LRCT Explorer Patch Program

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) Explorer Patch Program is a project designed to encourage people to visit a variety of LRCT conservation areas throughout the Lakes Region. Our hope is that you will enjoy and learn about properties that you may not have otherwise visited. We also hope that if you are not already an LRCT member, you will be inspired to join us by becoming a member to help support our work to steward these properties and conserve additional land.

There is no time limit for earning the patch. You may hike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski on your visits – enjoy the properties in all seasons!

Trail/Hiking Information:

We strongly advise that you use LRCT's maps as you work toward completing the LRCT Explorer Patch Program. For properties 1-6 you may want to purchase the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area and Red Hill Conservation Area Trail Map. For property 7, you may want to purchase the Belknap Range Hiking Trails Map. Maps are available for purchase at our shop at lrct.org or at the LRCT office. Maps for the rest of these properties are available free of charge at lrct.org (Paper Trail Maps are located under each Property under the Explore > Properties tab). We also sell an Explorer Patch Map Packet consisting of all necessary maps on our online shop or in our office.

Portions of the properties on the list may be remote, so hikers should be sufficiently prepared for these hikes and follow safety precautions appropriate for venturing into a wilderness area. To be safe, you should always carry a map and compass or GPS and know how to use them. Always carry a whistle, flashlight, food, and water. Challenging weather conditions can develop at any time; you should wear seasonally appropriate clothing, dress in layers, and bring protection for rain or snow. Let others know where you are going and when you expect to return.

LRCT's conservation areas are bordered by land owned by other parties. Please respect the rights of these property owners and do not venture off the marked trails. Camping is not allowed. Please carry out what you carry in.

Explorer Patch Program Procedures:

1. Complete your visits to the listed LRCT properties.
2. Fill out the application with the dates of the visits, companions, and comments.
3. Submit the completed application along with a check for $10.00 payable to LRCT to:
   Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226

Lakes Region Conservation Trust

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust is a non-profit organization supported by contributions of people who value the extraordinary natural heritage of the Lakes Region. LRCT stewards these properties and keeps them open to the public for thoughtful recreation free of charge supported by the efforts of many dedicated and talented volunteers.

If you would like more information about LRCT and its properties and trails, please visit the LRCT website at www.lrct.org, contact us at lrct@lrct.org or 603-253-3301, or visit the LRCT office located at 156 Dane Road, Center Harbor, NH 03226. If you would like to support LRCT's work, you may do so by visiting our website, calling our office, mailing a check, or scanning our QR Code. **Thank you!**

LRCT Explorer Patch Application

Destination	Town	Suggested Route	Difficulty (1 – Easy 4 – Difficult)	Miles (roundtrip)	Date Completed	Companions & Comments
1. Mt. Shaw at Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area	Moultonborough	Multiple Possible Routes	4	-		
2. Mt. Roberts at Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area	Moultonborough	Mt. Roberts Trail	3	5		
3. Bald Knob at Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area	Moultonborough	Multiple Possible Routes	3	-		
4. Red Hill at Red Hill Conservation Area	Moultonborough and Sandwich	Red Hill Tr.	3	3.5		
5. Eagle Cliff at Red Hill Conservation Area	Sandwich	Eagle Cliff Tr.	3	5.2		
6. Sheridan Woods at Red Hill Conservation Area	Moultonborough	Sheridan Woods Tr.	2	2.5		
7. Piper Mountain Conservation Area	Gilford	Piper Mtn. Tr.	3	2		
8. Sewall Woods Conservation Area	Wolfeboro	M&M's Meadow Tr. to Tuttle Tr. to Mountain View Loop	2	2.5		
9. Copple Crown Conservation Area	Brookfield	Woodman Hill Rd. to Copple Crown Tr.	3	5.6		
10. Knights Pond Conservation Area	Alton	Trail Access Rd. to Main Tr.	2	2.1		

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11. Homestead Forest Conservation Area	Ashland	Devil's Den Tr. to Gibban Loop Tr. to Lambert Rd. Tr.	3	3		
12. Center Harbor Woods Conservation Area	Center Harbor and Moultonborough	Yellow Tr. to Blue Tr.	2	1.5		
13. Pine Hill Conservation Area	Moultonborough	Blue Tr.	2	2.2		
14. Avis P. Smart Woods Conservation Area	Gilford	Loop Tr.	1	1		
15. Sugarloaf Ridge – Goose Pond Conservation Area	Alexandria	Elwell Tr. to Goose Pond Tr. to Around the Pond Tr.	3	2		
16. Sugarloaf Ridge – Goose Pond Conservation Area	Alexandria	Elwell Tr. to Backwoods Tr. to Goose Pond Tr.		3.7		
17. Trask Swamp Preserve	Alton	Fort Point Tr. to Blue Tr.	1	1.2		
18. Fogg Hill Conservation Area	Center Harbor	Fogg Hill Tr.	2	2		
19. Red Hill River Conservation Area	Sandwich	Red Hill River Tr. to Connector Tr. to Jocelyn's Tr.	2	3		
20. Cotton-Hurd Woods Conservation Area	Alton	Brook Loop Tr. to Evans Hill Loop Tr. to Brook Loop Tr.	2	3		

NAME:_____ PHONE:_____ AGE:_____

ADDRESS:_____ E-MAIL: _____

If you would like to sign up to receive LRCT's eblasts or newsletters, please check the following boxes: ☐ eblasts ☐ newsletters

If you would like to give LRCT permission to use any photos or descriptions attached to this application on social media, in future newsletters, on the LRCT website, or any other promotional materials, please check the following box: ☐

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