TRAIL GUIDE
Kimball Preserve

Kimball Preserve is owned and managed by SELT and is open for public enjoyment. Please follow these visitation guidelines:

• Carry out what you carry in.
• Leave things where and as you find them – no cairns, rock art.
• Stay on marked trails, respect designated trail uses and prohibitions and use only designated trail head parking.
• Respect wildlife.
• Respect other users of the trails and our neighbors.
• Control your dog(s). Be aware where they may be required to be on leash or in areas they may not be allowed.
• Hunting is allowed on most SELT lands. Be aware of hunting season and wear blaze orange for your own safety.

The following uses are not permitted:

• Camping
• Fires
• Target Shooting
• Trapping
• Wheeled motorized vehicles

Enjoy the Trails!

A Stroll through Exeter History

Martha Pennell donated this 13-acre parcel to SELT in 2014. It is named in honor of Martha’s aunt, Emma Kimball, from whom she received the land.

The Kimball family has deep roots in the area, tracing back to Reverend John Wheelwright, widely considered “the founding father” of Exeter. The family home still stands on Pickpocket Road and this is the last remaining portion of Kimball Farm which included extensive acreage in this general area. Portions of the land near the parking area and along the Jolly Rand Trail were used as a Victory Garden during World War II.

Two small streams flow through the property into Pennell Pond, located in the southwest corner of the reserve. The woodland is largely composed of a beautiful mix of oaks and shagbark hickories.

This donation would not have been possible without generous support from residents at RiverWoods Exeter and nearly 100 private donors. These gifts will support the long-term stewardship of this community open space.

Trail Descriptions

The Kimball Reserve is perfect for a short leisurely walk, snow shoeing or cross-country skiing. Trails on the property also connect to the Jolly Rand Trail and RiverWoods. A small parking area and kiosk are located off Pickpocket Road near its junction with Route 111.

• Red Trail From the parking area, follow a short connector trail east to the Jolly Rand Trail which lies just outside of the eastern boundary line of the property. This 1.3 mile long ancient cart path goes from Pickpocket Road to Brentwood Road (Route 111-A). Side trails connect to Blackford Drive and Exeter West Condominiums.

• The Pennell Path leaves the Jolly Rand Trail about 500 feet north of the parking lot connector trail. It parallels the northerly boundary line and crosses two small streams before exiting the property at a stone wall marking the boundary line with RiverWoods.

• The Blue Trail loops off of the Pennell Path and provides a nice overlook of the small pond.

Difficulty All are rated easy

Miles of Trails

Red Trail 0.05 miles
Pennell Path 0.13 miles
Blue Trail 0.18 miles