

List of MM Trail changes and closings from 10th edition

Updated to December 9th 2015

ATTENTION HIKER: Portions of the M-M Trail in sections No. 10, 12, 13, & 14 have been Closed to the New England trail at the request of the landowner, and are not fully blazed. Please respect the property owner's rights and refer to the link for the web page below for further updates and re-route information: <http://amcberkshire.org/mm-trail/guide>. It is possible that sections 12, 13,14 & 15 will get finished & relocated in 2014. Check for info on AMC Berkshire web page. **As of June 9th, 2015 the relocation is now open except for part of Sec.14.**

Section 1 Thanks to a property owner you can now head south down Suffield Mt. into Conn., omitting a 3 mile road walk from the start of the Mass. Section of the trail and parking area at Rising corners.

Section 2 At the end of this section and the start of section 3 the guide book says that the trail ends, and starts at the Big Y parking lot. The big Y has been closed for several years now and a more accurate Description is The FL Roberts gas station and car wash on Rt. 20.

Section 3 (relocation) Where the trail turns left off Sykes road and uphill at the junction there is now a new dirt service road that roughly parallels the trail back to the crossing of the sportsman's access road.

Section 6 (relocation) At mile 4.7 the trail description describes descending on old carriage road under a continuous arch of majestic Hemlocks. The Hemlocks are mostly dying and should in the near future be replaced by the next generation of trees. At the mile 5.5 trail description it reads that the trail reaches an opening to a power line and makes a right. Now after about 1000 yards just before reaching the power line you make a right and stay in the woods to the right of the power line almost all the way to Underwood Rd.

Section 9 – Harris Mt. Rd. to Federal St. 3.4 miles. While the old section 9 was 4 miles and ended at Rt. 9 it now ends at the Jct. of Orchard St. & Federal St. Take a left on Federal St. the second road. And continue for about a mile to Rt.9. From Page 33 of the trail guide to Page 52 is now changed and is much longer. Approximately 18 miles
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-09-metacommet-monadnock-trail>

Section 10 – Federal St to Packardville rd., 4.6 Miles. This is now mostly a road walk and after crossing Orchard St. take a left on Federal St. and follow it for 1 mile where you take a right on Dwight and after a short distance cross Rt. 9. This road becomes Gulf rd. and when you reach a fork at (2.71miles) bear right just passing the Scarborough Pond Conservation area on your left. Continue for about .1 mile and make a left into the woods and uphill. Follow the blazing for about a mile from the fork and come out next to a group home on Packardville rd. where sec. 10 ends. There is limited parking for about 2 cars here. <http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-10-metacommet-monadnock-trail>

Section 11 – Packardville Rd. to Shutesbury rd. 6.2 miles. Continue .56 miles uphill to the summit of Mt. Lincoln and the fire Observation tower with limited views. Keep left of tower and descend via the tower maintenance road for .1 mile and enters woods to right. Follow the blazed trail with red boundary marking on your left. Descend gradually crossing two woods roads and several small loops to right to avoid wet sections. Just after the second road there is an approved camping area next to a stream. (Filter water) You will continue downhill & at 1.5 miles reach a sign for Queen St. & a Rock wall. Turn right here and start uphill on new trail. Follow blazing & red blazed trees & at 2.0 miles reach an old road and continue ascending between two rock walls & then cross a power line. You will start descending to a Junction of two streams at mile 2.64 reach an old woods road next to a stream. Cross a stream bearing left & climbing through pines along a small ridge line. Reach Amherst rd. for a total of 3.17 miles where there is parking for a few cars just after you pass a wire barrier. Take a Right on Amherst Rd. and then at 3.3 Left on dirt N. Valley Rd. continuing for .5 more miles then turning right into woods. Cross a stream at 4.1 miles and continue thru woods to left turn on old woods rd. at 5.0 Miles. Follow this road to end all though it is sparsely blazed and right turn on brewer rd. Follow old Brewer rd. for .3 mile and take a left into woods. At 1.1 you will reach a camp you went too far. Follow blazing .4 miles to tarred Shutesbury rd. and make turn to right then follow for .5 miles and make a left into parking area and start of section 12.
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-11-metacommet-monadnock-trail>

Section 12 -Shutesbury Rd. to No. Macedonia rd. (6.2 miles) Sec. 12,13 & 14 are partially on Quabbin property and there is no camping allowed. Leave corner of parking lot into woods & head north very close to Rt.202. At .13 reach and cross a small stream and then at .16 reach a fire road turning Left here. At .32 turn off road to right & continue northward. At .5 miles you will pass two stone Caron's and start descending. At 1.1 you will cross a small stream & reach Green Gate PL8 and parking area off Rt.202. Take left on road at gate & Mile 1.17.Follow this road to Mile 1.74 and take left into woods. At Mile 1.75 reach another wood rd. and make right and almost immediately take left into woods. At Mile 1.85 reach Troop #180 bridge and continue thru woods to Mile 2.80 and second bridge. Cross Atherton brook on a foot bridge and make left & Right on switch back up hill to parking area and Gate SH3. Make left turn thru gate and continue on old Town Farm road for 1.3 more miles. Reach gate SH5 at

Mile 4.3 and take right on end and continue on Town Farm rd. to tar Prescott rd. where you will make a left uphill at 4.6 mile to dirt Colleyville rd. and make a right downhill for 2 miles. Just pass New Boston Rd. take a left at 6.2 miles thru Gate SH6. & End of section 12. There is a Quabbin off road Bike map that shows this section from Town Farm road to Jennison road but the trail is not marked on it. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/watersupply/watershed/maps/quaboffresbike.pdf>
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-12-metacomet-monadnock-trail>

Section 13 –Cooleyville rd. & Gate SH7 to Sibley swamp. **Caution this section is rather sparsely blazed especially along the road and in some places the blaze is at a 90 degree angle to the trail.** At 3.5 miles take left at Gate SH7 and follow to Phone Line at .4 miles and make right Downhill to double stream crossing & at .5 miles then climb uphill to Macedonia rd. at .9 & make a left uphill. Continuing to Jct. of another woods road at mile 1.42 which is Macedonia rd. & bear right here, and follow to dirt Rockwell Hill road 2.83 miles and make left downhill to out flow of Sibley swamp. Just a short distance make left on woods rd. at end of sec.13
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-13-metacomet-monadnock-trail>

Section 14 – Sibley swamp to Lake Wyola State Park. Just after stream that is the out flow of Sibley swamp make a left on woods road uphill & turns into a trail and downhill to New Boston Rd. Make right & follow for 1 mile to gate WN1 & then .15 to dirt Jennison rd. and make left. Follow for 2 miles to intersection of Lockes Village rd. and the end of sec.14
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-14-metacomet-monadnock-trail>

Section 15- Lockes Village rd. to Rt.2 and Farley village.
Continue on Lakeview rd. for .5 miles and make right at field with kiosk. Cross field to left corner and enter woods trail. In a short distance reach jct. of trail coming in from right. There is some confusing trail blazing in this area. Large white Blazes are for a loop trail in the park. Follow the 2X6 smaller and newer blazing. Within a short distance you will reach another field and keeping to the right cross a bridge and bearing right thru some picnic sights. Cross trail goes to the right where the large blazing and arrows but you should take a left up to another field and uphill thru this field keeping to the right. Here you will find a green gate at the end of a tar parking lot. Pass thru and continue up hill on a dirt road passing a well head and elect. Jct. box Within a short distance you will pass another Jct. box on beams and reach the dirt Old Egypt Rd. and make right. Follow to a wood gate and you enter dirt woods road. After a short distance the road turns uphill to the left and you will enter the woods to the right and continue for about ½ mile running parallel to Old Egypt rd. at about the ½ point you will cross on a diagonal a red blazed trail to the Fisk Pond conservation area. Continue following the white blazes to the end of this conservation area and make a left back about 100 ft. to Old Egypt Rd and making right where you will follow both the red and white blazes to State land. Within a short distance and the next Jct. take a left downhill slightly and then within a short distance make a left that joins you back up with the Old M-M trail & page 52 in the MM guide book. Making a right off this woods road and continue thru woods to Hemingway rd.
<http://newenglandtrail.org/get-on-the-trail/ma-net-section-15-metacomet-monadnock-Trail>

Section 17-(2 mile relocation) after descending Brush Mt., cross Gulf road (at start of Sec.17). Go through the parking area, heading initially eastward, then turns southward. After about a .25 miles, the trail turns eastward again. After about .5 miles, the trail descends downhill via a series of switchbacks, ending as the trail crosses a woods road. The trail then bends northward, passes a beaver pond and after another .5 miles begins climbing Stratton Mt. via a large switchback. (The trail winds more or less northeastward passing 2 viewpoints, the later giving a view of Mt. Monadnock and ending on Turnpike road (which heads eastward crossing Bass Road.) The trail now stays to the right of the power line as it crosses the Bald hills and is mostly on DCR land. It is marked and well blazed and should be easy to follow. Please do not use the old sections of the trail for the first 2 miles here because the property owner has requested the change and posted his land.

Section 18-(Relocation) At 3.3 miles in this section a second stage of the trail relocation was completed in 2007. When you reach Richmond Rd. continue straight across and to the east of the old trail location. There are signs here explaining the change and the fact that there is now an additional 1.3 miles of trail until you regain the old trail near a scenic overlook of White hill.

Section 19 to 21- Link to current information <http://www.beqbooks.com/beq/mmnh.htm>

Section 20-On page 78 of the guide, change the next to the last paragraph as follows:
“Take the road left here and continue up the east slope of Grassy Hill to 1.2 mi. Watch carefully for where the trail turns right from the road down an old woods road to descend steadily through hardwood forest.

Cross two stone walls. At 1.5 miles the Dry-shod Bypass Trail (blue blazed) leaves to the left. (see below).

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If continuing on the main M/M Trail follow the white blazes straight ahead through a swampy area to a faint wood road entering right at 1.7 mi. Turn left through hemlock/spruce/fir forest bearing left again to bypass a beaver pond overflow. Continue north to reach a boulder crossing of Tully Brook where the Dry shod Bypass Trail joins the M/M Trail (from the left). Cross Tully Brook then follow a tote road going up along and down the side of a hill always curving left. (the remainder of this paragraph is unchanged)”

The Dry-shod Bypass Trail was constructed to provide an alternate route to avoid swampy areas and broad stream crossings on the main M/M Trail. It begins at mile 1.5 and is generally level as it follows the contour of the hillside passing through mixed hardwood and conifer forest, crossing 3 streams to rejoin the M/M Trail at the Tully Brook crossing. It is blazed in blue. Southbound hikers should look for this trail immediately after crossing Tully Brook. The Bypass is .5 miles in length. (.1 mile shorter than the original M/M Trail route.)

Section 21-(Relocation) Revision of M/M Trail Guide for relocation of trail on south side of Gap Mt.

Change the sentence at the bottom of the italics section (not in italics) to read:

“Cross the swampy brook and at about 1.85 miles then cross a wide stone wall.

On page 81 note changes the paragraph following the italics.

Bear left beyond the stone wall. The trail continues steadily upward to cross an old woods road at 2.0 miles.

The trail now slabs the side of the mountain bearing right to cross a stone wall at 2.2 miles then climbing through mixed forest to emerge at an open field with nice views back to the west at 2.4 miles.

The remainder of this paragraph beginning “From here to the Summit of Gap Mt.” is the same as in the original guidebook, but note that we have added .1 mile to the trail distances as the new trail is about that much longer than the old route.

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Thank you for your order and supporting the trail. I hope you enjoy the hiking. For your information we are very close to getting the relocation up and posted on the web page.

<http://amcberkshire.org/mmupdates>

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