

HISTORY

Chuck and Barbara Deming conserved their 125-acre property with a conservation easement held by Ausbon Sargent in 1993. The property contains significant wildlife habitat and includes a mixture of forestlands, open fields, fruit bearing trees and bushes, ponds and wetlands.

The Demings' land has some exceptional views of Mt. Kearsarge, Pleasant Lake and the surrounding countryside, and the conservation easement stipulated that the property may be subdivided into no more than two separate parcels and no more than two single family dwellings may ever be constructed. On August 2, 2019, the 125-acre Deming property was divided into two parcels. The largest parcel of 112.7 acres was sold to Michael McDonald and Anne Norris and the remaining parcel consisting of 12.3 acres was maintained by the Deming family.

Trails on the Deming/McDonald & Norris and Deming 2/Deming properties are accessible through parking and trails on the Cook Conservation Property, owned by the Town of New London.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Exit 11 off I-89 take Rte 11. Go east toward Andover for 2.3 miles. Turn left on Elkins Rd. and drive past the dam at the south end of Pleasant Lake. Elkins Rd. bears right past the dam but continue straight on Wilmot Center Rd. for 0.75 mile. Turn left on Whitney Brook Rd. for approx. 0.4 miles and trailhead will be on the left.

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Helping preserve the rural landscape of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region.

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TRAILS

Pleasant Lake High Trail

Blaze Color: ■ ➤➤ Elevation Gain: 495'
Distance: 2 miles (from Cook Conservation Property through the Deming/McDonald & Norris Easement Property)

Description: Starts at Whitney Brook Road at the parking area and trailhead, crosses the Cook Conservation Property onto the Deming/McDonald & Norris Conservation Easement Property, then continues northwest on neighboring lands. Great views. Dramatic cliffs and rock falls.

Old Camp Tabor Road

Blaze Color: ■ ➤➤ Elevation Gain: 331'
Distance: 0.6 miles

Description: Starts at the intersection of the yellow trail and Pleasant Lake High Trail on the Deming/McDonald & Norris Conservation Easement Property. No views. Climbs on intermittent broken paving to the Wilmot town line.

Power Line Parallel Trail

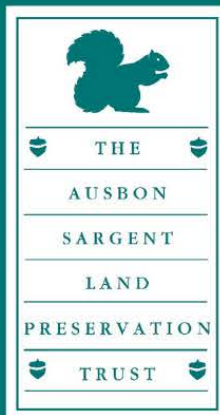
Blaze Color: ■ ➤➤ Elevation Gain: 40'
Distance: 0.5 miles (from Cook Conservation Property through the Deming/McDonald & Norris Conservation Easement Property).

Description: Connects the Cook Interpretive Loop to the Pleasant Lake High Trail.

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DEMING/MCDONALD & NORRIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT



New London Trails

This map shows footpaths maintained by the New London Conservation Commission and affiliated organizations. Please keep all trails free of litter and leave all plants and animals undisturbed. For more information visit www.NL-NHCC.com

Pleasant Lake High Trail continues onto Langanau Brook Trail and beyond

Ausbon Sargent's Deming/McDonald & Norris and Deming 2/Deming Conservation Easement Properties

Trails

- Shortcut to Overlook (0.2 mi)
- Cook Interpretive Loop (1.2 mi)
- Elkins Erratics Loop (0.8 mi)
- 1830 Spring Trail (0.2 mi)
- Spur Trail (variable mileage)
- Power Line Parallel Trail (0.5 mi)
- Pleasant Lake High Trail (2 mi)
- Camp Taber Road (0.6 mi)
- Utility Line
- Ponds_Deming



The Cook Conservation Property (69 acres) is owned and managed by the Town of New London. The property is also protected with a conservation easement held by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

The Deming/McDonald & Norris and Deming 2/Deming Properties (125 acres) are privately owned and conserved by a conservation easements held by Ausbon Sargent.

Legend

- Utility Line
- Roads
- Lake/Pond
- Swamp/Marsh
- Stream/River



All representations of boundaries are approximate.
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