

Conservation background

The 5.4-acre Whittemore Island is an ecological treasure saved from resort development by the Whittemore family in 1942. To make the protection permanent, the family then donated the island outright to The Nature Conservancy in 1975, 14 years before the Monadnock Conservancy was founded. Conservation ownership of the island was transferred to the Monadnock Conservancy in 2012. The Thorndike Pond Conservation Association maintains an active stewardship role to ensure the long-term conservation of the island's pristine natural state.

The island, accessible by boat in the summer, hosts close to 1,000 visitors annually. It is frequented by campers and staff from nearby summer camps, school groups on educational programs, residents and local boaters looking for a peaceful place to enjoy.

Please note that areas of the island may be closed during certain times of the year to protect ecologically sensitive areas.

Directions

From Route 101, travel south on Upper Jaffrey Road (a right-hand turn if coming from the west and a left-hand turn from the east). Drive a total of 3 miles. The public boat launch is on your left; park along the road. Paddle out to the island; the boat landing is on the southern side of the island.





We are an accredited land trust that serves the 35 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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Whittemore Island Trails JAFFREY, N.H.



TRAIL NETWORK

Rating: Easy
Distance/Time: 0.37 miles/15 minutes
Parking/Access: Access by boat only. Public boat launch access from Dublin Road.

A mellow loop hugs the periphery of Whittemore Island and rambles through a pristine forest of hemlock, beech and white pine. The Crossover Trail cuts across the center of the island and a scenic spur trail, to the north of the loop, yields phenomenal views of Mount Monadnock's Pumpelly Ridge. The island is open to the public for hiking, snowshoeing, picnicking, berry picking and wild-life viewing.

The island is owned and cared for by the Monadnock Conservancy.

Pedestrian use welcome; please leave only footprints.



Whittemore Island, Jaffrey, N.H.

