

1. The Valley Trail

Park in any Public Parking lot in the center of Wilmington Village. Start at Reardon's Crossing footbridge. Cross to the North side of the street and travel briefly along the road (west). The trailhead will be on your right. This trail travels all the way to Dover. Distance: 9.0 mile. See the complete bi-town valley trail map for parking options and multiple trail heads for access.

2. Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail

So named because it roughly follows the old Hoot, Toot & Whistle railway bed. Start at Reardon's Crossing- the footbridge. Follow this trail to the right (west and south) of the Village. It follows the North Branch of the Deerfield River and then heads south along the shore of Lake Whitingham until it reaches the Boat Launch and Swimming area. Distance: 2.0 miles (4.0 mi. r/t)

3. Downtown Loop

Start at Reardon's Crossing foot bridge on the west side of the village. Cross over the bridge and stay left, turning onto Mill Street, to Shafter Street. Turn left again onto South Main Street. Finally, turn left to walk along the river and behind Crafts Inn, back to your starting point at Reardon's Crossing. Or weave your way in and out of the quaint shops and delicious restaurants in the village as you complete this short tour of the village. Distance: 0.5 miles

4. Riverwalk

Part of the HT&W trail to just past the Moover building. Starts opposite Dot's restaurant, goes behind Craft's Inn, using the West Main Street parking lot, to Reardon's Crossing foot bridge. Cross bridge, follow trail to the right, between the Mover building and the river, turn left up the hill to connect to the HT&W trail. Distance: 0.5 miles

5. Lisle Hill to White's Road

From Wilmington Center, head North on Route 100; turn almost immediately right onto Lisle Hill. Park 0.5 miles up the hill near the old town common. Trailhead is just uphill from there on the left. The trail goes over Lisle Hill with some rugged steep sections. There are two connections onto White's Road, which allow for a 1.1 mile total "lollypop loop". Returning to Lisle Hill via Route 9 results in a 2.4 mile loop. Or continue across White's Road and connect onto the Primitive Trail.

6. Primitive Trail

(White's Road to West Lake Road)
This trail begins on the east side of White's Road, just after crossing the bridge over Beaver Brook. The Trail briefly follows Beaver Brook, descending steeply to cross a tributary, then rising steeply onto the ridge. From there, it is more gentle, crossing through old forest, old cross country ski trails, high ridges and low beaver ponds, eventually arriving at the southwestern shores of Lake Raponda. Distance: 2.75 miles

7. Lake Raponda Trails

These are on the eastern side of Lake Raponda. Access the trailhead by parking in the designated lot for the Green Mountain Beach, on Lake Raponda Road.

From here, you can access a short (0.3mile) loop, through the woods of Wilmington Town Forest. Start from the northeast corner of the parking area, and head left.

Alternatively- head right from the northeast corner of the parking lot, and you will pick up a longer loop. This trail passes through woods, then connects with Stearns Road (up hill) for a short distance. It then veers off Stearns Road to the right, eventually connecting with Ware Road (take a left), and continues as a trail to Old Stage Road. At the end of Old Stage, turn left and walk along Lake Raponda Road to return to the parking area.

8. Raponda Ridge Trails

Follow Ware Road for 0.7 miles to Raponda Ridge gate and trail head on your right. Follow the blue trail markers. This trail will loop back to the trailhead for a 1.3 mile hike. This trail also connects to the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area Trails (see "Other Publically Accessible Trails")

9. Ware-Homestead & Hogback Connector

This trail can be accessed via the Green Mountain Beach Parking lot, or from the Raponda Ridge Parking Area. This is a 1.1 mile trail (one way) from its junction with Lake Raponda Trail. It can be used to connect to the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area, through to Molly Stark Park in a southerly direction, to connect to the Shearer Hill Trail.

10. Shearer Hill Trail

Park at the Intersection of Shearer Hill and Parsons Road, on the right, just past the quarry. The trailhead is reached by walking along Shearer Hill Road for approximately 0.5 miles. You will find it on the left hand side of the road. From the parking spot, this trail is 1.5 miles one way, and includes a very steep section at the beginning. After 1.5 miles, it connects with Molly Stark State Park (see "Other Publically Accessed Trails")

Other Publically Accessed Trails

Catamount Trail

This is a section of a cross-country ski trail that extends the length of the state. The section near Wilmington parallels the west side of Harriman Reservoir, and ends in the town of Whitingham. This map does not have the full section.

Haystack Mountain

Trailhead signs are on Chimney Hill's Upper Dam Road. The marked trail is a moderately steep 2.0 mile one-way hike to the summit of Haystack peak.

Hogback Mountain Conservation Area

Trailhead kiosks are located on either side of Route 9, just after passing into Marlboro, near the "100 mile view". Follow the blue diamond blazes through the park, or explore all the trails at your leisure. Hogback has a multitude of trails, many of which connect to the Wilmington trails, creating an expansive multi-town network along with West Dover. (Hogbackvt.org)

Molly Stark State Park

This park is on Route 9 East, approximately 3.5 miles from the center of Wilmington. There is a seasonal fee for use. Trails in the park connect to the Shearer Hill Trail and Hogback Mountain Conservation Association Trails.

Rules of the Trails

1. **Respect the Landowners** who have graciously given you permission to pass through their land. Keep pets leashed. Pick up after pets. Travel quietly and keep noise to a minimum.

2. **Plan Ahead and Prepare:** Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies; bring appropriate clothing; carry and know how to use map and compass; know local regulations. Bring lights.

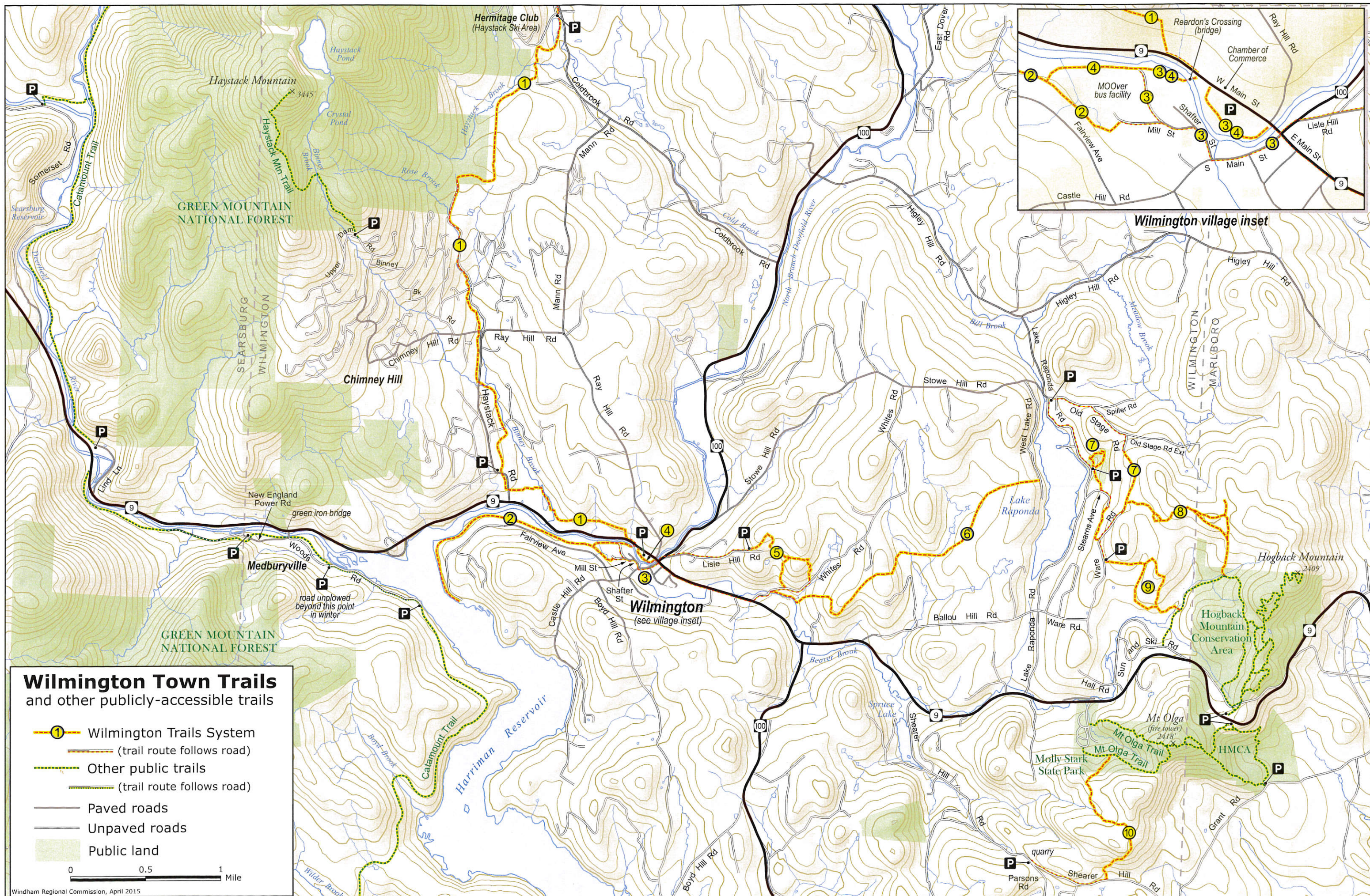
3. **Travel on durable surfaces:** Stay on the trail- shortcuts erode soil and damage vegetation; travel in single file in the middle of the trail, even when it is wet and muddy.

4. **Dispose of waste properly:** If you packed it in-pack it out! Pick up trash others have left behind.

5. **Leave what you find:** Take only pictures, leave only footprints; do not disturb plants, flowers, rocks and wildlife; leave natural objects and cultural artifacts.

6. **Respect Wildlife.** Don't feed or disturb wildlife.

7. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES



Wilmington Town Trails
and other publicly-accessible trails

- Wilmington Trails System
(trail route follows road)
- Other public trails
(trail route follows road)
- Paved roads
- Unpaved roads
- Public land

