

CHARLES E. RAND MEMORIAL FOREST



TRAIL GUIDE



Trailheads and Parking

North Road near the town line between
North Hampton and Rye, NH

94 acres • 1.12 miles of easy trails



A Family Treasure

Charles Rand purchased this property in 1947 from the owners of what is now Independence Farm. His goal was to own a personal woodlot, separate from the family business of Rand Lumber Company. Charles had a deep connection to this land and his love of this place was passed on to his son Chuck.

Father and son spent hours walking under towering white pines and past red maple swamps, picking blueberries, and observing wildlife. The family consistently managed the land for the long term, with wildlife habitat and a high-quality forest as top goals.

When Charles passed away in 1997, his wife Nancy inherited the land and continued its good stewardship. Her eventual desire was for son Chuck to own it and sustain the family's long history as stewards of this forest. Tragically, Chuck died in 2013 after succumbing to cancer.

Nancy, and her daughter-in-law Sandy, decided to honor their loved ones by ensuring this land would remain undeveloped by gifting it to the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT) in 2014. To support the stewardship of this land, more than 100 community members contributed funds for its long-term management.

Now, thanks to the Rands' generosity and the community support, generations of children and families can enjoy these beautiful woods.



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Trail Descriptions

All the trails are wooded with extensive wetlands bordering both the east and west side. From the parking area the yellow trail leads north into an open area that was used as a log landing and small sand pit. The trail junctions are just north of that open area. The trails are relatively flat with easy terrain.

- **The red trail** goes west along the edge of a wetland and wooded swamp that was once an open meadow drained by North Brook. There is a large vernal pool just north of the red trail as the trail swings east to join the orange trail.
- **The yellow trail** follows an old pathway that at one time connected Independence Farm on Washington Road in Rye to North Road in North Hampton. Independence Farm is privately owned land that is conserved with a conservation easement held by the Town of Rye.
- **The blue trail** is the easterly loop of the trail network. The color should be a reminder that blueberry picking is best along this trail and in the wetlands just off trail.

Difficulty All are rated easy

Miles of Trails 1.12

Length of Trails

Red trail	0.39 miles
Yellow trail	0.37 miles
Blue trail	0.3 miles

Enjoy the Trails!

The Charles E. Rand Memorial Forest 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 trailhead 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 any 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

About SELT

The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire is a membership-based, nonprofit whose mission is to protect and sustain the significant lands in our communities for clean water, outdoor recreation, fresh food, wildlife, and healthy forests. **Join as a member or volunteer today!**



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Charles E. Rand
Memorial Forest

North Hampton & Rye
94.2 acres

- Rand Memorial Forest Boundary
- Other Conservation Lands
- Parking Area
- Kiosk
- Gate
- Trails
- Public Roads
- Town Boundaries
- Contour Lines
- Water
- Wetlands
- River/Stream

Note: A,B,C markers denote distances for legs and can be found on the trails.

