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Trailheads and Parking

Commerce Drive  
(Atkinson, NH)

141 acres • 2.23 miles of trails

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TRAIL GUIDE

SCHAFFER WOODS

## A Community Gem, Protected Forever

In 2024, the Schafer family generously donated 141 acres to SELT. Beginning in the 1980s, Dr. Schafer gradually acquired a few acres at a time, until he owned the current contiguous acreage. Assisted by friends and family members, Dr. Schafer built over two miles of trails on the property, setting timbers to prevent erosion, leveling the path, and depositing layers of sand, crushed stone, and gravel.

He also commissioned and assisted with the construction of the covered bridge straddling Hogg Hill Brook, and personally made all of the trail signage. Dr. Schafer was a member of the Atkinson Conservation Commission for several years, and in many of these endeavors he was assisted by his friend Chet Ladd, one of the founding members of the Commission.

The conservation significance of Schafer Woods has long been recognized by the Atkinson Conservation Commission, but its ecological importance stretches well beyond the boundaries of just the town.

A well-managed forest system bisected by Hogg Hill Brook and its tributaries, Schafer Woods provides regionally significant wildlife corridors for animals moving between large blocks of conservation land. In addition, the conservation of Schafer Woods protects portions of well-head areas for nearby neighborhoods and businesses, safeguarding important drinking water supplies.



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## Trail Descriptions

- Oak Ridge Trail (Easy) 0.42 mi.**  
The backbone of the trail system, the Oak Ridge Trail provides access from the parking area on Commerce Drive and the cul-de-sac on Oak Ridge Drive. The trail crosses a small stream at the southern end, climbs a short steep hill, and broadens out to an even flat roadbed from the Ridge Trail to the parking lot.
- Tree Rock Trail (Easy) 0.14 mi.**  
Following an interior stonewall from the Oak Ridge Trail, this trail passes several large pines and interesting rock formations to create loop options with the Brook and Bridge Trails.
- Brook Trail (Easy) 0.64 mi.**  
A long loop through the northern section of the property, this trail passes through mature forests and along side areas of early successional forest in the northwest corner. As you hike alongside Hog Hill Brook, the trail affords views of the beaver pond and lodges, as well as visiting waterfowl.
- Hogg Hill Trail (Easy) 0.24 mi.**  
A direct path from Oak Ridge Drive to the covered bridge, this trail follows an old woods road through a small landing area and crosses a small brook on the way to the southern end of the beaver pond.
- Ridge Trail (Moderate) 0.14 mi.**  
The only trail with a truly steep grade, this short connector climbs the side of the small ridge running through the property.
- Bridge Trail (Easy) 0.24 mi.**  
This trail starts (or ends) at the highlight of Dr. Schafer's original trail system- a 35' covered bridge over Hog Hill Brook. The trail crosses over the small ridge in the middle of the property, creating more loop options from both the north and south.
- Moose Brook Trail (Moderate) 0.39 mi.**  
An independent loop on the western side of the property, this trail crosses through mature forest to a spectacular view of the wetland area surrounding Moose Brook.
- Beaver Point (Easy) 0.39 mi.**  
A short spur leads to a lovely view of the beaver pond on Hog Hill Brook.



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Southeast Land Trust  
of New Hampshire

Schafer Woods

Atkinson, NH  
141 acres

Schafer Woods Boundary

Forest

Other Conservation Lands

Forested Wetland

Scrub-Shrub Wetland

Wetlands/Water

Streams/  
Intermittent Streams

Trail

Trail Junction/  
Mileage between

Public Roads

Contour Lines

Parking Area

Kiosk



Miles

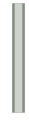
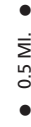
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Boundaries & features are approximate.  
Source: Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire 2024



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Beaver Point	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Bridge Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Brook Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Hogg Hill Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Moose Brook Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Oak Ridge Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Ridge Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Tree Rock Trail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

