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Conservation background

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 loop 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.



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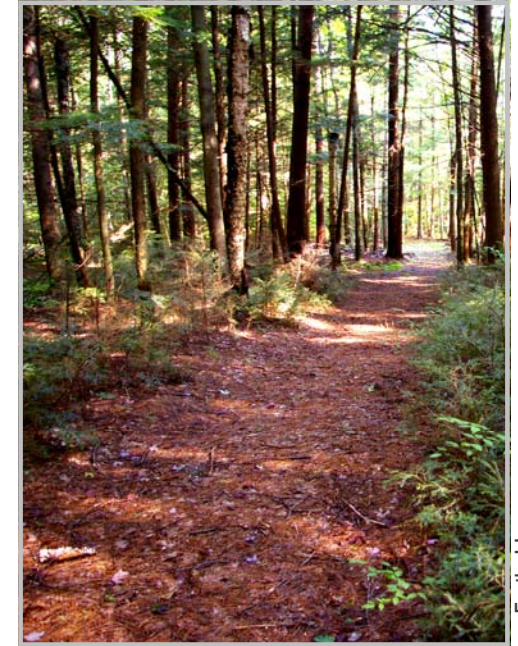
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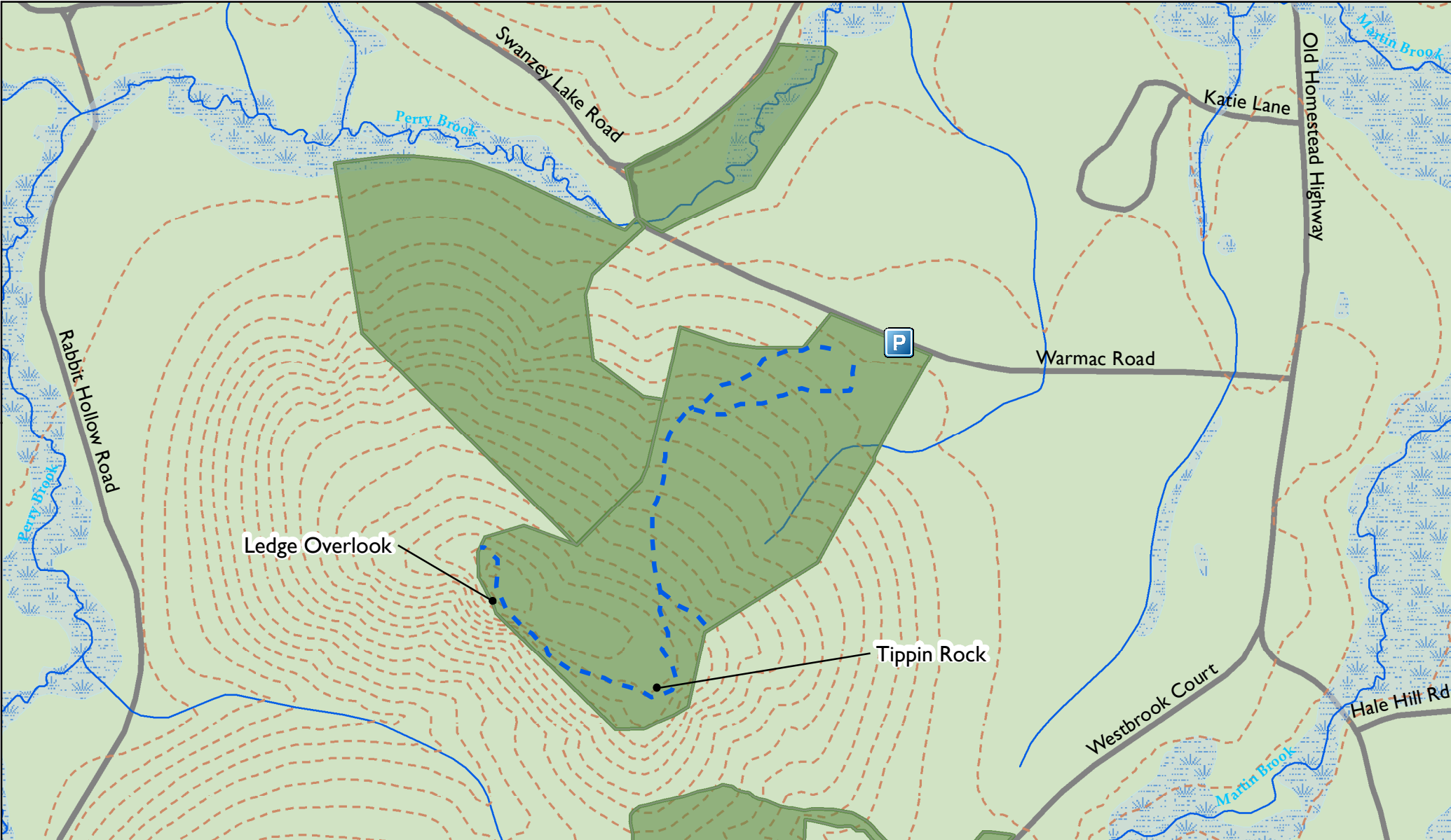
LOOP TRAIL

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 well-managed 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 Trail, Swanzey, N.H.

-  Tippin Rock Trail (blazed in blue)
-  Monadnock Conservancy protected lands
-  20' contours

E. Hague, 3.19.13. Map not survey accurate. Scale 1:10,000.
Sources: GRANIT & SWRPC. Projection: NAD 83, NHSP feet.

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