

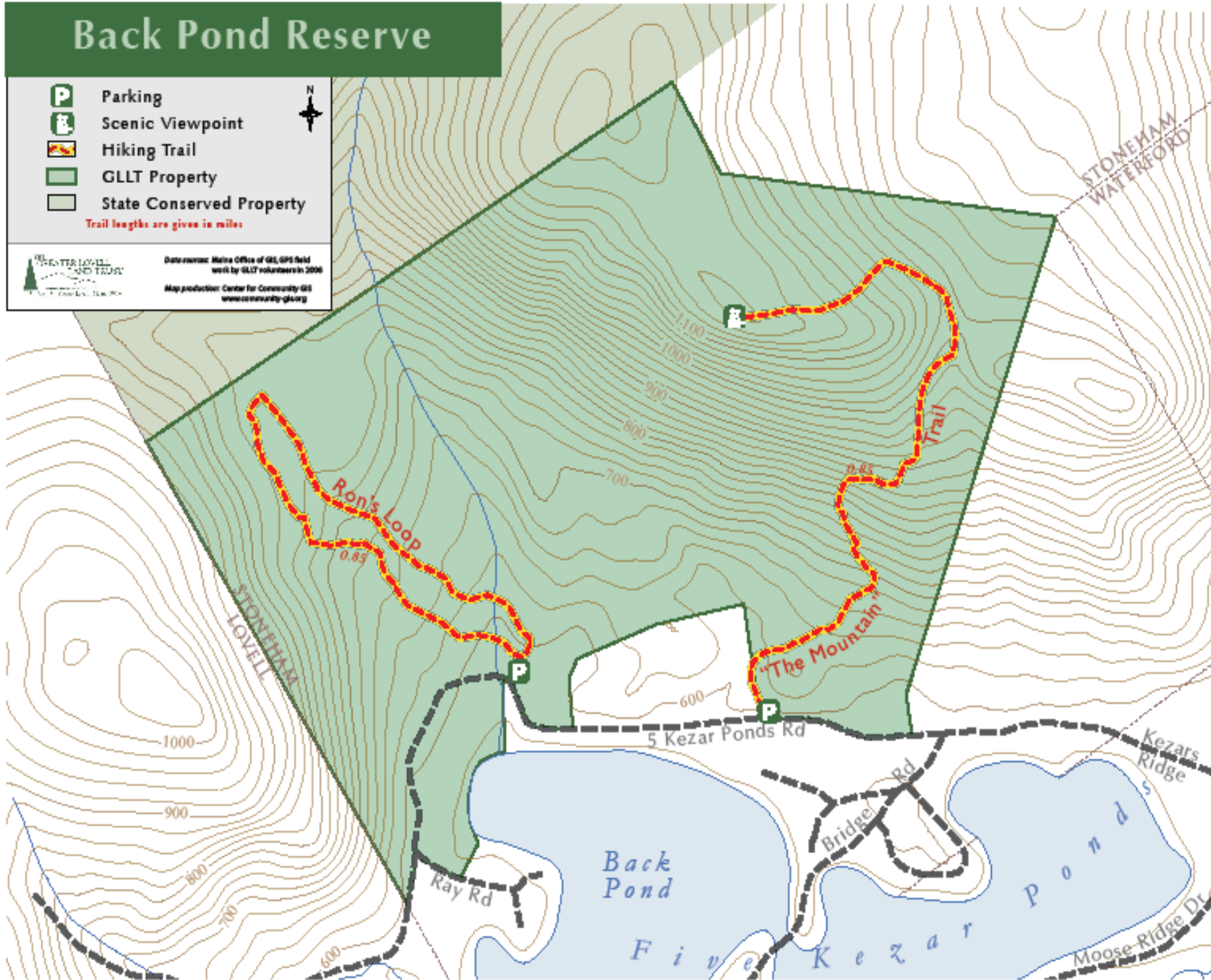
# Back Pond Reserve

- Parking
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Hiking Trail
- GLLT Property
- State Conserved Property

Trail lengths are given in miles



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## The Property

The Reserve is a combination of 249 acres north of the Five Kezar Ponds Road and 10 acres south of the Road. The 10 acres were bought in 1980 by 12 families on Back Pond and deeded to the Greater Lovell Land Trust (GLLT) in 1998.

The land's slopes and plateaus are host to an upland northern hardwood forest. A self-guiding trail guide takes visitors on a 0.85-mile loop trail through the lower portion of the property. Features include two streams that feed into Back Pond, a large moist area at the top of the trail where breeding birds are active, hemlock groves, and boulders from the last ice age. Surveys of birds, mammals, and plants are available at the kiosk.

“The Mountain Trail is a 0.83 mile steadily rising trail to the summit. Once there, you can look south through the Kezar River valley and west to the Presidential and White Mountains and north to Evans Notch and Evergreen Valley. An extraordinary view!

The 249 acres were acquired by the Greater Lovell Land Trust in 2006 and 2010 through the generosity of members and friends the Five Kezar Ponds Watershed Association.

## Features

### Ice Age Boulders

The boulders you see on the property are the result of the last ice age, during which time a massive continental ice sheet covered New England, reaching its southernmost extent around 21,000 years ago. As the ice sheet advanced from the north-northwest to the south-southeast, it forcefully eroded enormous quantities of soil and rock. These forces of erosion scoured and deepened the basin in which the Five Kezar ponds are located.

In response to a shift to a warmer climate, the ice sheets rapidly melted and receded northward, leaving significant deposits of jumbled soil and rock material contained within and beneath the ice sheet in their wake. Torrential flows of glacial melt-water were responsible for depositing the extensive sands and gravels found in the Five Kezar ponds area.

Gigantic boulders seen along many areas of the Back Pond Reserve are distinctive in terms of their size and concentration, suggesting that, together, they define a moraine, a term geologists use to describe materials deposited at the margins of the ice sheet.

## Activity Guidelines

The Reserve is open to public use for these activities:

- Hiking
- Mountain biking on the trail to Cushman Pond only
- Hunting in season
- Snow shoeing
- Cross-country skiing

These activities are **not allowed**:

- Motorized vehicles
- Mountain biking on the part of the trail from the boardwalk back to the parking lot
- Cutting and removal of vegetation
- Camping and campfires
- Access by water

**No activities are permitted on the 10-acre Preserve as it is maintained in its natural, unaltered state.**

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The GLLT Properties Commission manages our public lands and trails. For more information or to assist with its work contact Tom Henderson at 207 925-1056 or Burgess Smith at 207 935-9177.

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