BROOK WALK
CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS CONSERVATION AREA

Welcome to the Brook Walk at the 5,381-acre Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area, the largest property conserved and stewarded by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). The Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area provides extraordinary hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing opportunities on over 30 miles of trails and carriage roads.

In the late 1870's, Boston industrialist Benjamin Franklin (B.F.) Shaw bought hundreds of acres of land here in the Ossipee Mountains and created one of first summer resort sites in the Lakes Region, Ossipee Mountain Park, for visitors seeking rest and recreation amid the region's lake and mountain scenery. One of the most popular features of Ossipee Mountain Park was the Brook Walk, constructed along Shannon Brook (then known as Brook Weelahka). The Brook Walk allowed visitors to take leisurely strolls along the brook, with a series of rustic bridges and outlooks providing opportunities for enjoyment of the property's scenic beauty.

In the early 1900s, the land was purchased by shoe manufacturer Thomas Plant, who constructed "Lucknow", now known as the Castle in the Clouds. Plant eventually closed the property to the public, and the Brook Walk and its marvelous attractions were lost to public view. Eventually the path fell into disrepair, and the bridges and parts of the path were lost to lack of maintenance and to floodwaters.

In 2002, through the generosity of many donors, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust acquired the magnificent Castle in the Clouds property. LRCT stewardship volunteers soon identified the Brook Walk as a lost wonder of the property and proceeded to restore it to something of its former wonder. Through the dedication and hard work of these volunteers, the Brook Walk was reopened in 2007 and can again be enjoyed by visitors to the property.

The Brook Walk leads to viewpoints for seven spectacular waterfalls, with much of the trail following the route that led visitors to these points more than a century ago. Signs along the trail provide descriptions of the waterfalls and include old images that provide an idea of how these falls appeared to Ossipee Mountain Park visitors many years ago.

Directions:

- Enter the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area via Ossipee Park Road, off NH Route 171 in Moultonborough.
- Proceed to the top of the hill and park in the hiker parking lot next to the LRCT kiosk on the right.
- Enjoy the lake and mountain views as you walk across the field to the start of the Brook Walk at the kiosk identified on the map.

Lakes Region Conservation Trust

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust was founded in 1979 to conserve the natural heritage of New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Our conservation and stewardship work preserves community character, conserves critical wildlife habitat and diverse ecosystems, protects natural landmarks and scenic landscapes, and provides outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all ages.

Together with our dedicated community of supporters, we have conserved thousands of acres throughout the Lakes Region. These conserved lands encompass many of the special places that define this unique and spectacular part of New England, affording everyone abundant opportunities to explore and connect with the natural world and establishing a legacy of conservation for future generations.

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TRAIL MAP

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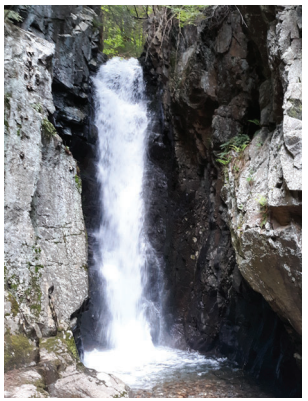
CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS CONSERVATION AREA
Moultonborough, New Hampshire



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Moultonborough & Tuftonboro, New Hampshire

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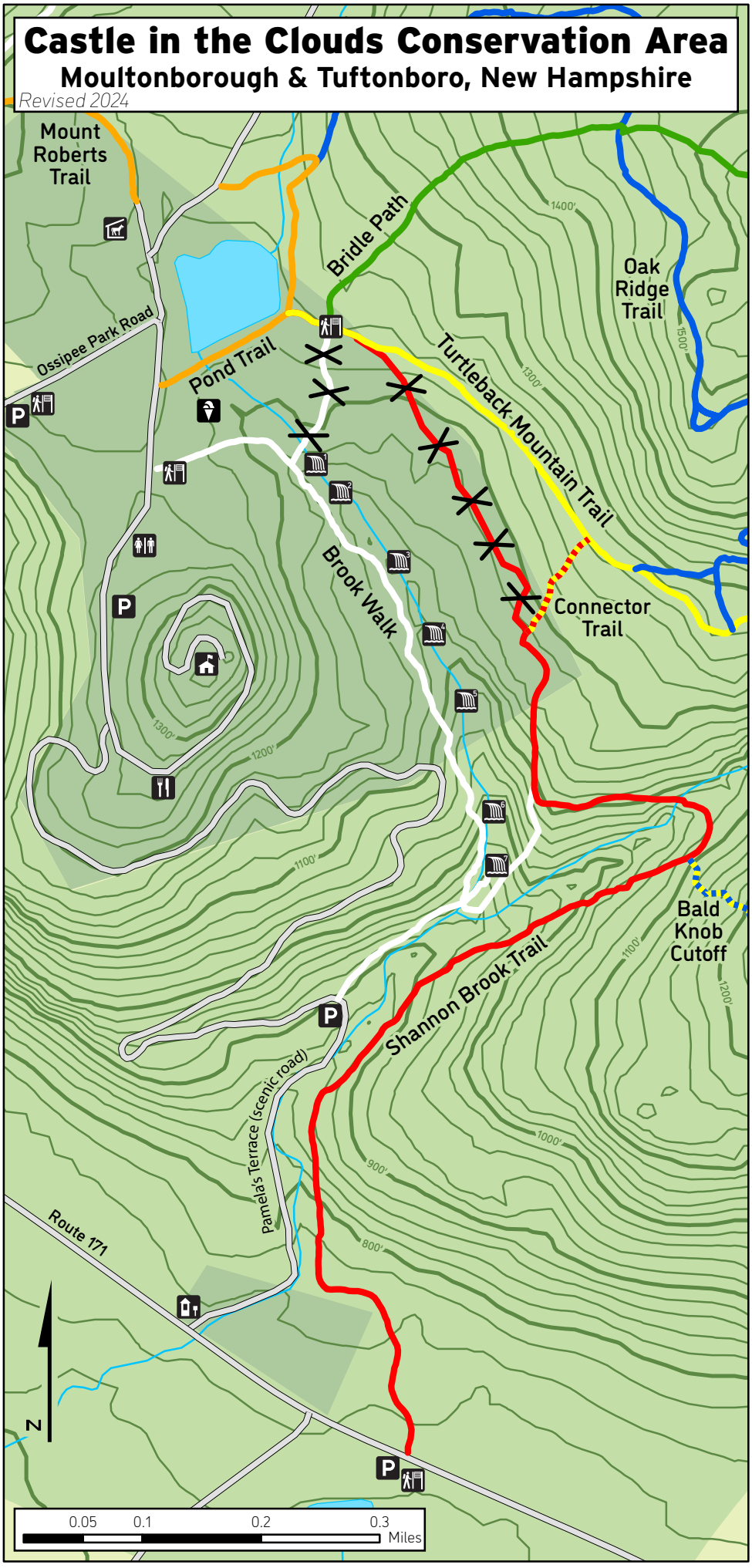

Brook Walk

The Brook Walk begins at the upper bridge crossing Shannon Brook below Shannon Pond. The bridge is accessible from the Shannon Pond Kiosk or the Brook Walk Kiosk. From this bridge, the path descends for 0.3 mi, passing seven waterfalls and then crossing the lower bridge and climbing steeply for 0.2 mi to the Shannon Brook Trail.

Trail Name	Mileage	Blaze
Brook Walk Trail	0.5	White

Brook Walk

- Roaring Falls
- Twin Falls
- Whittier Falls
- The Cascades
- Emerald Pool Falls
- Bridal Veil Falls
- Falls of Song

Legend

- Waterfall
- Kiosk
- Parking
- Gatehouse
- Castle in the Clouds
- Stable
- Restroom
- Cafe in the Clouds
- Carriage House
- Water
- LRCT Conservation Easement
- LRCT Conservation Area
- Trail Closure