

### **Recreation Information**

- 1. Trail courtesy requires bicycle riders to yield to hikers; both bicycle riders and hikers yield to equestrians. Hikers and bicycle riders should stand off to the side of the trail when yielding to equestrians.
- 2. Bicycle riders should always ride at a safe controlled speed, and alert other trail users when overtaking. Helmets should be worn at all times. Please stay on trails.
- 3. Hunting is permitted throughout the Conant Brook Dam Area. When using trails during the hunting season (October – December) it is suggested that you wear bright colors. Fluorescent orange is recommended. State hunting laws DO apply.
- 4. Caution: Water sources are not tested for purity. Do not drink water from any of the area streams.

# **Emergency Phone Numbers**

#### **EMERGENCY 911**

#### **FIRST AID**

The park staff is trained to provide First Aid and CPR.

**NOTICE:** All persons entering upon government property do so at their own risk. The United States assumes no responsibility for their loss or injury from the acts or conduct of other person on the premises.

### Thank you for visiting!

The Conant Brook Dam Area is operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Our trained staff is here to assist you, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

This pamphlet provides you with general information and park rules that will ensure a pleasant and safe visit for all. Please check bulletin boards for more information.



#### **Conant Brook Dam Area**

Wales Road Monson, MA 01057

#### **East Hill Trail Head**

East Hill Road (End of Road) Monson, MA 01057

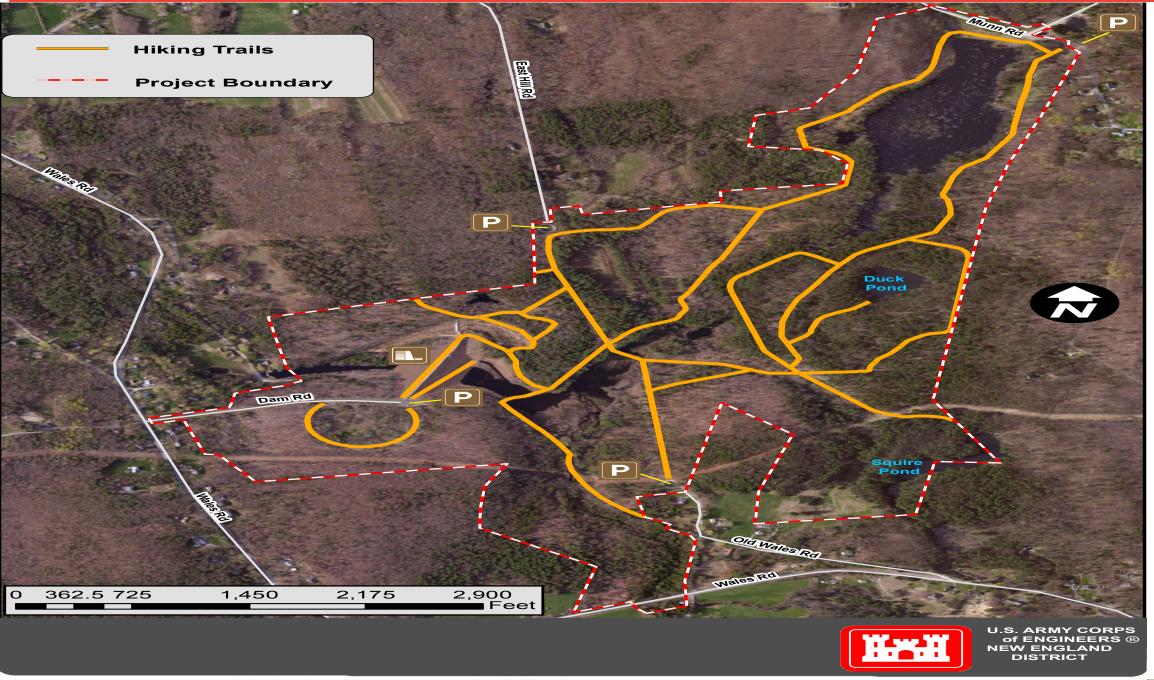
#### **Moulton Hill Trail Head**

Moulton Hill Road (End of Road) Monson, MA 01057

For more information, contact:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers **East Brimfield Lake Office** 24 Riverview Ave Fiskdale, MA 01518 978-318-8848





### Recreation at Conant Brook Dam Area

Conant Brook offers a wide array of trails for outdoor recreational purposes. They are great for hiking or a leisurely stroll through nature. Several trails have been modified to best suit equestrian groups. During the winter, cross country skiing and snowshoeing is encouraged. Hunting is allowed throughout the property during the proper seasons.

### **Conant Brook Dam Area Rules**

- 1. All dogs must be picked up after and on a 6 foot leash.
- 2. All trash is carry in-carry out.
- 3. Alcohol is permitted throughout the park, but keg beer is strictly prohibited. Please drink responsibly.
- 4. No fires are permitted.
- 5. Drive with care, travel at the posted speed limit, and be mindful of other people.
- 6. Off-road vehicles are not allowed.
- 7. Please report any disturbances, vandalism, or loss of property to Park Rangers at the East Brimfield Dam Office.



## Conant Brook Dam Area

Conant Brook is a small stream flowing into Chicopee Brook which in turn flows into the Connecticut River. The outlet for the dam is a 405-foot long, 36-inch diameter, reinforced concrete pipe. Under flood conditions, this pipe will only allow the normal flow rate of 225 feet per second, while holding back storm water. This floods the Conant Brook Area and in turn does not allow flooding to occur in Monson, Palmer and Three Rivers.

The largest flood on record in the lower Connecticut river basin, which includes Conant Brook, occurred in August of 1955. The August flood resulted from record rainfall accompanying "Hurricane Diane." This rain fell on ground previously saturated by "Hurricane Connie." The rainfall over the Conant Brook watershed was estimated to be 13.5 inches, which caused about \$7,500,000 in damages in the Chicopee River watershed.

