

Alford Springs

Alford Springs, 899 acres of mostly forested ridgeline, has more than seven miles of trails for hikers, snowshoers, seasoned cross-country skiers, mountain bikers, hunters, and berry-pickers. The reserve, named for feeder streams of Alford Brook and the Green River, offers vistas of Mount Greylock and Tom Ball mountains and the Alford Valley.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Mountain Road in Alford for 0.8 miles, bearing left at the first "Y" and left again at the sharp right turn at 0.8 miles (**Father Loop trailhead**). Alternatively, continue right to reach a second, three-season parking lot further down the road (**Mother Loop trailhead**). **Saddle trailhead** is off West Road.

GPS: 42.2482, -73.4458 (Father Loop)
42.25240, -73.43861 (Mother Loop - 3 season)
42.274919, -73.427083 (Saddle Trail)

ENJOY this property on foot, skis, or snowshoes. Dogs are welcome. They must be under your immediate control and local leash laws apply. Hunting and fishing are permitted, subject to MA state regulations. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

PROTECT the trails, wildlife, and land. Carry out what you bring in, take only photos, and leave everything else just as you found it.

APPRECIATE that this land provides a home, food, and shelter to wildlife and protection for clean drinking water. Respect wildlife and keep your distance.

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Trail Map



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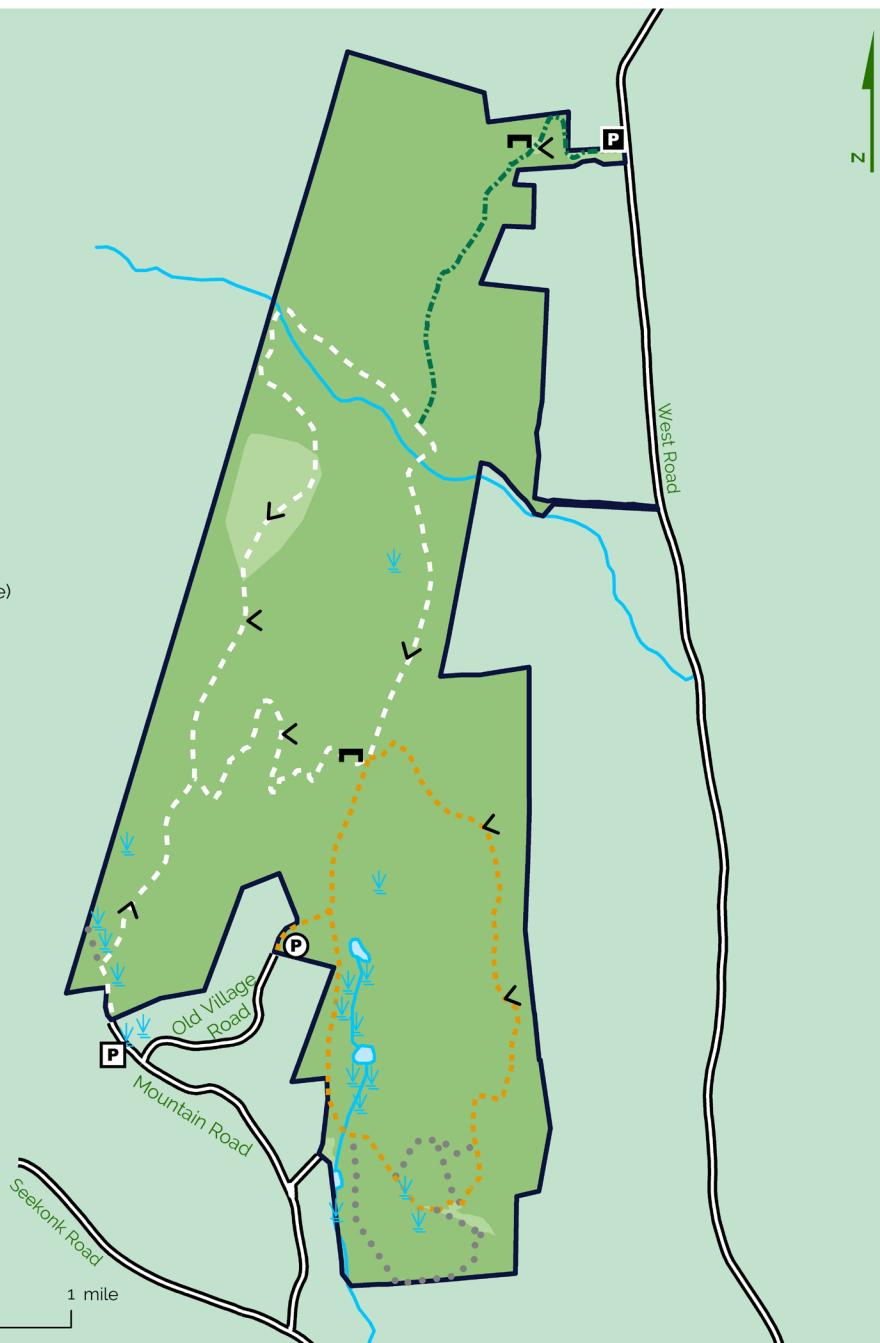
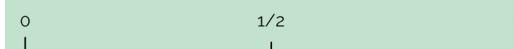
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- P** Saddle Trailhead 4 season
- P** Father Loop Trailhead 4 season
- P** Mother Loop Trailhead 3 season (no winter maintenance)
- ✓ vista
- bench
- Father Loop 4.3 miles
- Mother Loop 2.4 miles
- - - Saddle Trail 1 mile
- Unmarked trail
- BNRC boundary

1/2

1 mile



Map as of November 2023

Photo: Gabrielle K. Murphy



ALFORD SPRINGS TRAIL MAP



Trail Description

FATHER LOOP: 4.3 miles, round-trip

DIFFICULTY: Difficult, strenuous due to length

MOTHER LOOP: 2.4 miles, round-trip

DIFFICULTY: Moderate, uneven footing, elevation changes

SADDLE TRAIL: 1 mile, one-way

DIFFICULTY: Moderate, uneven footing, elevation changes

The **Father Loop** has vistas to the north, south, and east, and is lined with paper birch trees on the west ascent. The **Mother Loop** offers a view to the east, an old foundation, and open field.

The **Saddle Trail** is an access route to the Father Loop from **West Road**. It utilizes a small saddle in the topography, winding through hemlock forest, past old stone walls and paddocks. The southeast corner of the reserve also has unmarked woods roads.