

2025-2026

BLW&H: Winter Trail Trace the Blue Hills 2025 – 2026 *Preliminary Schedule* (Rev: A

11/8/25)

	Wed			Sat	
Map	Date	Location	Map	Date	Location
7	12/24	Houghton & Hancock Hills	16	12/27	Hawk Hill
1	12/31	Fowl Meadow	3	1/3	Great Blue (Red Dots)
20	1/7	CCC Camp	21	1/10	Wampatuck & Rattlesnake
9	1/14	Ponkapoag N & E	18	1/17	Great Cedar Swamp
19	1/21	Fox Hill & Reservoir	8	1/24	Ponkapoag Loop
6	1/28	Unquity to Bartol	17	1/31	Kitchamakin
4	2/4	Carberry	2	2/7	Little Blue & Brookwood Farm
12	2/11	Tucker Hill & H Pond Vis Ctr	10	2/14	Donovan & Braintree Triangle
15	2/18	Chickatawbut	13	2/21	Buck Hill South
22	2/25	Quarries	11	2/28	Old 128
14	3/4	Buck North Hill	5	3/7	Houghton to Great Blue
23	3/11	Hillside Pond & Unquity		3/14	Float!
	3/18	Float!		3/21	SPRING! Too late!

Winter Solstice 2025: Sunday, 12/21/2025 at 10:03 AM EST

Spring Equinox 2026: Friday, 3/20/2026 at 10:46 AM EDT

There is **SUPPOSED TO BE** a new DCR map coming out ‘any day now’. If it comes out in time, I will have to update our routes A/R. Otherwise we will use the 2025 maps, which were based on the 2020 DCR map.

2025 Trail Trace the Blue Hills

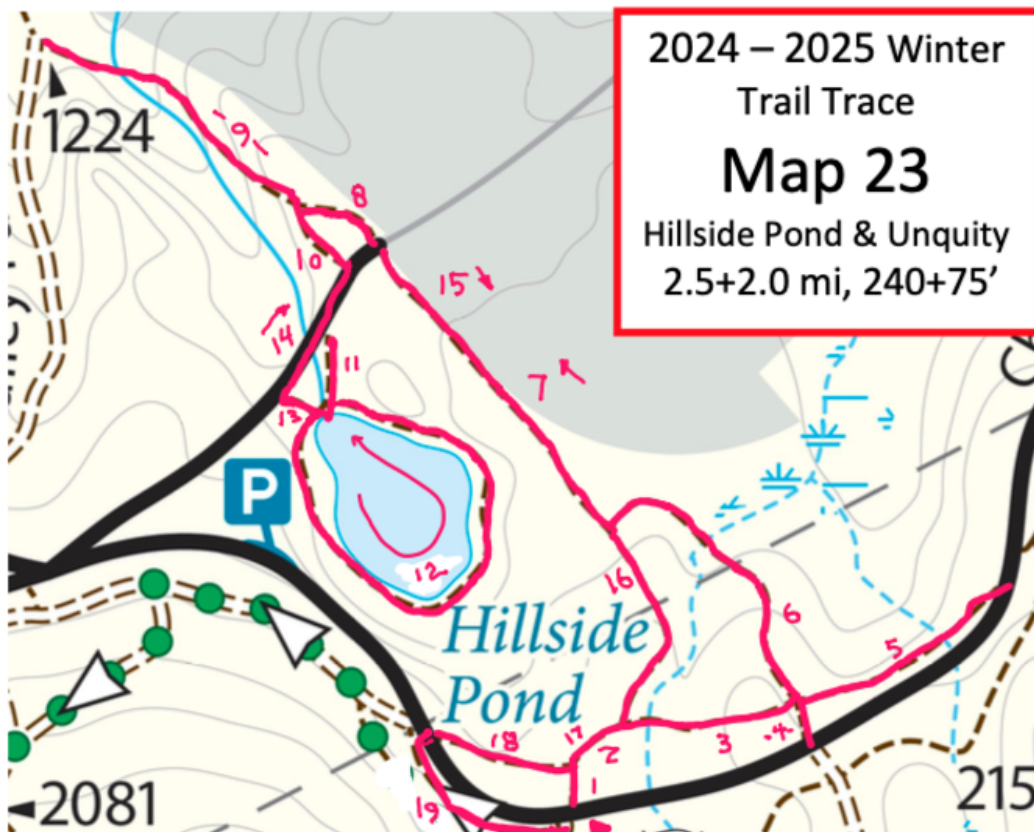
“The Maps”

The following 23 maps provide a series of an average of 7 mile, 4 hour, hikes which cover *EVERY* trail on the official DCR **2020** Blue Hills Map.

(Mileage, Elevation are (mostly) measured with iPhone 16/Strava. Note that some maps have 2 alternates, based on carpooling or if school is in session, etc.)

Map	Location	Park
<u>1A,1B</u>	Fowl Meadow	<u>A</u> <u>Y</u>
<u>2A,2B</u>	Little Blue & Brookwood	<u>B</u> , <u>E</u>
<u>3</u>	Great Blue (Red Dots)	<u>C</u>
<u>4</u>	Carberry	<u>D</u>
<u>5</u>	Houghton Path to Great Blue	<u>F</u>
<u>6</u>	Unquity to Bartol Path	<u>M</u>
<u>7</u>	Houghton & Hancock Hills	<u>L</u>
<u>8</u>	Ponkapoag Loop	<u>H</u>
<u>9</u>	Ponkapoag Pond North & East	<u>G</u>
<u>10A,10B</u>	Donovan School & Braintree Triangle	<u>K</u> , <u>R</u>

<u>11</u>	Old 128	<u>L</u>
<u>12</u>	Tucker Hill	<u>L</u>
<u>13</u>	Buck Hill Southside	<u>P</u>
<u>14</u>	Buck Hill Northside	<u>N</u>
<u>15</u>	Chickatawbut	<u>Q</u>
<u>16</u>	Hawk Hill	<u>P</u>
<u>17</u>	Kitchamakin	<u>Q</u>
<u>18</u>	Great Cedar Swamp	<u>V</u>
<u>19</u>	Fox Hill & Reservoir	<u>Q</u>
<u>20</u>	CCC Camp	<u>W</u>
<u>21</u>	Wompatuck & Rattlesnake	<u>S</u>
<u>22</u>	Quarries	<u>I</u>
<u>23</u>	Hillside Pond & Unquity Road	<u>N</u> , <u>X</u>



Meet Here 2112 Dark Hollow Path

Note that the Unquity Road Trail is a long out & back if you do not spot a car (or cars as required) at 1214.

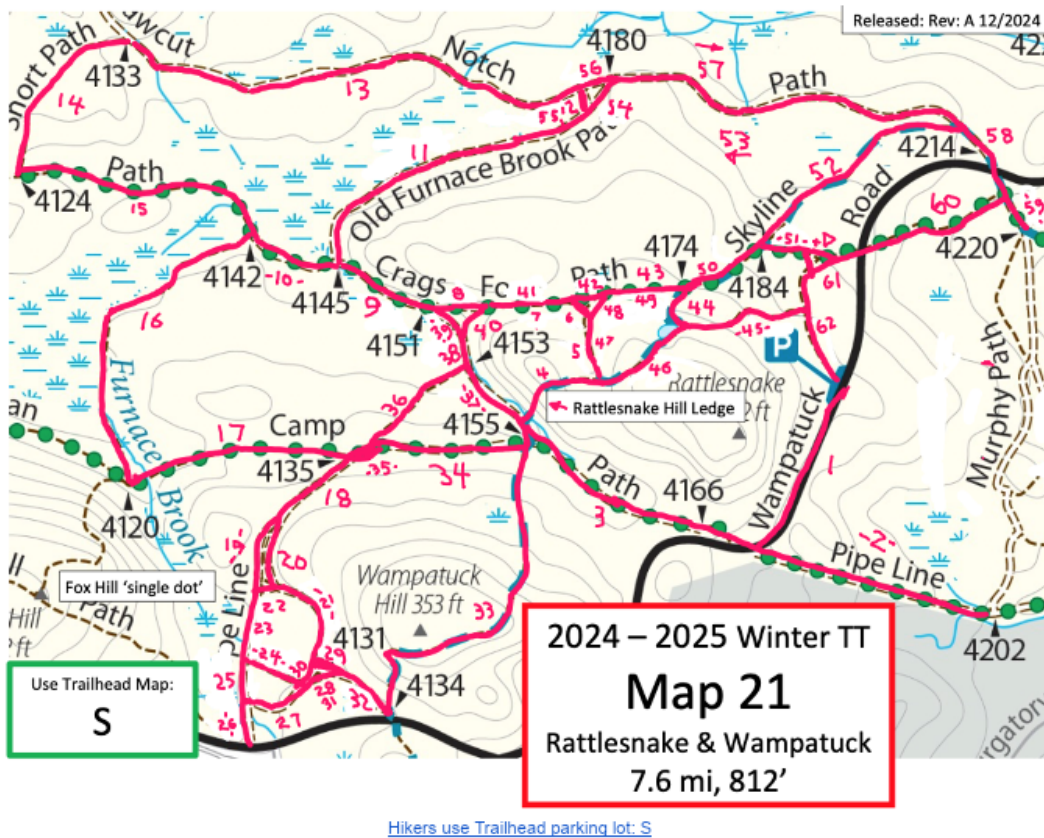
Use Trailhead Map:
N, then X

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[Hikers use Trailhead parking lot: N](#)

[Then parking lot: X](#)

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Everything below is historical plans, and data...

HISTORY FROM 2024 - 2025 WTT 2020 Map!

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Map	Date	Location	Map	Date	Location
—	12/18	(Fall)	7	12/21	Houghton & Hancock Hills 1
—	12/25	(Christmas)	20	12/28	CCC Camp 2
8	1/1	Ponkapoag Loop 3	22	1/4	Quarries 4
18	1/8	Great Cedar Swamp 5	4	1/11	Carberry 6
3	1/15	Great Blue 7	9	1/18	Ponkapoag Pond North & East 8
17	1/22	Kitchamakin 9	12	1/25	Tucker Hill (less vc!) 10
21	1/29	Wampatuck & Rattlesnake 11	6	2/1	Unquity to Bartol 12
16	2/5	Hawk Hill 13	19	2/8	Fox Hill & Reservoir 14
2A	2/12	Little Blue & Brookwood 15	14	2/15	Buck Hill Northside 16
10A	2/19	Donovan School & B.Tri. (school vacation) 17	15	2/22	Chickatawbut 18
11	2/26	Old 128 19	23	3/1	Hillside Pond & Unquity Rd +VC 20
5	3/5	Houghton Path to Great Blue 21	14	3/8	Float/Makeup (Buck Hill North)

13	3/12	Buck Hill Southside 22	Special sim. to: 1B	3/15	23 Fowl Meadow
TBD	3/19	Float/Makeup TBD		3/22	(Spring - 3/20 5:01 AM)

2024 - 2025 Schedule of hikes

*Hikes may need to shift, as some lots are not available with snow, other hikes are just very long and difficult with new fresh snow. And the Quarries are best with no snow or ice! And Fowl Meadow floods in the ditches along the river!

Trailhead Parking: Directions & Routes

[Map B Brookwood Farm](#)

#	Location:	For Maps:	Routes:
A	Royall St	1A, 1B, 2A	Fowl Meadow, Little Blue w car spot
B	Rt. 138 Park & Ride	2A*, 2B	Little Blue w/o Car spot
C	Trailside South	3	Great Blue
D	Trailside North	4	Carberry
E	Brookwood Farm	2A, 2B	Brookwood Farm
F	Five Corners Path	5	Houghton Path to Great Blue
G	Blue Hill River Road Lot	9	Ponkapoag North & East
H	Ponkapoag Golf Course	8	Ponkapoag Loop
K	Donovan School	10A	Donovan School

L	Houghton Pond (Main Lot)	7, 11, 12	Houghton & Hancock, Old 128, Tucker
M	Unquity Road	6	Unquity to Bartol
N	2112 Dark Hollow Path	14, 23	Buck Hill Northside, Hillside Pond & Unquity Rd
P	Rt 28 (South Lot)	13, 16	Buck Hill southside, Hawk Hill,
Q	Chickatawbut Overlook	15, 17, 19	Chickatawbut, Kitchamakin, Fox & Reservoir
R	Braintree Triangle	10A, 10B	Braintree Triangle
S	Wampatuck Road	21	Rattlesnake & Wampatuck
T	Shea Rink	22	Quarries
V	Bernie & Phyl's Overflow Lot	18	Great Cedar Swamp,
W	Ridgewood Road	20	CCC Camp
X	Unquity Road, END lot	23	Hillside Pond & Unquity Rd
Y	Paul's Bridge	1A*	Fowl Meadow w Car Spot
Z	High St. Ball Fields	10B	Donovan School (when school open)

	Other Lots that may get used:		
AA	Rt. 28 Skyline		
BB	1214 Lot, Unquity Rd		
CC	Ponkapoag Exit Ramp		
DD	Chickatawbut Rd and Rt 28		
EE	Fisherman's Beach		
FF	Quarries Parking lot, Ric Drive		For hiking the Quarries, not starting at Shea Rink.

* - Signifies Car spot location.

Note: Not all lots have street addresses. Use the map, or GPS coordinates as needed.

Link to Attendance Sheet for 2024-2025 WTT:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-4sLXw-QDXfTjJhgQDDj0zwX1jZxYTUDvOwt95vt8SQ/edit?gid=607101216#gid=607101216>

Link to 2024 - 2025 “As Hiked” map:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ht0d83Dkue64L1BfAQuFb2R1EPhQ6hWGzCrekA-06Xk/edit?tab=t.0> Note: This ‘as hiked’ map represents what the ‘series’ has hiked.

Any individual’s map will vary, depending on if they miss any weeks, do extra trips on their own, came into this winter with a partially completed map from last year, etc.

Finishers List:

Well, there are really 2 lists, The complete list of everyone who has ever finished a map, which can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ON26BZKefj0ArquyKx5mkTW7JxqTeF6LbvFhnX5-WPY/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

And the list of those involved in this series, who have finished a map this year. That list is:

1/29 Barbara, 2/15 Joanne, 2/19 Bob, 2/22 Ann, 2/24 John, 2/25 Karen, 2/26 Diane, 3/2 Mala, 3/9 Patricia, 3/12 Bill, Irene and Thomas, 3/15 Abi, Susan, ?,

The following HISTORICAL INFORMATION is for

REFERENCE ONLY!

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Here's an Index of the maps, with links to the individual maps:

[1 Fowl Meadow](#)

[2 Little Blue & Brookwood](#)

[3 Great Blue Red Dots](#)

[4 Carberry](#)

[5 Houghton to Great Blue](#)

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[14 Buck Hill North](#)

[15 Chickatawbut](#)

[16 Hawk Hill](#)

[17 Kitchamakin](#)

[18 Great Cedar Swamp](#)

[19 Fox Hill & Reservoir](#)

[20 CCC Camp](#)

[21 Wampatuck & Rattlesnake](#)

[22 Quarries](#)

And here is a copy of the 'Master Map', showing which area each map covers.

[Master Map](#)

2024 AMC Boston Chapter, Local Walks & Hikes: Winter Trail Trace TENTATIVE* Schedule.

(*Note storms, snow that prevents parking at some trailheads, wet conditions, etc. may require adjustments as we go.)

Schedule: WTT 2023 - 2024					
Wed:	map #	Route: Trailhead	Sat:	Map #	Route: Trailhead
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12/27	22	Quarries: Shea	12/30	13	Buck Hill South: Rt 28
1/3	20	CCC Camp: Ridgewood	1/6	10	Donovan, Braintree Tri: Donovan
1/10	14	Buck Hill (Northside): Dark Hollow**	1/13	17	Kitchamakin: Chickatawbut Tower
1/17	12	Tucker Hill +HP VC: Houghton	1/20	8	Ponky Loop & Boardwalk: Golf Course***
1/24	9	Ponk Pond NE: Blue Hill River Rd	1/27	11	Old 128: Houghton Pond
1/31	6	Unquity Rd to Bartol: Unquity Rd	2/3	18	Great Cedar Swamp: Wood Rd***
2/7	4	Carberry: Trailside North	2/10	1	Fowl Meadow: Royall St ** ****
2/14	19	Fox Hill: Chickatawbut Tower*5	2/17	3	Great Blue Red Dots: Trailside South
2/21	15	Chickatawbut: Chick Tower*5	2/24	5	Houghton to Great Blue: Houghton
2/28	7	Hancock, Hillside P, Unquity: Hough ****	3/2	2	Little Blue/Brookwood: 138 Park & Ride
3/6		Float/Makeup	3/9	21	Wampatuck & Rattlesnake: Wamp Rd ****
3/13		Float/Makeup	3/16		Float/Makeup

Note that *some* of these trails can be 'rather difficult' to find and follow. This isn't helped by the existence of other, unauthorized, trails which exist. However, by the time you've done them all a dozen times, you'll be pretty good at finding all of them. 😊

As Hiked: What 'we' have done so far this winter...

The following is a tentative look ahead at the 2025 - 2026 schedule, and hike mileage.

Warning: The Blue Hills DCR map 'may' be revised between now and then. If so, I'll have map work to do! And who knows what the impact will be? More trails? Less trails? Different trails? Stay tuned... :-)

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—		(Fall) Sunday, December 21 at 10:03 AM EST					
22	12/24	Quarries	6.9	1B	12/27	Fowl Meadow	9.9
20	12/31	CCC Camp	6.7	18	1/3	Great Cedar Swamp	8.0
7	1/7	Houghton & Hancock Hills	5.22	3	1/10	Great Blue	5.4
4	1/14	Carberry	7.3	17	1/17	Kitchamakin	5.75
9	1/21	Ponkapoag Pond North & East	8 th	21	1/24	Wampatuck & Rattlesnake	7.6
12	1/28	Tucker Hill	6.6 + VC!	16	1/31	Hawk Hill	6.9
6	2/4	Unquity to Bartol	6.3	2A	2/7	Little Blue & Brookwood	4.4 1.6

<u>19</u>	2/11	<u>Fox Hill & Reservoir</u>	5.8	<u>10A</u>	2/14	<u>Donovan School & B.Tri.</u>	6.5 2.0 List as 2!
<u>14</u>	2/18	<u>Buck Hill Northside</u>	6.3	<u>11</u>	2/21	<u>Old 128</u>	8.4
<u>15</u>	2/25	<u>Chickatawbut</u>	6.0	<u>5</u>	2/28	<u>Houghton Path to Great Blue</u>	??
<u>23</u>	3/4	<u>Hillside Pond & Unquity Rd</u>	4.5	<u>13</u>	3/7	<u>Buck Hill Southside</u>	7.4
	3/11	Float/Makeup		<u>8</u>	3/17	<u>Ponkapoag Loop</u>	7.8
	3/18	Float/Makeup			3/21	(Spring - Friday, March 20 at 10:46 AM EDT	