Woodfern Loop

At Bear Paw Pond at the jct. of trails 13, 14 and 17, follow trail #14, Upper Woodfern, in a westerly direction through the jct. with Dark Entry Trail and continue on #14 to a “T” shaped intersection.

Turn right and follow Woodfern downhill under the power line, past numerous upright mosses growing on bedrock until you reach the stonewall. Here the trail continues downhill past raspberry bushes until you reach the jct with Dogtooth Tr. Turn left to descend to the parking area or continue in an Easterly direction along a flat trail with numerous ferns back to Bear Paw Pond.
Suggested Hikes

Bear Paw Pond

From the parking area (P2), walk up the Dark Entry Trail which begins as a gravel road. At the top of the steep section, you will see Dogtooth Trail on your right. Follow the gravel road to the junction with Lower Woodfern Trail. Turn left as Lower Woodfern reaches Bear Paw Pond. Lower Woodfern continues to Coyote Meadow.

Old Sugar House

From Bear Paw Pond follow #17 Northstar Trail uphill to jct. with #11 Dark Entry Trail. Turn left and follow Dark Entry Trail Easterly to the Old Sugar House. Sugar House Trail descends to Coyote Meadow and back to Bear Paw Pond.

Note: Sugar House Trail uphill from the Old Sugar House goes to the Moosewood Ponds at the High Ponds Farm. Do not make this hike unless you have plenty of time and energy.

Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area

1000 Hazen’s Notch Road
Vermont Route 58
Montgomery Vermont

The Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area is a privately owned nature preserve that is open to the public on a limited basis. The 110-acre parcel is located on the Hazen’s Notch Road in the town of Montgomery, Vermont.

The property was purchased in 1990 by the Anderson Family to serve as the site of the Hazen’s Notch Summer Camp, a program of the Hazen’s Notch Association.

The mixed northern hardwood/softwood forest supports a great diversity of native flora and fauna. The Stewardship Management Plan emphasizes biological diversity and forest health.

A network of trails provides opportunities for walking and nature observation. Please observe all signs posted at the parking area and at property boundaries.

In Winter trail access is from the HNA Welcome Center at 1423 Hazen’s Notch Road.