

The Cornish Town Forest was established in 1998 when the Cornish Conservation Commission purchased the property from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, which retained a conservation easement. The forest is an undeveloped property of about 270 acres located near the southwest corner of town.

The terrain is undulating and mostly forested with exposed rock ledges, vernal pools, seasonal streams, and wetlands and about ½ mile of high voltage power line, which roughly bisects the property. Wildlife browse, den trees, and snags abound. There is a rocky overlook (elevation 1,110 ft) with an excellent view of Mt. Ascutney. When considered with abutting properties, as of 2001 the Forest comprised part of an approximately 1800-acre area of undeveloped woodland.

The purpose of the town forest is to preserve undeveloped land for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Cornish as well as others. There are trails for hiking, mountain biking, skiing and snowshoeing. Motorized vehicles and horses are permitted on Root Hill Rd, the loop road and power line right of way when the ground is dry. The entire forest is open to licensed hunters in season. 20 acres in the south and west portion of the forest are designated for commercial timber management.

The town forest is managed by a committee of 3 residents plus a representative from the select board and one from the conservation commission. The committee holds work days/meetings at least 3 times a year.

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