

Atkinson Town Forest Hunting Access and Parking

Hunting is allowed in areas 1, 2, 3, and 7 with no town restrictions and no town permit required. These four areas abut swamps or ponds and provide excellent waterfowl hunting. Bow and crossbow hunting is allowed in areas 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 with a town 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/ Ruth Stickney town forest, 32 acres

All hunting is allowed. There is a parking area at the end of Lakeside Drive on the left. You may also park just off Route 111 on the East side of Waters Edge Road.

2/ Marshall town forest, 35 acres

All 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.

3/ Sawmill Swamp town forest, 94 acres

All hunting is allowed on this backland. There is currently no public access which allows hunting. We suggest asking a sympathetic landowner on Knightland Road or Main Street if you can go in across their land. 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 town forest, however the terms of the easement prohibit hunting on the private land.

4/ Crown Hill town forest, 40 acres

Bow hunting only with town permit. However, this land abuts the Plaistow town forest which has no hunting restrictions. Park 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/ Marshall Trust conservation parcel, 31 acres

Bow hunting only with town permit. There is currently no parking area or trail into this backland parcel off Industrial Drive. We suggest asking an abutting landowner for access.

6/ Pope Road town forest, 29 acres

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

7/ Slade town forest, 19 acres

All hunting is allowed. A recent purchase extended this town forest to the edge of Stewart Farm Pond, providing opportunities for duck hunting. Park at trailhead on North side of Pope Road.

8/ 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.

9/ 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.