

Farwell Forest, Cumberland

The trails in Cumberland, Falmouth, and Windham are very well connected, either by footpath or snowmobile trail. In my map above, Knight's Pond Preserve is in light blue; Farwell Forest is in lavender; Rines Forest in green; Hadlock Forest in red; Falmouth Town Forest trails in dark blue; and Falmouth Community Park trails in orange. Not shown on this Google map is how this network connects to a trail system on the western side of Route 100, which includes Blackstrap Preserve, North Falmouth Community Forest, and Lowell Preserve.

Here is my attempt at a map that roughly shows the [multi-town interconnected trail system](#).

This [45-acre forest](#) forms a mid-section between Knight's Pond Preserve (and Blueberry Hill) and Rines Forest. You can walk this long trail system, following footpath and snowmobile trails. When I visited Farwell Forest, the trails were not blazed, but this is a popular spot for dog walkers, and the trails were easy to follow. I may have missed some.

There really isn't much of a parking area on Blanchard Road (the trailhead starts to the south of the house at 145 Blanchard Road). If you head out east, you start out by following the edge of the field, turning the corner to walk along the back perimeter of the field. You'll see a granite bench with the carved words of Farwell Forest at a corner of this meadow. Here you'll see a couple of trails heading into the woods (along with rusting carcasses of at least one car and old farm machinery). If you stay on the main snowmobile path, you'll end up in .4 miles at Greeley Road Extension and the trails up Blueberry and Bruce hills.

If you go the over way across Blanchard Road, you'll again walk across a field, and in roughly .7 miles this direction, will connect to the Rines Forest trails.

Directions: The trailhead starts close to 145 Blanchard Road. You'll see a snowmobile track crossing the road here, and a gate. If you have a car, the best place to park is at Greeley Road Extension, at the end of the road.

