

Welcome to the Jockey Hill Farm

We hope you enjoy walking the trails on this historic land and experiencing the processes of nature and forest carbon sequestration and storage up close.

A History of Jockey Hill Farm

Bordering the southern edge of the Calvin Coolidge State Park in Shrewsbury, Vermont, Jockey Hill Farm has a storied history. During the mid-1800's, this land and the surrounding farms were used as sheep farms, and the miles of tell-tale stone walls still make their way across the fields. Later the land belonged to Middlebury College and was purchased by Paul and Charlotte Moody in 1942. Paul had served as the President of Middlebury College, and after his tenure there he retired to Jockey Hill Farm. The land was then passed down through the family, and it now belongs to brothers Tim and Chris Stout.

This property was once a thriving farm and home, but currently there are four buildings on the property including a small 900 sq. ft. house, a one room cottage, a large barn and a shed for storing tractor attachments. Today the land is under the care of the Stout brothers and is being carefully preserved for future generations. Once open land for grazing, much of the land has been returned to forest with many types of trees, including a 40 acre working maple stand, 60 acres of spruce, hemlock, balsam, and white pine, and 40 acres of mixed hardwood. Tim and Chris spent their childhood summers on this land, and to this day the forest is still used for family recreation, timber harvesting, and maple sugaring. The land is also closely monitored by the Stouts for wildlife, forest health, impacts of climate change and invasive plants and insects. The farm sits adjacent to about 25,000 acres of preserved land consisting of large parcels owned by neighbors, several large parcels of Town land, the Calvin Coolidge State Forest and several other large land tracks. The synergies between all these properties provide an ideal ecosystem for preserving wildlife, trees, waterways, wetlands and healthy soils.



Jockey Hill Farm circa 1942



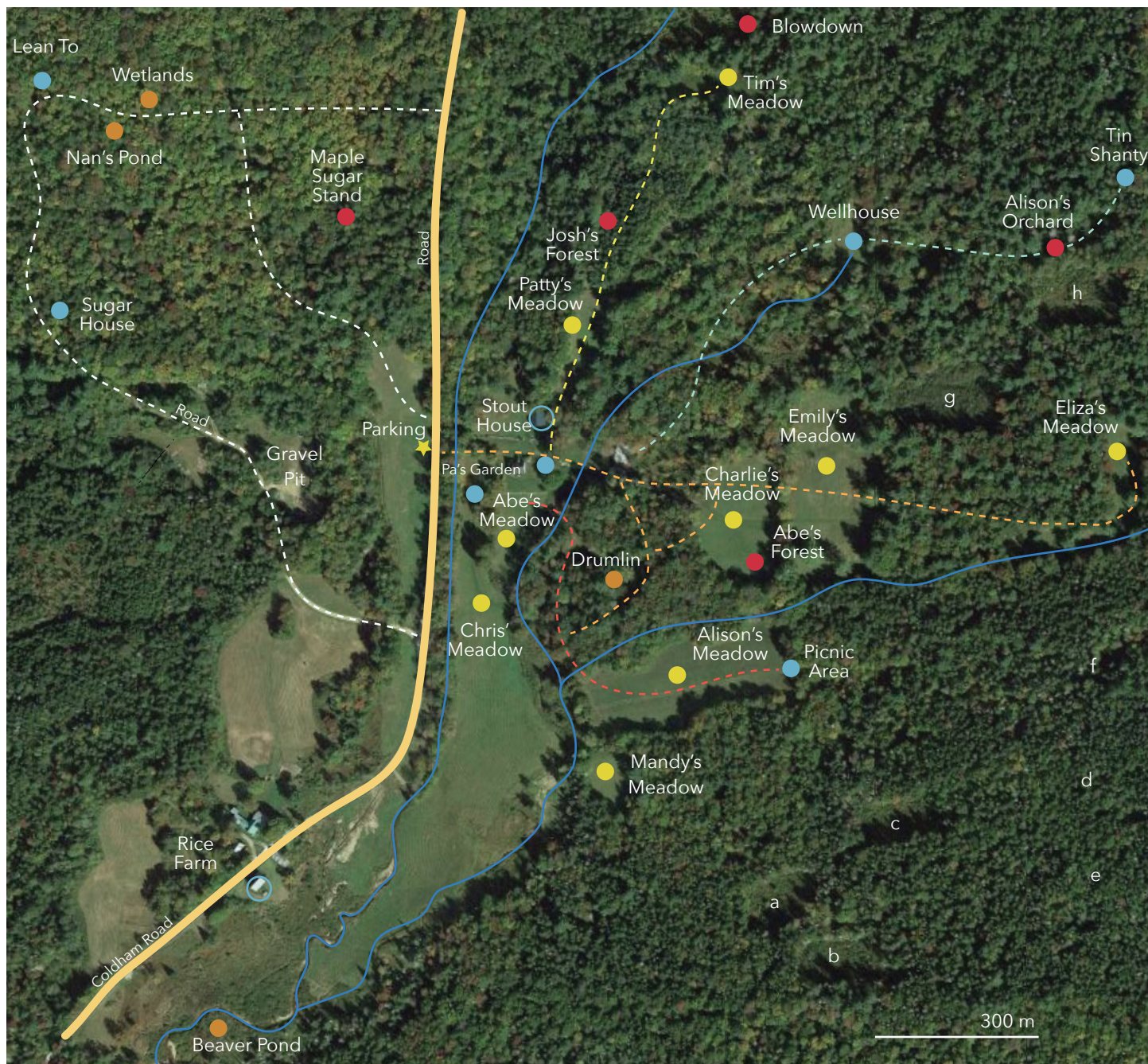
Jockey Hill Farm circa 1950

Vernal Pool
Sugar House

Dick's
House

see inset on back for a more detailed trail map

Where to Explore?



Route #1: Orange

Follow #1 up past the equipment shed (between the house and the barn) and go straight through three fields (Charlie's, Emily's, Eliza's). The trail dead ends in the third field but will shortly be connected to another field for a loop.

Route #2: Red

Follow #2 from the house past the pond on your left. Take the left into woods, and go straight until you cross a stream into a large meadow (Alison's meadow). This is a lovely spot for a picnic.

Route #3: Yellow

Follow #3 up the hill beside the barn and to the upper left through the scotch pines to a small blueberry field and a large blowdown. Here you will find nice views of Shrewsbury Mountain.

Route #4: White

Follow #4 up the road beyond where you parked. Take first left (marked with sign "Stout Maple Stand"). Here you will find a large maple stand with blue tubing. Follow past the pond to the lean-to and head downhill to the sugar house. Follow the road out to main road that you parked on.

Route #5: Teal

Trails heads up to the Tin Shanty and then continues to wind across the property.

Note: a-h identify patch cuts where 4-7 acres of trees were cut.

Key

★ Parking	● Geographic Feature	— Stream
● Meadow	● Man Made Structure	--- Trails
● Wooded Feature	— Road	

Please enjoy exploring the trails on the farm. Take time to stop and notice the amazing work that nature is doing right in front of our eyes. Observe the forests attempting to reclaim the fields, the maple trees competing for sunlight for their growth, and the decaying logs through the forest returning carbon to the soil. In the blowdown, explore the maple canopies in the maple stand and think about the way that all of the flora and land is sequestering and storing carbon and making our world a healthier place.

If you want to know more about carbon sequestration and storage or ways that you can get involved in land management and preservation, go to our website at www.northamforestcarbon.com or follow us on instagram @northamforestcarbon.

Without love of the land, conservation lacks meaning or purpose, for only in a deep and inherent feeling for the land can there be dedication in preserving it.

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