

RIVER TRAIL

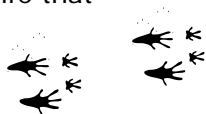
The River Trail is one of the few areas in New Hampshire where the public has access to an extended trail along the Connecticut River. Included is a 2100 foot hardpacked limited mobility section that travels along the river, next to the farmland behind the dairy barns.



The trails provide an opportunity to experience the river's unique habitats, enjoy the serenity and view the wildlife. The river trail also has four different gate designs built to enter and exit the pasture land at various points on the trail. They serve as a demonstration of just a few of the different styles available.

WOODS TRAIL

The Woods Trail runs through a few of the many diverse stands of trees on the property. It provides a chance to see some of the large trees that have been growing for the last 75 or more years. Feel the cooling effects of the forest on a hot summer day and perhaps get a look at some of the diverse wildlife that inhabit the area.



The trails have been developed through the collaborative efforts of Cheshire County Commissioners, management and staff, UNH Cooperative Extension and volunteers with funding in part by a grant from the Connecticut Joint Rivers Commission and the NH Moose Plate Conservation Grant Program.

For more information on the trails contact Cheshire County UNH Cooperative Extension at 352-4550.



Take a walk and enjoy the flora and fauna of the Connecticut River and the surrounding woodland. Sitting along the river early in the morning, at dusk or during the spring or fall, waterfowl migration can be a very rewarding experience. Visit the trails throughout the year and see the changes that the seasons bring.

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Cheshire County Nature Trails

River Road
Westmoreland NH

On the Cheshire county property there are more than 7,000 feet of woodland and river habitat trails available to explore at your leisure.

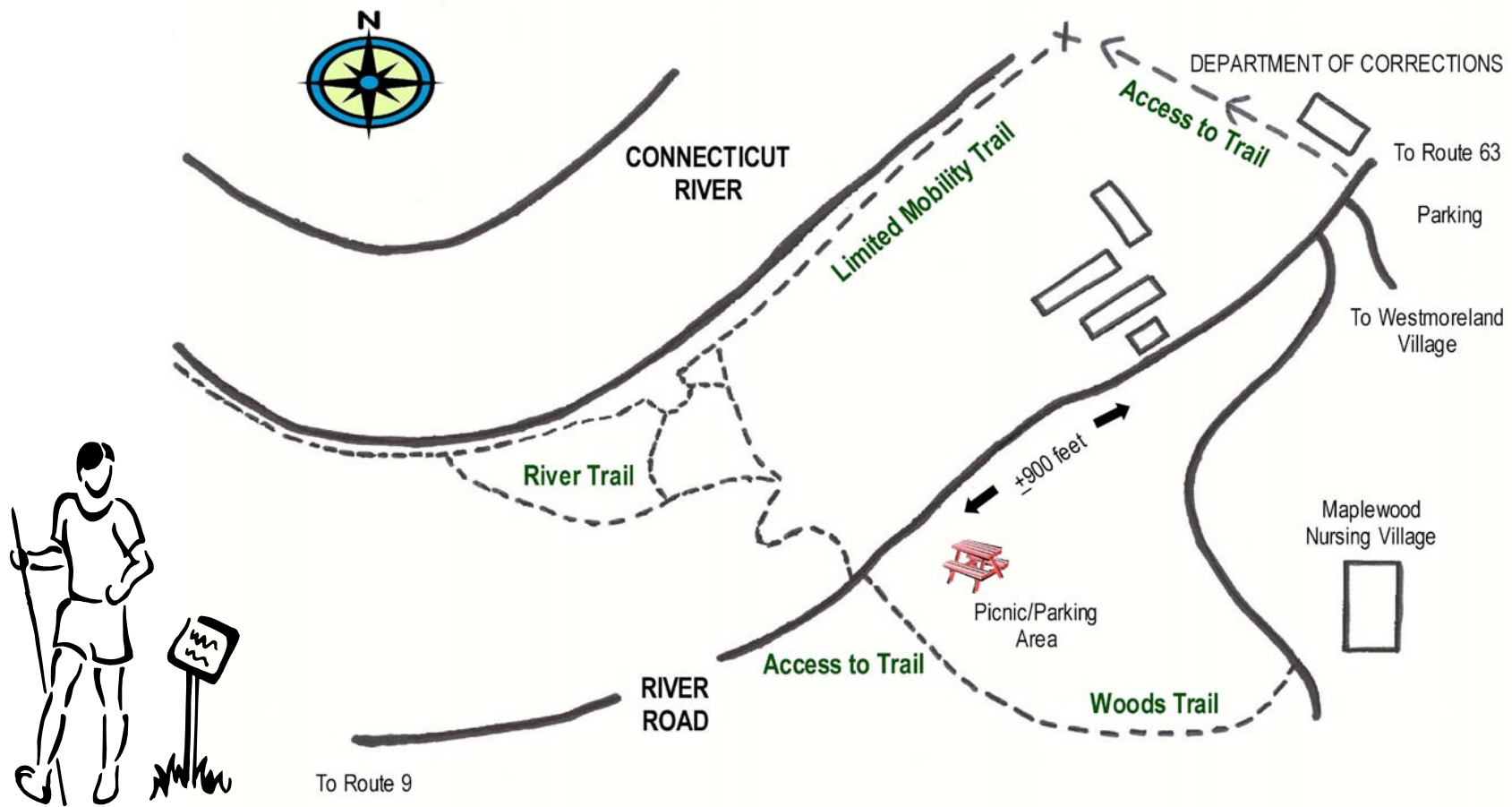
The Cheshire county property in Westmoreland encompasses 500 acres of actively managed forest land and 129 acres of open farmland with about 6700 feet of frontage on the Connecticut River.

More than 30 types of trees and shrubs, dozens of wildlife species and a multitude of wildflowers, grasses and other herbaceous plants can be found in the forests and fields of the County property.

Directions from Keene: Route 12 north to Route 63. Go south on 63, 3 miles, turn right onto River Road. Watch for "Maplewood" sign.



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Access to the western portion of the **River Trail** is across the road from the picnic/parking area 900 feet south of the farm building complex. After the first gate you will be walking through part of the cow pasture where, depending on the time of day, you might be visited by some of the farm's friendly Holstein cattle. After the next gate, the trail continues on down to the river.

The hardpacked **Limited Mobility Trail** is accessed from the parking area adjacent to the Department of Corrections and extends west for 2100 feet to meet the conventional river trail at the first bridge.

Access to the **Woods Trail** is from the picnic/parking area. It heads southeast up through a field, then loops east through the pine/hemlock forest and ends at Maplewood Nursing Home. Access is also available just off the entrance to Maplewood, heading west and ending at the picnic/parking area as described above.