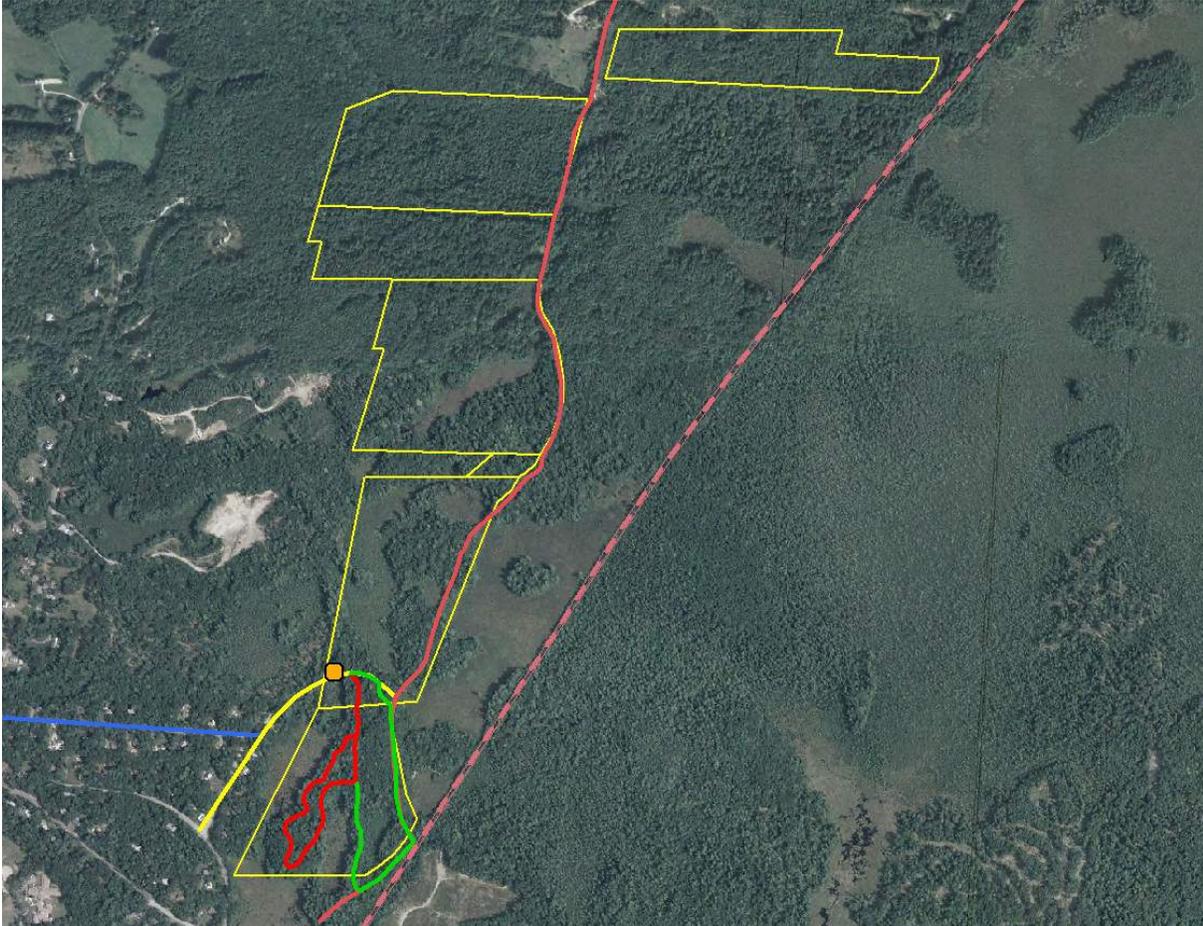


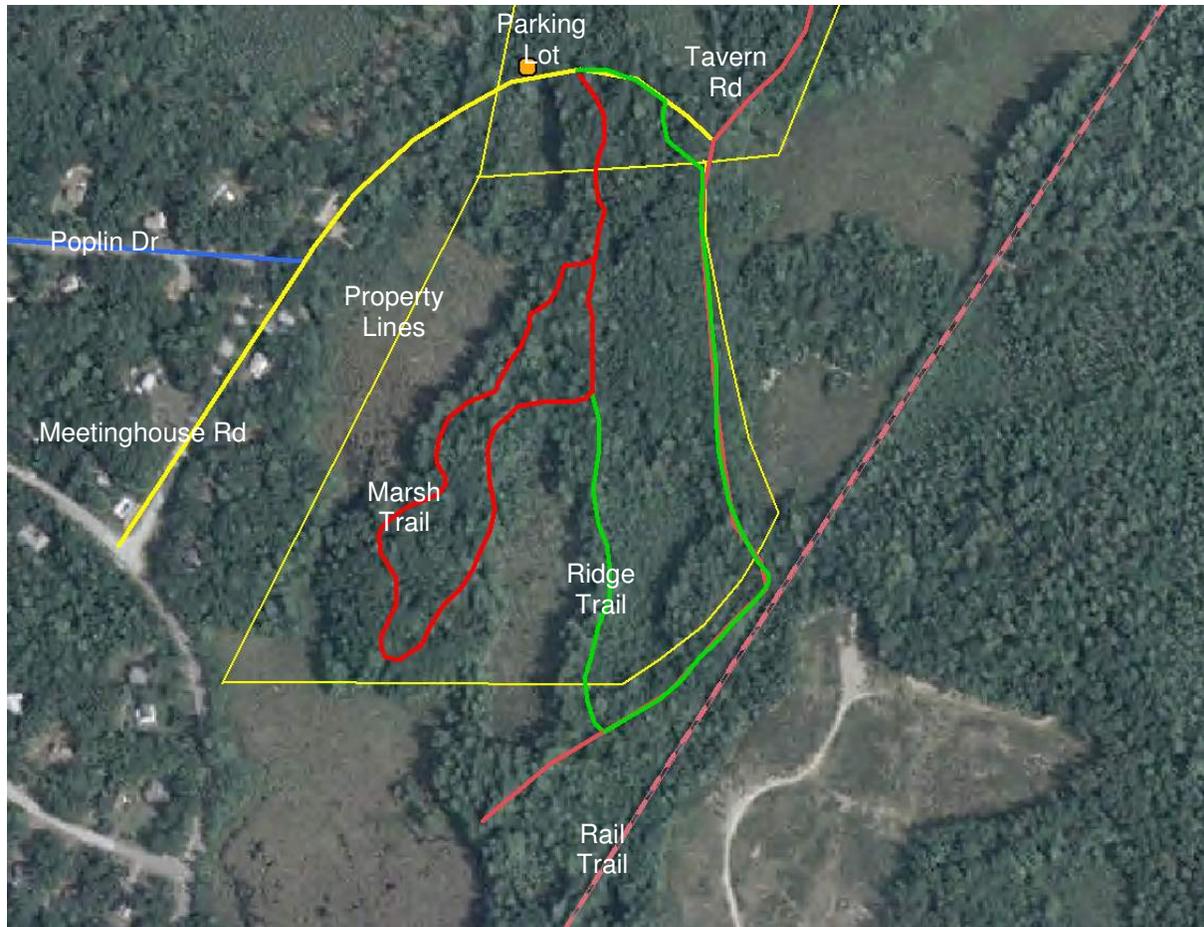
## Oakridge Town Forest - South Section

The Oak Ridge Town Forest is comprised of seven parcels: tax map lots 4-4, 4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 4-11, 4-12 and 4-16 for a total of 173.4 acres. Wetlands cover a substantial area of this property and naturally bisect the property into the “north” and “south” sections.



Approximate Boundaries of the Oak Ridge Town Forest

After parking, there are several possible routes for an interesting walk with views of beautiful wetlands and intriguing landforms. There are two trails which take off from the connector trail that begins about 120 feet beyond the parking lot on the opposite side of the dirt road. The trails entrance is marked with a sign.



### Aerial Map of Oak Ridge Trails

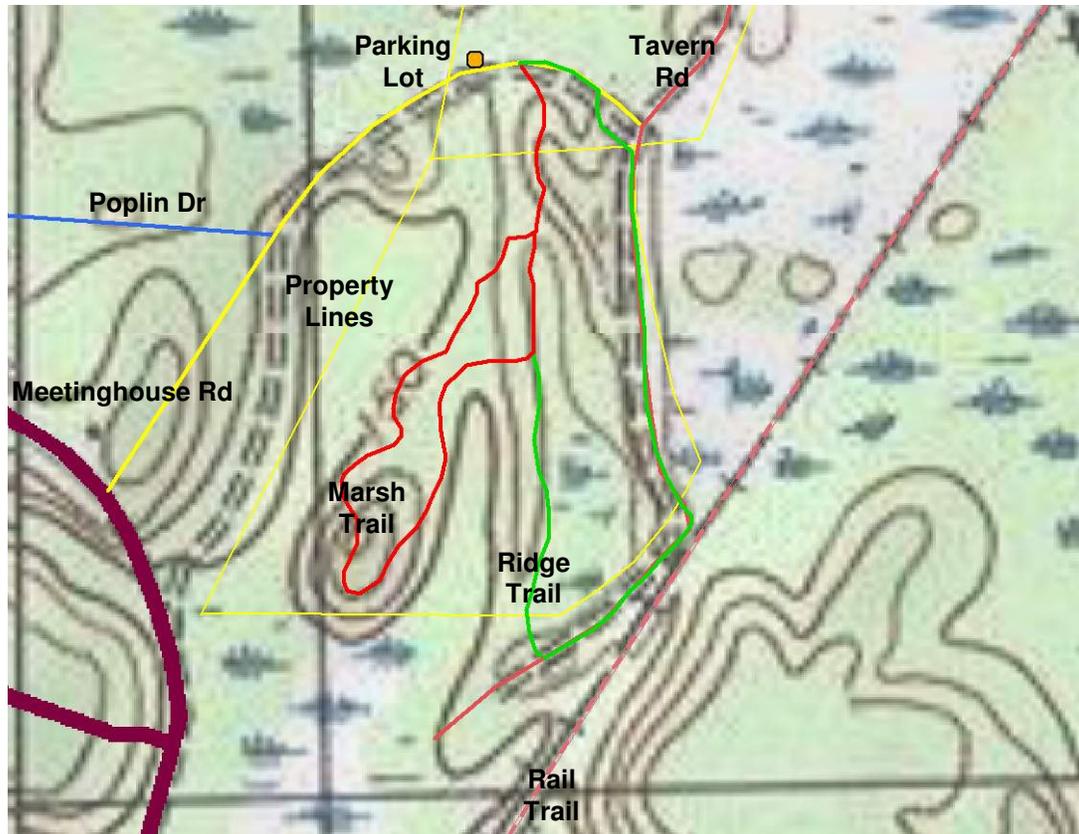
*Note: The property boundary lines are estimates only.*

#### The Marsh Trail

The Marsh Trail loop begins about 550 feet from the trail entrance. It is about 3595 feet from the trail entrance, around the Marsh Trail loop and back to the trail entrance. This walk takes you on the edge of a beautiful, interesting marsh. You will see a beaver dam and possibly some interesting wildlife such as deer, turtles and waterfowl.

#### The Ridge Trail

The Ridge Trail will provide a pleasant walk to the section of Tavern Road that runs parallel to the Rail Trail. At the intersection of the Ridge Trail and Tavern Road, make a left and walk north, to where the road bends to the left. If you continue straight on the path, proceeding beyond the bend, the path intersects with the Rail Trail. If you follow the bend in the road and continue on Tavern Road, you will be walking on the Tavern Road esker (see the section below titled “The Tavern Road Esker”) and back to the entrance to the Oak Ridge Trails and the parking lot.



Topographical Map of Oak Ridge Trails

Alternatively, from the parking lot you can continue walking north on the dirt road (Meetinghouse) until it intersects Tavern Road. Tavern Road was formerly called Ridge Road and is still labeled as such on U.S.G.S. topographical maps. If you keep to the left at the Tavern Road fork, you may be able to walk north to the paved portion of Tavern Road during dry weather. The road passes through two large wetland areas and the road is sometimes covered with water. Going north, the Town property will be on your left, and property owned primarily by Phillips Exeter Academy will be on your right. As you walk north on Tavern Road, you will pass through Fremont's prime wetland know as Spruce Swamp. See page 521 of Matthew Thomas's book History of Fremont, NH for a brief history of Tavern Road.

*The Fremont Conservation Commission would like to thank the Fremont Boy Scouts and the Fremont citizens who helped make these areas accessible by constructing the parking lot at Oakridge, designing and building the informational kiosks at both locations, and for the trail construction, mapping and marking that has been accomplished to date.*