

# Five Kezar Ponds Reserve

## Trails:

### RON'S LOOP

- 1-mile loop 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

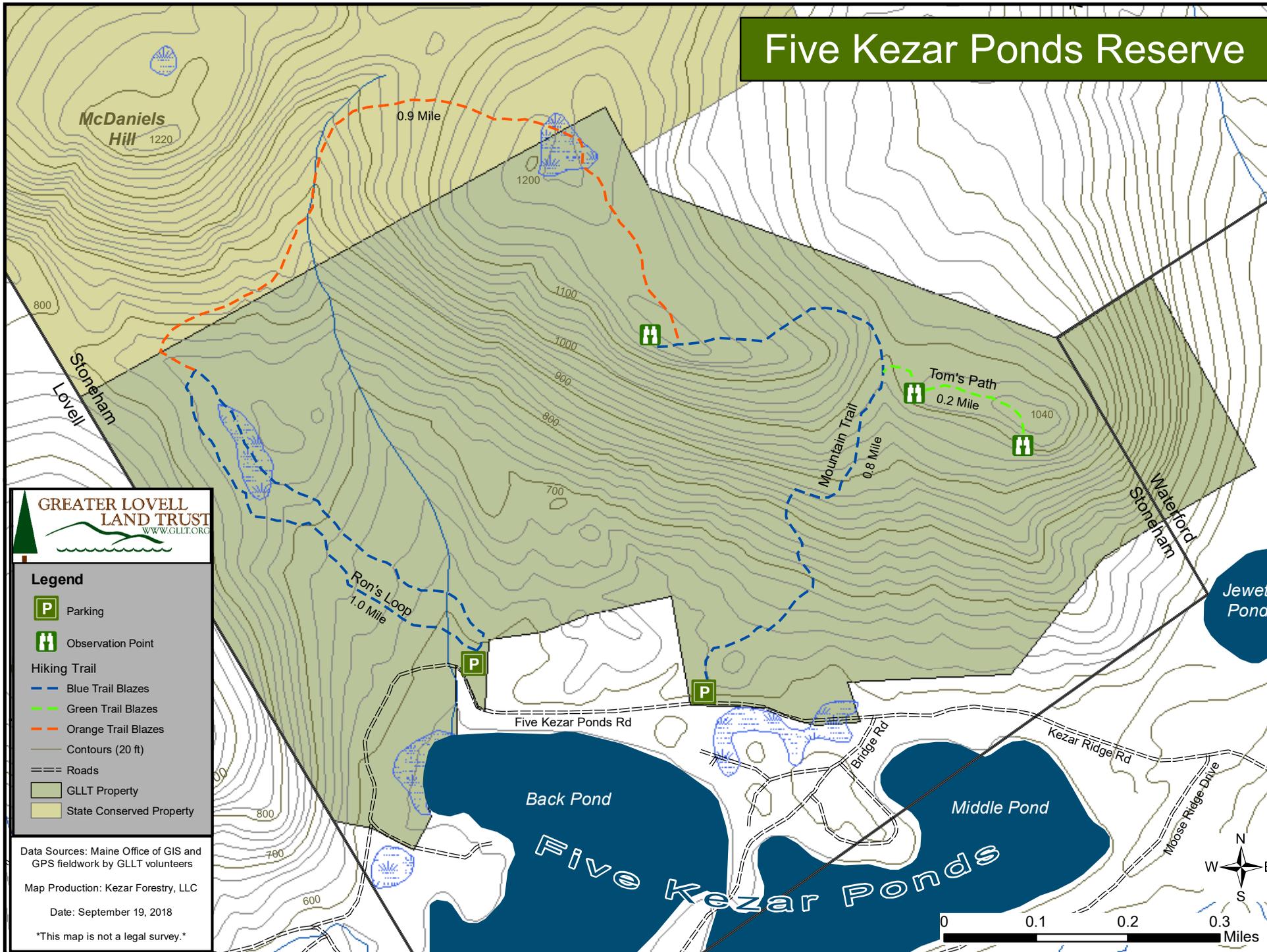
- 0.8 mile, steadily rising trail to the summit.
- Outlook at summit looks south through the Kezar River valley, west to the Presidential and White Mountains and north to Evans Notch and Evergreen Valley.

### TOM'S PATH

- 0.5 miles
- A spur trail off the Mountain Trail that runs along the ridgeline to several outlooks, looking over Middle Pond.

### THE ORANGE TRAIL

- 0.9 miles
- Connects the Mountain Trail to Ron's Loop.



## The Property:

The Reserve is a combination of 304 acres north of the Five Kezar Pond 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 304 acres were acquired by the Greater Lovell Land Trust in 2006, 2010, and 2018 through the generosity of members and friends of the Five Kezar Ponds Watershed Association. The land's slopes and plateaus are host to an upland northern hardwood forest, and there are multiple granite outcroppings overlooking the Kezar River valley.

## 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 eroded enormous quantities of soil and rock. This 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 deposits of jumbled soil and rock material in their wake. Torrential flows of glacial meltwater 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 they define a moraine, a term geologists use to describe materials deposited at the margins of the ice sheet.

## About Us:

We are a private, non-profit organization of local volunteers and fellow conservationists, protecting our region's lands and waters in the public interest. We welcome new members and contributions for land purchases, property easements, and volunteers for current projects. Please join us.

## OUR MISSION...

...to protect the ecosystems of the Kezar Lake, Kezar River, & Cold River watersheds, for the benefit of the natural and human communities today and as a legacy for the future.

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We are a membership driven organization. Annual membership is fundamental to our mission. We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

## Activity Guidelines:

The Five Kezars Pond Reserve is open to public use for these activities:

- Hiking
- Hunting in season (with MIFW license)
- Snowshoeing
- Cross-country skiing

Please use the land responsibly, leaving it just as you found it so that others may enjoy it as well.

### NOT ALLOWED:

- Motorized vehicles
- Mountain biking
- 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 state.

## Georeferenced Maps



<https://www.gllt.org/five-kezars-reserve/>  
downloadable georeferenced trail map available from our website, and usable in Avenza Maps App

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