

View of the frontage along Westbrook Court, near parking for the Carroll's Hill Trail. (Photo by Emily Hague.)

Conservation background

The Tolman family donated a conservation easement to the Monadnock Conservancy with the intention of keeping the land open to the public for hiking. The Swanzey Open Space Committee has worked with the Tolman family to create a trail up to the top of Carroll's Hill. This trail traverses the property's hemlock and hardwood groves and affords views of the hilltop forests. The trail is a moderate hike, starting on the Old Calvin Curtiss Road before winding up the north slope of the hill through mixed forests, and arriving at a scenic overlook.

Carroll's Hill borders the Old Calvin Curtiss Road, which once connected the small farms scattered from East Swanzey to Richmond to Rabbit Hollow. The property also has a history of diverse plant life; the landowners have found a variety of imperiled wildflowers over time.

Directions

From NH Route 32 south, turn onto Westbrook Court. Travel 0.4 miles and look for a sign on the right-hand side of the road by an open field and a dirt road that veers off to the right. Park in the road shoulder and walk up the dirt road, which becomes the trail.



Plantain sedge abounds on the slopes of Carroll's Hill, alongside jack-in-the-pulpit and ferns. (Photo by Emily Hague.)

The Monadnock Conservancy is an accredited land trust that serves the 35 towns of the Monadnock region. Our mission is to work with communities and landowners to conserve the natural resources, wild and working lands, rural character, and scenic beauty of the region.

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Carroll's Hill Trail

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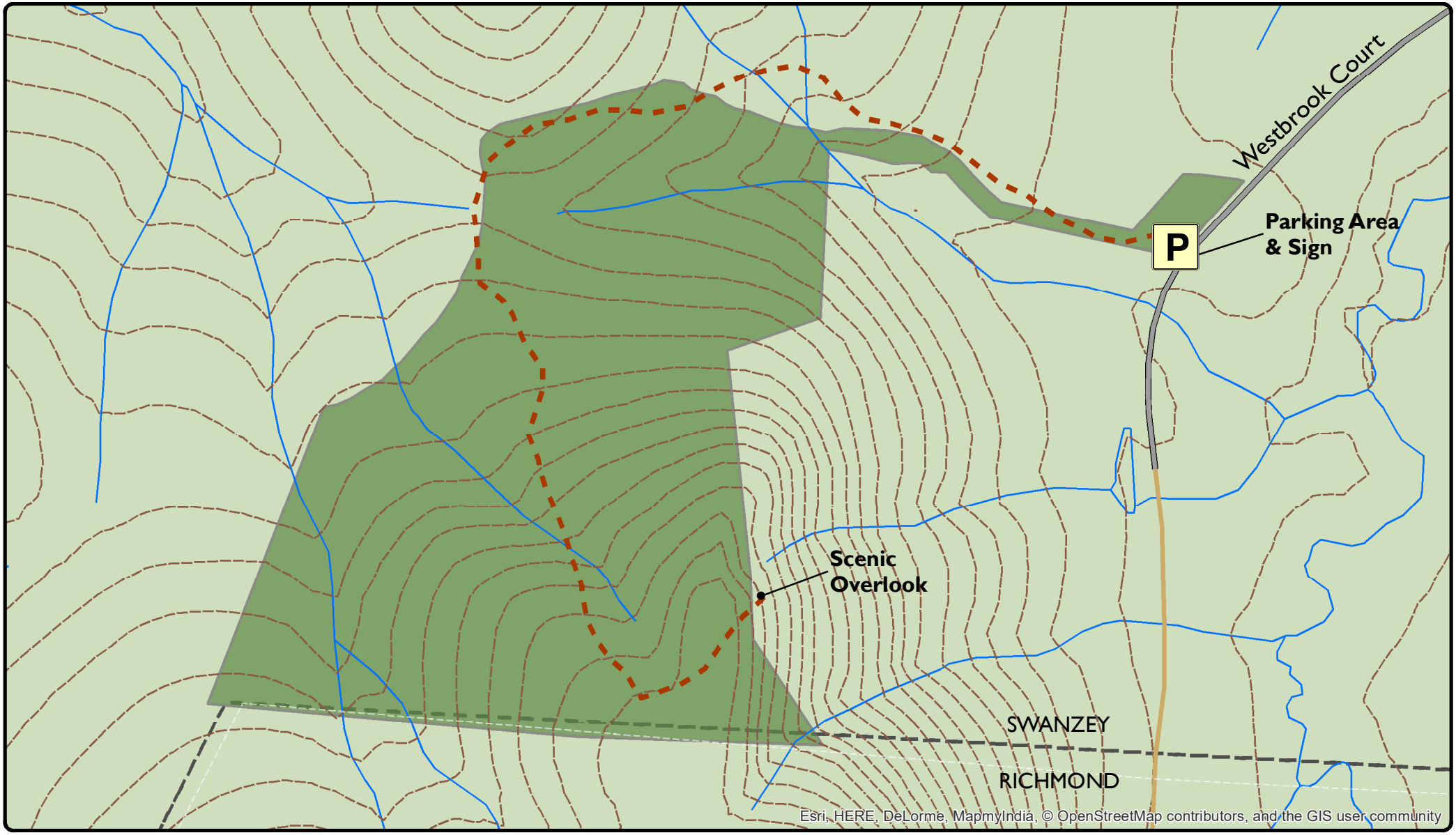
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Rating: Moderate
Distance/Time: 1.5 miles/45 minutes
Parking/Access: Westbrook Court

This 61-acre easement is located in Swanzey, New Hampshire, and provides wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities very close to Swanzey Lake. The Carroll's Hill Trail is owned by the Tolman family, and maintained with the help of the Swanzey Open Space Committee. The property features several unnamed streams, mixed hardwood forests along the rocky slopes of Carroll's Hill, and frontage along the old Calvin Curtiss Road.

This trail crosses privately owned land and is cared for by the Swanzey Open Space Committee.

Pedestrian use welcome;
please leave only footprints.



Carroll's Hill Trail, Swanzey, N.H.

- Carroll's Hill Trail
- 20' contours
- Monadnock Conservancy protected lands
- Non-maintained roads
- Roads

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Miles

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Sources: GRANIT, GPS, Projection: NAD83, NHSP feet