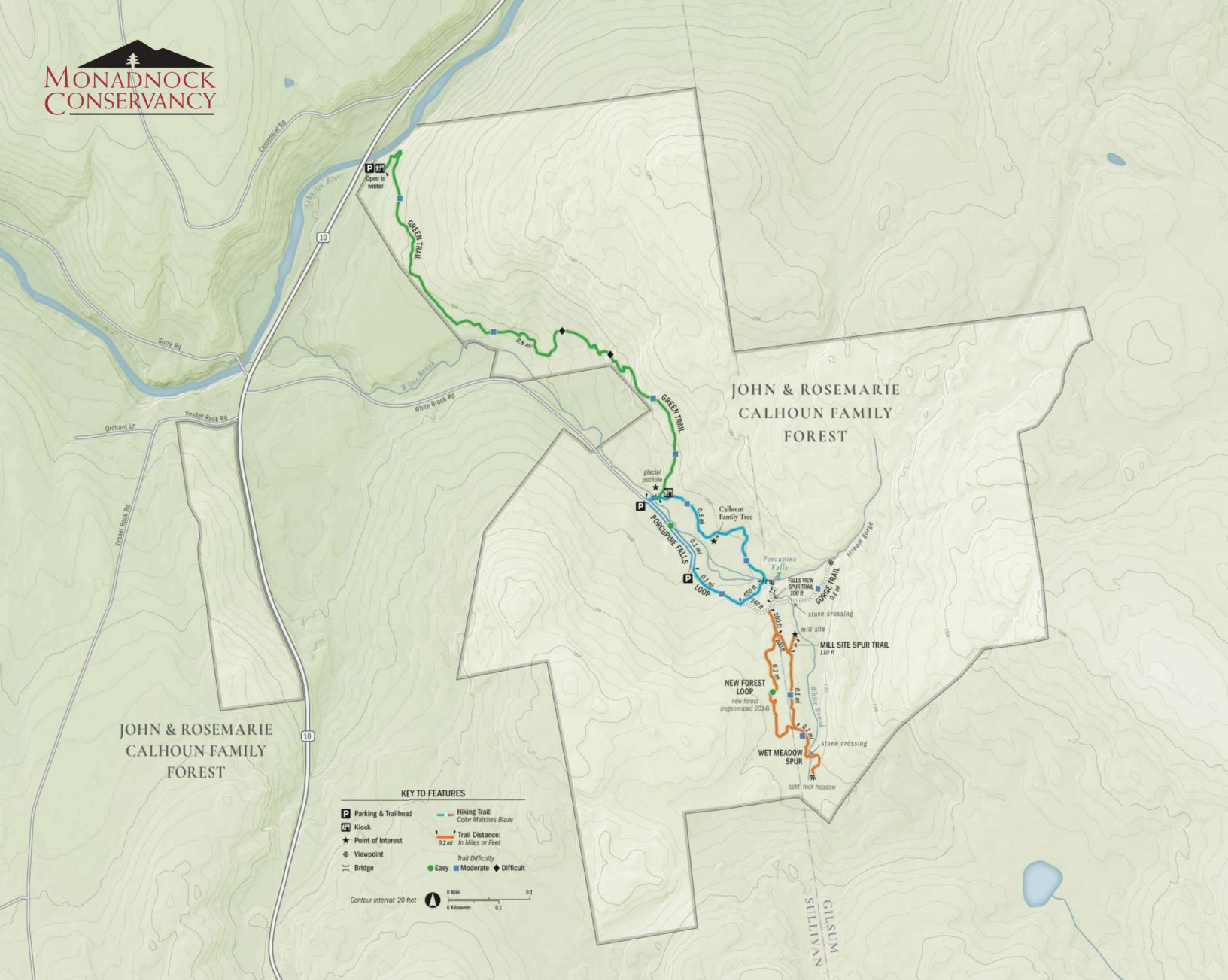




# The John & Rosemarie Calhoun Family forest

Trail map & information



## Directions

**From Route 10/12/9E:** Head north on Route 10 towards Gilsum. Go 5.1 miles then turn right onto White Brook Road. Follow White Brook Road to the end where there is a gate and parking area.

**From the north:** Follow Route 10 south through Gilsum center. At the intersection of Route 10 and 123, go 7.3 miles to White Brook Road. Turn left on White Brook Road. Follow White Brook to the end where there is a gate and parking area.

## Rules of the Trail

**Permitted uses:** Hiking, trail running, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting.

**Non-permitted uses:** Camping, fires of any kind, wheeled recreation (mobility devices are permitted), tree cutting.

To report any issues on the trail, please email Janine Marr ([Janine@monadnockconservancy.org](mailto:Janine@monadnockconservancy.org)) and visit [www.monadnockconservancy.org](http://www.monadnockconservancy.org) for more information on trails and recreation.

## John & Rosemarie Calhoun's passion for the land

The Calhoun family's connection to the land goes back generations and spans two continents. John Calhoun's grandfather worked in the lumber business in Cornwall, Connecticut, and Rosemarie Calhoun's father was a forest in Switzerland for nearly 40 years. John was himself a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry.



John and Rosemarie purchased the old farm that comprises most of the Calhoun Family Forest in October of 1954, just after they were married. Over the years, they bought adjacent properties and managed them using the sustainable harvesting methods that John learned at Yale.

To the Calhouns, a carefully managed forest was nothing more complicated than a well-tended garden, where trees were harvested on a sustainable basis, with an eye toward improving the overall health and quality of the trees, providing wildlife habitat, and protecting the soil and the water resources. The Calhouns recognized that well managed forests can provide important raw materials to the community, while protecting wildlife habitats, precious water resources, and scenic beauty.

## A lasting legacy

This property was donated to the Monadnock Conservancy in 2011 by the Calhoun family. Historically, the property was used first as livestock pasture, and then as a woodlot. In keeping with the family's wishes, the Conservancy is working to manage the property as a working demonstration forest, engaging in silviculture and creating hiking trails in such a way to provide educational opportunities to the public.



*“As my siblings and I talked together we all realized that the land our parents had owned held very special and often uniquely personal memories for each one of us. It could have been cutting firewood with our Dad, who always advocated for wood heating. It might have been a spring picnic by the waterfalls and skinny dipping in chilly White Brook as it flows dramatically through the property, and for one of us it was finding with our Mom the perfect Christmas tree replete with little cones at the top of an eighty-foot spruce, all in waist deep snow. We all realized that these memories were too powerful to just dismiss out of hand. As we talked, my siblings and I realized that one of the most significant ways that we could honor our parents and their commitment to land stewardship that they had passed on to us from their families, was to make sure that their land was owned forever in a way that honored our family's rich legacy of forest stewardship.” - John C. Calhoun IV*

