

HIKING

BICKFORD BROOK TRAIL
BLUEBERRY RIDGE TRAIL

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2 easy, level
hikes



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BICKFORD BROOK TRAIL

TRAIL BEGINS: 578 ft. elev. Trail begins 100 yards from Route #113 behind the Brickett Place.

TRAIL ENDS: 2877 ft. elev. Trail ends at the summit of Speckled Mountain.

LENGTH: 4.1 miles (6.6 km)

ACCESS: Route #2 to Route #113 south. Follow Route #113 south approximately 9.5 miles to the Brickett Place. Follow Route #113 north 15 miles from Fryeburg, Maine. Travel past Cold River Campground and Basin Recreational Areas. Go 2/10 mile and turn right at the Brickett Place. Parking is available at the Bickford Brook Trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: National Forest land is managed for a variety of uses including wildlife, water, timber, wilderness, and recreation. Wildlife, habitat improvement, protection of soil and water resources, timber harvesting, visual resource protection, and recreation activities may all occur on the same parcel of land. The Bickford Brook Trail starts at the historic Brickett Place. John Brickett and his family arrived in the Cold River Valley in 1803. In 1812, he began his house of brick that he himself made. Mr. Brickett burned his own bricks because the closest source of lumber was a planing mill in Fryeburg, Maine. The Bickford Brook Trail is preferred by campers from Cold River and Basin Recreational Areas. Ample parking is available next to the Brickett Place. Bickford Slides are located on a marked side trail and consist of flumes and falls in Bickford Brook.

NARRATIVE: The trail leaves from the Brickett Place parking area. At 0.6 mile the junction of Blueberry Ridge Trail is reached. The path to Bickford Slides is farther up the trail at 0.9 mile. The Bickford Brook Trail ascends gradually, crosses a brook, and climbs steeply through hardwood stands. The Spruce Hill Trail is reached at 2.8 miles, and is the quickest ascent or descent to Speckled Mountain and Route #113. Blueberry Ridge Junction intersects at 3.5 miles, and the summit of Speckled appears at 4.1 miles. On a clear day hikers are rewarded with a magnificent view of the summits of East and West Royce and Caribou Mountains as well as the Carter, Mahoosuc, and Presidential Ranges.

BLUEBERRY RIDGE TRAIL

TRAIL BEGINS: 1100 ft. elev. Trail begins at .6 mile beyond the Brickett Place.



TRAIL ENDS: 2609 ft. elev. Trail ends at the junction of the Bickford Brook Trail to Speckled Mountain, near the summit of Ames Mountain.

LENGTH: 3.6 miles (5.8 km)

ACCESS: Route #2 to Route #113 south. Follow Route #113 south approximately 9.5 miles to the Brickett Place. Follow Route #113 north 15 miles from Fryeburg, Maine. Travel past Cold River and Basin Recreational Areas. Go 0.2 mile north and turn right at the Brickett Place.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: The Bickford Slides at 0.9 off the Bickford and Blueberry Ridge Trails are a series of cascading waterfalls. A closer look at these can be seen at the one mile point. The climb is quite steep with many open ledges. Most hikers prefer to climb the Bickford Brook Trail and descend the Blueberry Ridge Trail. The trail is well known for its abundance of tasty Maine blueberries in the latter part of July. The route of travel is well marked by cairns (piles of rocks). The summits of Speckled and Blueberry Mountains consist of open ledges with excellent views.

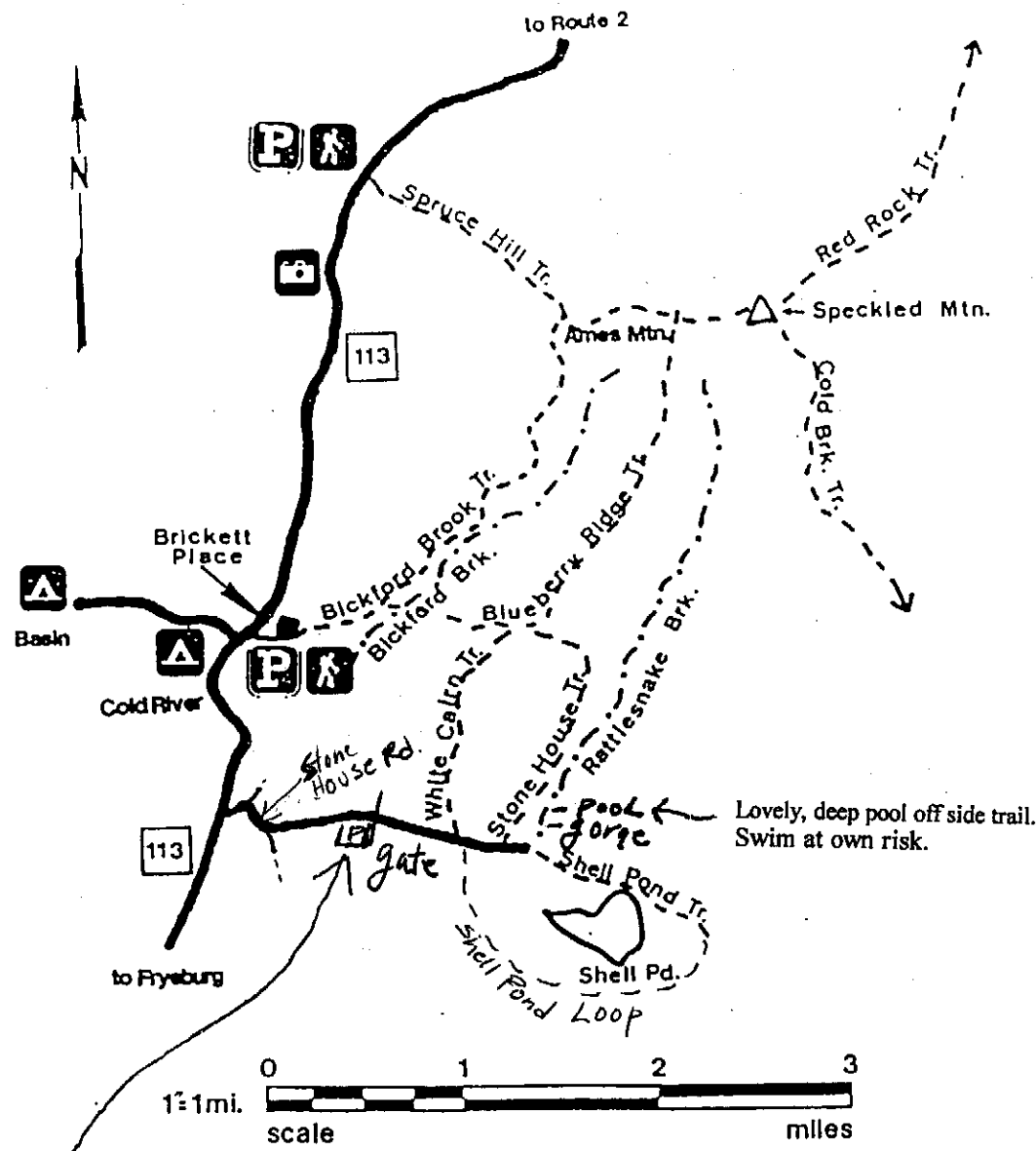
NARRATIVE: The trail leaves the Bickford Brook Trail at 0.6 mile. It crosses Bickford Brook and ascends rapidly. The White Cairn Trail leaves right over the first crest, then the Stone House Trail comes in beyond Blueberry Mountain. The trail continues over ledges, through patches of woods, and intersects with the Bickford Brook Trail at 3.6 miles. The summit is 0.5 mile from this point. The surrounding valleys and distant mountain ranges can be seen for miles from Speckled Mountain. Blueberry Ridge offers excellent views of Cold River Valley and the mountains and ponds to the south.



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 Get OFF the trail.
 Dig a hole. (6" deep)
 Bury your waste.
 Pack out your toilet
 paper.

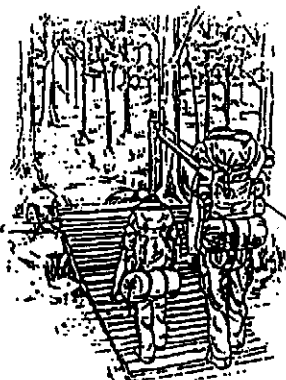


DIRECTIONS TO THIS PARKING LOT:

Driving south from Basin/Cold River CG, take first left, stone House Road.
 Follow dirt road as marked on this map.
 Park at locked gate. (Yes, you CAN walk beyond gate.)

① Lovely LEVEL walk into trails, pretty views, wildflowers.
 Tiny climb up to gorge and Rattlesnake Pool (no snakes!)

② Shell Pond Loop
 Easy, level hike
 bench at best viewpt.
 3 miles



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