

Access to Off-Road Recreation/Walking Orange, MA

Recreation Type

- Snowmobiling
- Hiking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Hunting
- Mtn. Biking

Franklin County Bikeway

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

Sources: Map produced by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department. GIS data sources include MassDOT, MassGIS, Mass Fish & Wildlife, FRCOG, Franklin Land Trust, Trustees of Reservations, New England Forestry Foundation, North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Orange. Depicted boundaries are approximate and are intended for planning purposes only, not to be used for survey.



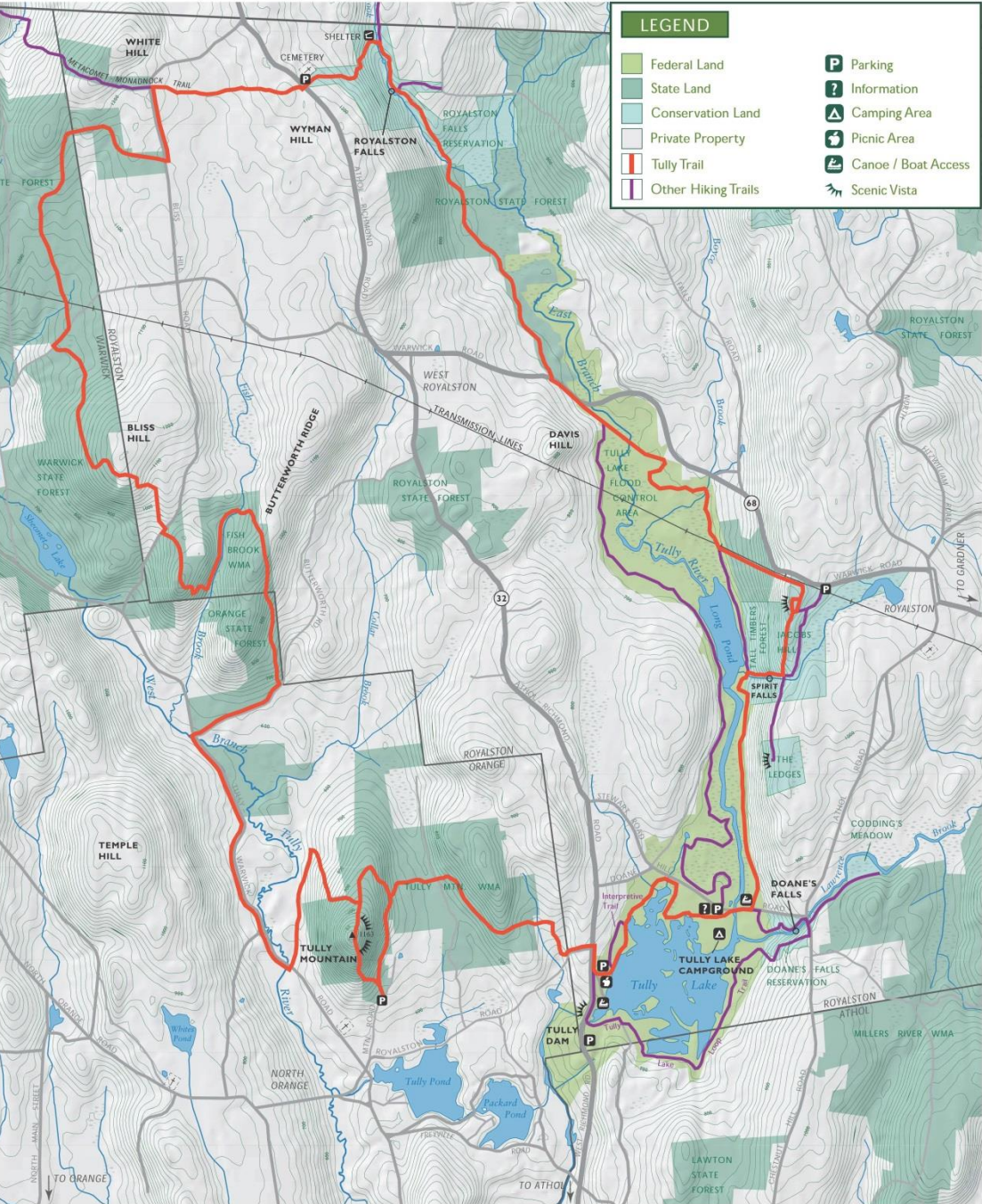
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TULLY TRAIL

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This map is a product of the Geographic Information System of The Trustees of Reservations. Source data obtained from 125,000 scale USGS topographic maps, field surveys, Global Positioning System (GPS), and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, MassGIS. Boundary lines and trail locations are approximate. April 2008.

- SWIMMING
- BIRD WATCHING
- PICNICKING
- WALKING / HIKING (EASY)
- CANOEING / KAYAKING
- SAILBOATING / BOATING
- CAMPING
- FISHING
- MOBILITY-IMPAIRED ACCESS



(A) The 75-acre Fittz Family Memorial Forest is adjacent to the Orange, Town Forest and other protected land and provides a valuable link in the North Pond Ridge Trail, itself a link in the larger Chestnut Hill Trail system. The memorial forest's trail begins in a stand of mixed hardwood, proceeds along a ridge dominated by oak and pine, and then descends through a hemlock woods to a lovely stream. Recreation, forestry, and scientific and educational activities are the management goals of the New England Forestry Foundation for this land.

(B) The 1½-mile North Pond Ridge Trail, blazed in yellow, begins in the Fittz Family Memorial Forest in Orange, descends to a stream, then climbs to and proceeds along North Pond Ridge. This ridge affords evidence of past hurricanes, bent trees serving as witness. About halfway along the trail is a short spur west that leads to a woodland bench and a gorgeous view of Chestnut Hill Ridge. Near the southern end of the ridge, the path connects with the white-blazed Bullard Farm Loop, another section of the Chestnut Hill Trail system.

(C) This area consists of two parcels donated by two different families, the 187-acre Hosmer Woods and the 49-acre Webb Forest. Low-quality hardwoods were taking over after a 1920s logging operation, but under NEFF's active management, the forest today is dominated by wonderful stands of white pine. The haul roads through the parcels also serve as inviting trails for visitors.

(D) The Orange Wildlife Management Area has over 1,500 acres in several parcels, the largest encompassing a beautiful beaver pond of about 80 acres on North Main St. The area also includes forested tracts of mixed hard- and softwoods, brushy fields, open fields, and several small streams and wetlands. Deer, bear, turkey, coyote, beaver, raccoon, woodcock and various non-game species visit or make their homes here.

(E) The magnificent 22-mile Tully Trail traverses forested sections of the WMA and follows the public road along the meadow. The long-term plan is to relocate the trail off-road, a project that will require a lengthy footbridge across Collar Brook. Tully Meadow is the dedication site of the North Quabbin Bioserve, where a combination of state and private agencies and willing private landowners have protected over 120,000 acres - truly a landscape-scale conservation project.

(F) Tully Lake Recreation Area protects about four miles of the Tully River, including Long Pond, where the river widens, and the 200-acre Tully Lake, created by a flood-control dam. The wetlands and the forest support a wide variety of flora and fauna, lists of which are available online. The land and the lake offer numerous recreational opportunities, including camping, picnicking, boating, fishing, and hiking. A one-mile interpretive trail introduces visitors to both natural and cultural history; another trail loops around the lake and connects to scenic vistas and waterfalls. Part of this loop constitutes one leg of the Tully Trail. This scenic and ecologically diverse area of 1,200 acres in several parcels encompasses Tully Mountain itself; 3,000 feet of frontage on the West Branch of the Tully River and one of its tributaries, Collar Brook; and Tully Meadow, where beavers have engineered parts of the river into a rich wetland. Incredibly diverse, the area boasts at least 13 habitat types, including various kinds of forests, swamps, seeps, talus slopes, and open bedrock slabs. The river is stocked with trout and the old fields with pheasant, and deer, bear, bobcat, coyote, turkey, raccoons, snakes, woodcock and numerous other species visit or make their homes here.

This information has been provided by the North Quabbin Community Coalition @ www.northquabbinwoods.org

