



**Bethel Community Forest- West
Emergency Access Information**
753 North Road Bethel, Maine 04217

Trails and open space for hiking, hunting, skiing, snowshoeing
Road access ~year round, plowing dependent. Winter use allowed.
Interior road access: Yes, limited.

Property Overview: The Bethel Community Forest- West is a 432 acre parcel located on the northwest side of the North Road, 3.4 miles from the North Road junction with Route 2 in Bethel. It features about 4 miles of trails and is used year round by hikers, skiers, snowshoers and hunters.

Main Access: The main access point is a medium sized grassy lot on the right side (from the Bethel end) of North Road, .15 miles past the Ellingwood Mountain Road. This lot is where the trails originate from. There is a trail Kiosk with a map and relevant information.

Schedule: There is no gate at this lot and the property is accessible 24/7. The lot is plowed sporadically in the winter.

Additional Information: The property boundary is marked with red blazes and does not follow a trail. The established trails are marked with blue blazes. With the increase of backcountry skiing in our area, it is possible this may become an entry point for winter recreationalists.

Interior Road Access: The BCF West has two main interior roads. Both roads are accessible by authorized vehicles. See the following map. A vehicle with high clearance and a knowledgeable driver is needed for travel past the parking area. The roads span the length of the property from south to north in the center of the property. The total length of each road is 1.07 miles. The Eastern Road leaves from the parking area on the North Road. The road can be driven for 0.89 miles to a landing. Beyond this landing, the road is only accessible by All-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, or by foot.

The Parks-Bennett hiking trail crosses the Eastern Road in two places. First at 0.77 miles up the road, just below the landing. The section of trail it crosses is part of the loop, located 0.1 miles from the loop beginning and 0.4 miles from the Prow viewpoint.

The second intersection of the road and the Parks-Bennett Trail is 0.99 miles up the road. This is above the landing so can only be accessed by ATV, snowmobile, or by foot. The section of trail it crosses is also part of the loop, located 0.1 miles from the upper Red Pine Ridge Trail junction and 0.1 miles from the Porcupine Panorama viewpoint. The road ends at the property line at a road intersection on a neighboring property.

The Western Road leaves the North Road .3 miles west of the parking area, across from the Bethel Water District facility at 800 North Road. It travels northwest for 1.07 miles and passes through 3 clearings before reaching a landing below the Prow view point. At this landing there is a snowmobile trail that leaves to the northeast. After .15 this trail joins the Parks-Bennett Trail .2 miles east of the Prow lookout.

Coordinates for significant points in the network:

- Parking area: 44.41394, -70.86167
- Ellingwood Ledges: 44.42219, -70.86773
- Porcupine Panorama: 44.42560, -70.87267
- The Prow: 44.42255, -70.87655
- Eastern Road- 1st road crossing (.77 miles up the road): 44.42192, -70.87112
- Eastern Road- 2nd road crossing (.99 miles up the road): 44.42502, -70.87041

Trail Signs

Each property has wooden signs at trail heads, trail junctions, and viewpoints. Most signs have a number on a back upper corner to help locate recreationalists if they call for help.

The following are the sign wayfinding numbers for this network:

Sign Number	Sign Location	Sign Text
W-1	BCF West parking lot	Park Bennett trail ^ Red Pine Ridge trail 0.6 mi. Beginning of Loop 0.8 mi. Porcupine Panorama 1.2 mi.
W-2	BCF West parking lot	Authorized Vehicles Only
W-3	Lower junction of Red Pine Ridge Trail and Parks-Bennett Trail	Red Pine Ridge Trail ->. Ellingwood Ledges 0.3 mi. Return to Parks -Bennett trail 0.5 mi.
W-4	Lower junction of Red Pine Ridge Trail and Parks-Bennett Trail	Parks-Bennett Trail <-. Porcupine panorama 0.6 mi. Beginning of Loop 0.2 mi.
W-5	Beginning of Parks-Bennett Loop	Parks-Bennett Loop <->. Red Pine Ridge trail 0.2 mi ->. Porcupine Panorama 0.4 mi ->. The Prow 0.5 mi <-. Return To This Point 1.3 mi.
W-6	Beginning of Parks-Bennett Loop	Parks-Bennett Trail ^ . Red Pine Ridge Trail 0.2 mi. Parking Lot 0.8 mi.
W-7	Upper junction of Red Pine Ridge Trail and Parks-Bennett Loop	Red Pine Ridge Trail -> Ellingwood Ledges 0.2 mi. Return to Parks-Bennett Trail 0.5 mi
W-8	Upper junction of Red Pine Ridge Trail and Parks-Bennett Loop	Red Pine Ridge Trail <- Ellingwood Ledges 0.2 mi. Return to Parks-Bennett Trail 0.5 mi

W-9	Upper junction of Red Pine Ridge Trail and Parks-Bennett Loop	Parks-Bennett Trail <-->
W-10	Ellingwood Ledges	Ellingwood Ledges
W-11	Porcupine Panorama	Porcupine Panorama
W-12	The Prow	The Prow

Bethel Community Forest- West Maps

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<p>HIKING / MULTI-USE TRAILS</p> <p>1.0 ↓ ●●●● Hiking Trail; Distance in Miles</p> <p>— Doubletrack Multi-use Trails: Hikers, Runners, Bikers, Dogs</p>	<p>SINGLETRACK BIKING TRAILS</p> <p>— Easy</p> <p>— Intermediate</p> <p>— Difficult</p>	<p>0 Miles 0.25</p> <p>Contour interval: 50 ft July 2021</p> <p>woodsandtrails.org • 207.200.8240</p>		
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Community Forest West Emergency Access Map



P Parking



1 Miles

● Extraction Point

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