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High Ledges
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HIGH LEDGE

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VILLAGE OF
SHELBURNE
FALLS

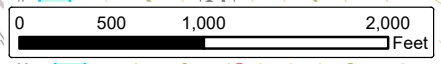
Stone Fire Tower Trail System

Legend	
0.17	Distance (mi)
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A	Tower
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==	White Blazed Trail
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	Stone Wall

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Shelburne Stone Fire Tower Trails

Route 2 at Halligan Ave.
Shelburne Falls, MA



The Shelburne Falls Trailhead is located less than 0.2 miles north of the Historic Sweetheart Restaurant on Route 2, Shelburne Falls, MA. Turn onto Halligan Ave., turn around and park near the trail kiosk. There is typically room for about 10 vehicles on Halligan Ave. **Do not** go to the end of this dead-end road to turn around.

What Makes These Trails Special?

THE HIKE: The 1.3-mile **Fire Tower Trail** and the **Big Trees Trail** provide many educational interpretive panels and tree identification stops along the way to the summit of Massaemett Mountain. A rigorous hike up these trails leads to the **Shelburne Stone Fire Tower**, with scenic views in all four directions.

THE HISTORY: There had been two wooden, recreational, observation towers on the summit during the late 1800's. One burned down and the other blew down. A more durable stone & cement tower was constructed in 1909, from stone quarried near the summit of the mountain. In 1911, the tower also began to be used as a fire lookout to watch for forest fires. Currently, during periods of high fire danger, the glass "cab" on top of the tower is staffed by Mass Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. This historic tower is one of only two stone fire towers still in use in New England.

MORE TO SEE: If you hike an additional 1.2 miles to the north, along the white blazed **Ridge Trail** and **Mass Audubon's High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary** gated service road, you are rewarded at the end with a **high ledge** providing stunning views of the Deerfield River valley.

Partnerships

These trails would not be possible without our partners:

- The Perry Family
- The Davenport Family
- The Town of Shelburne - Open Space and Recreation Committees
- The Franklin Land Trust
- Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Mass Audubon
- Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership
- Mass. Exec. Office of Energy & Envir. Affairs

**Trail Rules are Posted at the
Trailhead Kiosk.**

*Under Massachusetts State Law,
all hikes are at your own risk.*

Keep Dogs Under Control.

Because it is natural for dogs to chase wildlife and bother other hikers, leashes are recommended for dogs that do not remain close to their owner. At a minimum, please put your dog on a short leash and step to the side of the trail before you approach fellow hikers. Scoop and bury or haul home dog waste, leaving no plastic bags behind.

As always, when it comes to trash, if you **“Pack it in, Pack it out.”**

Note: Mass Audubon’s High Ledges Wildlife Sanctuary has its own rules posted at their property line and online, and does not allow dogs, bikes, snowmobiles, etc.

For more information, visit:
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