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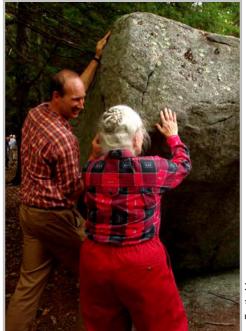
The Tippin Rock Farm easements were completed in 2010 with funding from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), funds from the Town of Swanzey, and many private donations. The purpose of protecting this land with the Monadnock Conservancy was to ensure it would be available for farming, forestry, wildlife habitat, and recreation forever. The Swanzey Open Space Committee established the trail on the property.

Respectful hikers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers are welcome on Hewes Hill. Those who reach the top are rewarded with spectacular vistas of undeveloped wooded hillsides. The outlook is also a great place for bird-watching especially during migration seasons in spring and fall. Those who are willing to carry in a light lunch will enjoy picnicking as well.

Perched on a sheet of granite lies a 40-ton rounded boulder. Tippin Rock is a massive glacial erratic boulder that can be made to sway gently with a shove of the shoulder in just the right place. It has been a hiking destination for more than a century.

#### Directions

The trailhead is in a hayfield on Warmac Road across from Chebaco Kennel. Visitors are reminded to stay away from active agricultural fields and wood harvesting operations.







We are an accredited land trust that serves the 39 towns of the Monadnock region. Our mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character and scenic beauty of the region.

Contact us for more information and help us protect more open space when you become a member:

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## **Tippin Rock Trail** SWANZEY N.H.



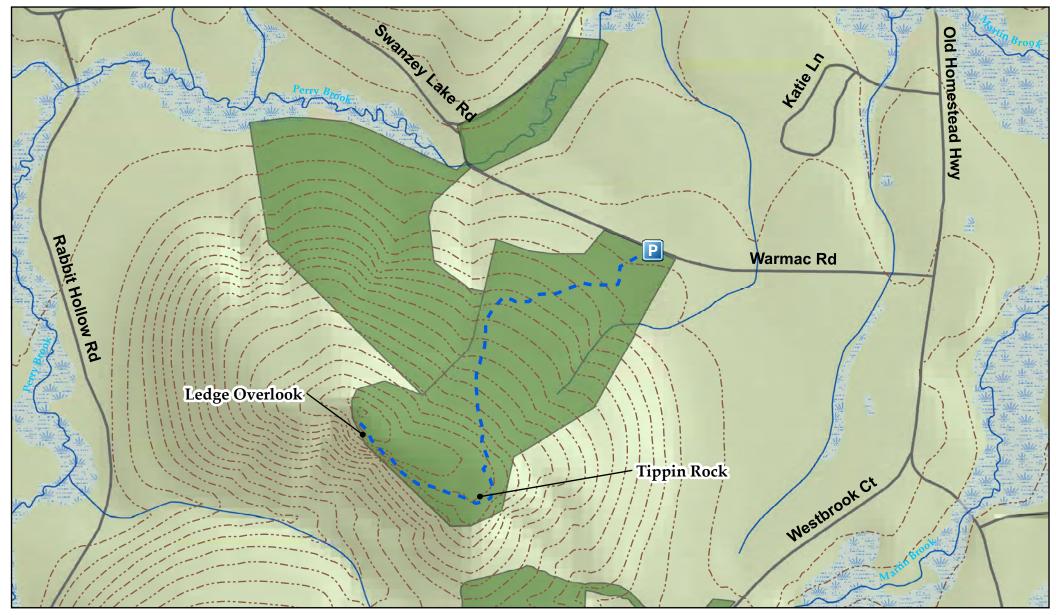
**TRAIL** 

Rating: Moderately Difficult Distance/Time: 1.8 miles/45 minutes Parking/Access: Warmac Road

This hiking trail leads to the Tippin Rock and Hewes Hill cliffs. The trail starts in a hayfield on Warmac Road, rises up to the Tippin Rock, continues on to a stunning lookout, and then makes its way across the top of the cliffs. The trail affords views of wellmanaged oak and pine forests and an occasional young chestnut tree making a comeback. Hikers can watch for warblers, wildflowers and ferns.

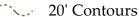
This trail crosses privately owned land and is cared for by the Swanzey Open Space Committee.

> Pedestrian use welcome: please leave only footprints.



# **Tippin Rock Farm Trail, Swanzey**





Monadnock Conservancy protected lands

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## To the Tippin Rock Farm Trail:

From Route 32 South in Swanzey, turn right on Warmac Road. Travel about 1/2 mile and look for an opening in a hay field on the left, across from Chebaco Kennels. Park by the gate. The beginning of the Tippin Rock Trail is in the back right corner of the field, blazed in blue.

