunting on the private land.

7/ Ruth Stickney Town Forest (32 acres)

Bow, shotgun or muzzleloader hunting is allowed. There is a parking area at the end of Lakeside Drive on the left.

8/ Marshall Town Forest (35 acres)

Bow, shotgun or muzzleloader hunting is allowed. Follow Boulder Cove Road, watching for a cellar hole on the right near the town line. The parking area and trailhead is on the right after the cellar hole.

9/ Judge Marshall (no relation) Town Forest (31 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. There is a small parking area at the end of Industrial Drive (but no trail).

10/ Slade Town Forest (19 acres)

Bow, shotgun or muzzleloader hunting is allowed. The property runs to the edge of Stewart Farm Pond, providing opportunities for duck hunting. Park on North side of Pope Road.

11/ Brushwood Drive Town Forest (10 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. This land is almost entirely swamp, and can be easily seen from Brushwood Drive. Note that there is a fire pond and hydrant close to the road, so parking here is restricted.

12/ Ruth McPherson Town Forest (28 acres)

Bow hunting only with Town permit. This parcel straddles the very busy Route 121/Main Street, but there is currently no parking area or trails into this parcel. We suggest asking an abutting landowner for access.