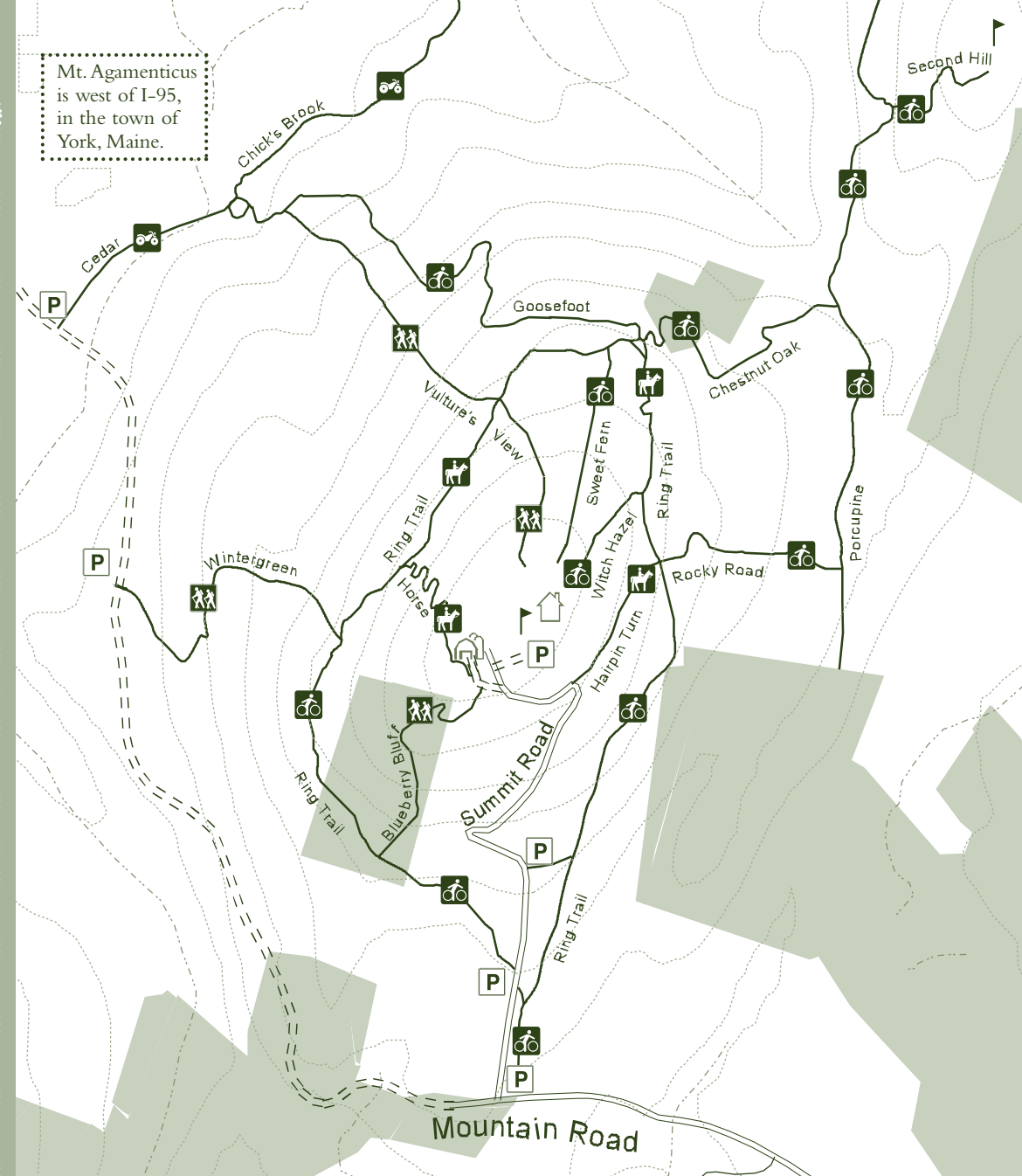


MOUNT AGAMENTICUS TRAIL MAP



Mt. Agamenticus is west of I-95, in the town of York, Maine.



LEGEND

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| Hike (red blaze) | Summit | Stream |
| Bike/Hike (white blaze) | Barn | Trail |
| Horse/Bike/Hike (yellow blaze) | Parking | Paved Road |
| ATV/Horse/Bike/Hike (light blue blaze) | Lodge | Dirt Road |
| | Private Land | 50' Contour |



STEERING COMMITTEE COOPERATION

Over 10,000 acres of land in the Mount Agamenticus area are owned by private and public agencies, which manage the land for conservation and watershed protection, while continuing a commitment to public recreational opportunities.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy your visit to this area. It is among the most precious natural resources in New England. Please help us to safeguard it.

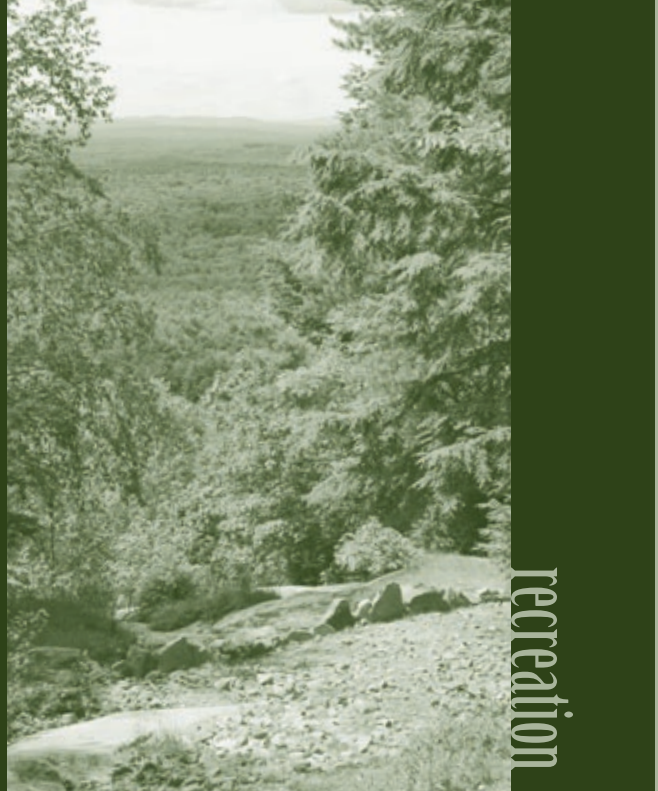
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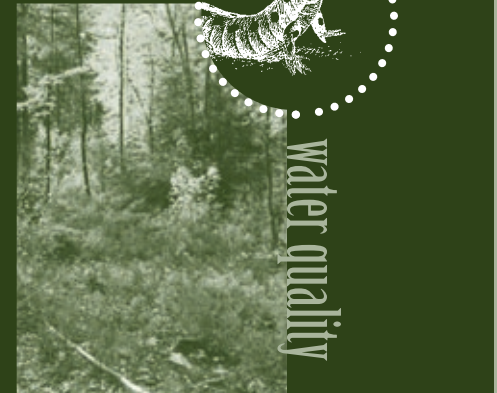
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MOUNT AGAMENTICUS

balancing
 water quality,
 wildlife and
 recreation.



WELCOME TO MOUNT AGAMENTICUS!

As you enjoy Mount A's scenic vistas, rich forests and secluded trails, please remember to treat the land and wildlife with respect. The Mount A area contains an incredible diversity of plant and animal communities, many of which are rare in the region. State, local and non-profit landowners are working together to protect this area and manage the land here to balance wildlife, water quality, and recreation. This is one of the largest remaining unfragmented forests in coastal New England. Mount A is unlike any place else on earth, and its conservation depends on all of us. It's ours to love and protect.

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RECREATION

Mount A's trails are for hikers, bikers, equestrians and ATV riders. As you travel the trails, we hope you will discover why this place is special. To ensure long-term trail quality and to protect against erosion, trails are designated for specific uses. Trail signs, color blazes and the trail map tell which uses are permitted on each trail.

- Hikers - Any Color Blazes**
- Bikers - White, Yellow or Blue Blazes**
- Equestrians - Yellow or Blue Blazes**
- ATVs - Blue Blazes**

We recommend these loop routes for hikers and bikers who have just a short time to spend.

- From the Summit:**
Witch Hazel to Ring Trail (north/left) to Horse Trail - 0.8 mile, intermediate
- From Mountain Road:**
Ring Trail (east/left) to Witch Hazel to Sweet Fern to Ring Trail (west/left) - 1.5 miles, intermediate

WATER QUALITY

From the summit of Mount A, you can see the reservoirs that are the sole source of drinking water for York and Kittery. The water in these reservoirs comes from the streams and watersheds around Mount A. Because water from the mountain flows to the reservoirs, environmental protection at Mount A helps protect the water supply for local residents.

Erosion

The rugged terrain, thin soils and granite outcrops on Mount A combine to create high potential for erosion. Erosion damages the trails by washing away the soil. The eroded soil causes problems off the trail, too, when it muddies vernal pools and drinking water supplies. You can see signs of erosion (like exposed bedrock, roots and steep-sided gullies) around Mount A today. Work continues to reduce erosion by improving trail drainage, rerouting erodable sections, and closing or limiting use of some trails. Please help us protect soil and water quality by staying on marked trails, respecting trail designations, walking bikes through wet areas or staying off the trails when wet.

WILDLIFE

The unfragmented forests around Mount A provide important habitat for wildlife in Southern Maine. Moose, White-tailed Deer, Black Bear, and Fisher live in these protected forests. Many species, like the Chestnut Oak and Shagbark Hickory trees, reach the northern limit of their range. Rare species of plants include Wild Leek, Large Beak-Rush, Feather Foil, Atlantic White Cedar, and Black Gum. Rare animals include Spotted and Blanding's Turtles, Black Racer Snake, Swamp Darter (a small fish), and the Ringed Boghaunter Dragonfly.

Vernal Pools

A vernal pool is a low spot that fills with rain and snowmelt in the spring, then dries up during the summer. Enjoy their quiet beauty, but please don't disturb them. They are a unique wetland habitat, and are critically important breeding places for specially adapted animals such as the Spotted Salamander, Blue-spotted Salamander, Wood Frog and Fairy Shrimp. Many other creatures, like Caddisflies, Dragonflies, the Rare Blandings and Spotted Turtles, also rely on vernal pools for food and shelter at different times during their life cycles.

Hawks

Mt. A is famous as one of Maine's favorite hawk-watching sites. Each fall, thousands of migrating hawks, including Peregrine Falcons, Bald Eagles, Osprey and the Northern Goshawk, are viewed from the summit. On a day in early October with strong northwest winds, hundreds of raptors may fly over the mountain in just a few hours.

This mountain rules! So please observe these common-sense guidelines to help protect it.

- 1 Enjoy your visit!
- 2 Use trails for their designated uses and yield to horses and hikers.
- 3 Please stay on the trails and don't cut or clear new ones.
- 4 Please don't cut wildflowers or collect any plants or animals.
- 5 Wetlands and vernal pools are fragile, please don't disturb.
- 6 Area open from dawn until dusk. No camping or campfires.
- 7 Cars and trucks are not allowed on trails.
- 8 Please respect private property.
- 9 Carry out what you carry in. Please don't litter!

MOUNT AGAMENTICUS RULES!
Trail use guidelines are posted at each trailhead.