



Bethel Community Forest Winter Emergency Access Information

305 North Road, Bethel, Maine 04217

Trails and open space for hiking, mountain biking, hunting, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling

Property Overview: The Bethel Community Forest is 987 acres located northeast of the North Road 3 miles from the village of Bethel. It features about 15 miles of trails and is used year round by hikers, mountain bikers, skiers, snowshoers and hunters.

Main Access:

The access to the community forest via Locke Mountain Road is suspended for the duration of logging operations from December to April. Parking is not allowed at the Daisy Bryant Road and Locke Mountain Road junction at the locked gate. Inland Woods & Trails staff will have access to this gate in the event of an emergency. Winter access from December- March is: 305 North Road Bethel Maine 04217 (Winter Park and Ride and multi-use trail head). This is a plowed parking lot 100 feet off the paved road .2 of a mile past Coleman Concrete.

The mountain bike trails and The Cascades Trail are closed starting November 1st and the property is open for hiking and hunting (walk in access) through Thanksgiving. The trails may be used in the winter after hunting season and then will close during "mud season" in the spring before reopening for summer use. In Winter the Greenstock Snowmobile club and Wild River Riders maintain snowmobile trails through the property including grooming from the park and ride lot on North Road, and using the summit access road as a trail corridor.

Additional Information: With the increase of backcountry skiing in our area, it is possible the 305 North Road parking lot may become a popular entry point for winter recreationalists.

The Bingham Forest (owned by the Town of Bethel) and the Bethel Water District are adjacent to the Bethel Community Forest and are part of this trail network; all managed by Inland Woods + Trails. These parcels are included on the Bethel Community Forest map. The property line is inconsistently marked with orange blazes and does not follow a trail. The hiking trails follow blue blazes.

Interior Road Access: There is limited road accessibility in winter due to snow cover. Locke Mountain Road will be maintained by the logging operations working in the Bingham Forest. Plowing will occur as

needed by their schedule. The corridor they are using is Locke Mountain Road and Wolfe Oak Road into the Bingham property. Winter access by snowmobile is possible via the park and ride parking lot at 305 North Road, and Greenstock snowmobile club trail #13 from the Bethel Airport and Sunday River.

Coordinates for significant points in the network:

- Winter Parking Lot 305 North Road: 44.42254, -70.82570
- Junction of Snowmobile trail 13 and park and ride access: 44.43355, -70.83240
- Junction of Snowmobile trail 13 and Old County Road: 44.44233, -70.83565
- Summer Parking area on Locke Mountain Road: 44.43609, -70.83934
- Picnic Knoll: 44.44030, -70.84709
- 1 mile on Summit Access Road, Summit Ridge Trail trail crossing (1.2 miles along SRT): 44.44404, -70.84314
- West Ledge: 44.44525, -70.84058
- Ridgetop View: 44.44797, -70.83871
- Wolf Oak Road/ Summit Access road junction: 44.43824, -70.84025

Please refer to the Summer Emergency access information for additional information.

See Map Below for Winter trails

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