

The Mahican Mohawk Trail

The trail is part of a wooded foot path along the Deerfield River. It is rated rough but moderate. It is a small part of an extensive Native American trail system dating back thousands of years that extended from the Atlantic to the Hudson River and beyond. Please respect private property and No Trespassing signs. The trail is open every day, dawn to dusk. Pets must be kept on a leash. Take Rt. 2 east from Shelburne Falls .5 mile to the trailhead parking east of the MA State Police barracks. At Wilcox Hollow you can exit by walking up the gravel road to Rt. 2 or return along the trail for a 3 mile round trip.



The Fire Tower Trail

The trail climbs 1.25 miles to the stone fire tower at the top of Mt. Massamet. It is rated strenuous. Begin at the culvert at Rt. 2 and Halligan Avenue, just west of the South Maple Street entrance to Shelburne Falls. Park on the uphill side of Halligan Avenue. The trees on the first part of the trail are blazed with white paint. The trail continues across a power line. Coming to a junction with a wide trail (orange blaze), turn right and follow, bearing left uphill to the tower. You can climb the tower for a three state view. Return the way you came or continue down the road to the cell tower (3rd structure). Turn left and follow the fence on the left side to link up with The Ridge Trail to the High Ledges Sanctuary.

Note: All car directions are from the village of Shelburne Falls

The Town of Shelburne

Shelburne is located on the Deerfield River just off Rt. 2, the Mohawk Trail, 8 miles west of Interstate 91.

The town's 2,000 residents are proud of its old homes, restored village buildings, and the beautiful New England hills surrounding the river valley.

Shelburne has active farms, productive forests, protected natural areas, and a thriving village business community.

www.townofshelburne.com

The Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee works to ensure that Shelburne:

- Sustains its small town environment and rural character.
- Maintains or improves the quality of its air and water, farm and forestlands, scenic views, and wildlife habitat through conservation of natural and open space resources.
- Maintains and improves the quality and accessibility of its recreational facilities and programming.

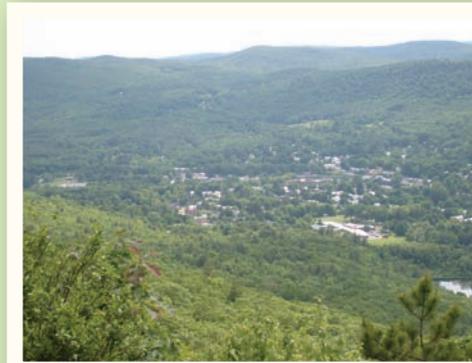
Crossing Private Land

Many of these trails cross private land with the permission of landowners. Please keep in mind:

- Stay on trails. Do not wander.
- Trails are open from dawn to dusk.
- No camping or fires of any kind permitted.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash.
- Gates found closed should be left closed.
- Open gates should be left open.
- Respect **No Trespassing** and **Trail Closed** signs.

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Walking and Hiking SHELBURNE MASSACHUSETTS TRAILS



The High Ledges Massachusetts Audubon Society

The High Ledges trails are rated moderate. At the end, The Ledges offer a panoramic view of the Deerfield River Valley. Trails are open every day, dawn to dusk. There is no smoking on Audubon land. Pets are not allowed. Take Rt. 2 to Little Mohawk Road in Shelburne Center and turn left. Bear left at the first junction onto Patten Road and bear left again at the next junction. Take the next right (still Patten Road). Go .7 miles and turn left. Park about 800' west of Patten Road. The Ledges trails begin about 1 mile from the parking area.

The Ridge Trail

The one mile trail crosses a wooded ridge on a privately owned, working farm. Be alert to wood cutting and other work you may encounter. Please stay on the trail. The trail is rated moderate. Access is either from the High Ledges Sanctuary at the stone wall southeast of the iron gate or from the Fire Tower (see Fire Tower Trail).

The Wooded Loop Trail

The trail has two loops, one .4 mile and a longer 1 mile loop which includes a walk back along Old Greenfield Road. In a shady forest setting, this is a walk through deep woods which are logged by the landowner. Be sure to stay on the trail. The longer loop passes a pond inviting a rest on a stone wall. Go east on Rt.2 from Shelburne Falls 3.9 miles. Turn right onto Old Greenfield Road and follow it for .9 mile. The trail begins at the pipe gate on the left side of the road.

Walkers Etiquette

Pack It In, Pack It Out

It can take years for “biodegradable” litter to decompose. Take along a litter bag to carry out refuse. And take out trash found along the way as well.

Stay on The Trail

Shortcuts and switchbacks can cause erosion and damage to the trails.

Keep Dogs Under Control

Many visitors come to view birds and other wildlife. It is natural for dogs to chase wildlife. Keep dogs on a leash. Scoop and bury poop.

Keep Human Waste Away From Streams and Rivers

Bag and carry out toilet and tissue paper.

Protect Plants and Flowers

Leave plants and flowers for everyone to enjoy.

Help Prevent Nuisance Wildlife

Human food is rarely healthy for wild animals. Animals who are accustomed to finding food among humans can become pests and have to be destroyed.

Leave Gates, Cabins, and Other Structures As You Found Them

Park Cars Well Off The Road

Don't Block Driveways or Gates



All hikes are at your own risk.

