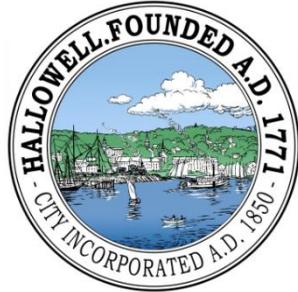


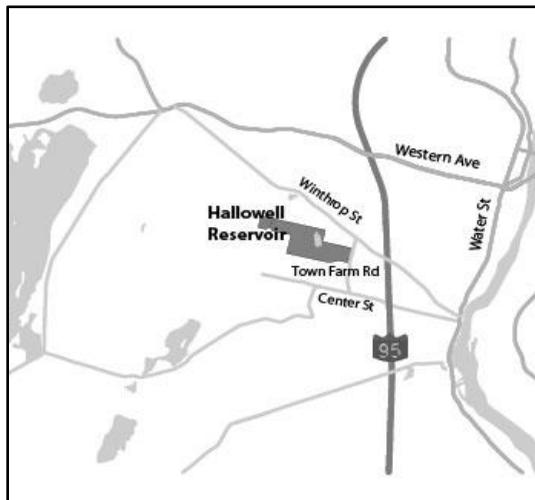
# Hallowell Recreation Area “The RES”

## Trail Guide and Information



City of Hallowell – 207.623.4021

### Location Map



### WELCOME

The City of Hallowell welcomes you to the Hallowell Recreation Area and City Forest, most commonly referred to as “The RES”. The name comes from the reservoir on the property, which used to store drinking water for Hallowell. The RES covers 165 acres of quiet, forested space for use by City residents and visitors. The area is located approximately 1.5 miles west of downtown with walking and mountain biking trails, two ponds, ball field, beach, and picnic shelters. Please enjoy your visit for healthy, year-round, outdoor recreation. Be sure to watch for wildflowers and wildlife in the mature forests as well as stone walls and quarries that hint of area activities from centuries past.

### SEASONAL USE FEE

There is a non-resident parking permit fee of \$25 per season in effect May 15 through September 15, 9am - 4pm for the beach parking area at the end of Reservoir Road. Permits are available at City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell. Non-residents are welcomed to park at the Town Farm Road parking area at any time, permit not required.

### DIRECTIONS & PARKING

**Driving** – Take Winthrop Street from downtown Hallowell, over I-95 to a left turn on Town Farm Road. Find The RES entry, Reservoir Road on the right in about a quarter of a mile.

**Bicycling/Walking** – Take Central Street from downtown Hallowell, under I-95 to a right turn on Town Farm Road. Find The RES entry, Reservoir Road on the left in just under half a mile.

**Parking** – Year round parking is available on Town Farm Road and seasonal parking is available at the end of Reservoir Road near the beach and ball field areas.

### USE GUIDELINES & SAFETY

Most trails are multi-use used by walkers, runners, and bikers in the warmer months. In winter, snowmobilers, bikers, skiers, and snowshoers share the trails.

To help ensure the comfort and safety of everyone, please:

- Stay on trails
- Leave no trace, carry out all trash
- Keep dogs leashed and carry out all pet waste
- No motorized vehicles on trails; snowmobiles in season use Quarry and Pipeline Trails
- Bikers practice no-skid braking to minimize trail wear; yield to other trail users and let fellow trail users know you’re coming
- Respect private property
- No fires or camping
- Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty
- Wear bright colors during fall hunting seasons
- Take precautions to prevent tick bites and check for ticks after visits
- [Report issues to City of Hallowell 207.623.4021](mailto:207.623.4021)
- [Dial 911 for an Emergency](https://www.911.com/)

### SUGGESTED WALKS

**Wildflower Loop (~1 Mile)** – The Wildflower Trail meanders through the woods on the west side of the larger reservoir. It features wildflower blooms in season, water views, and varied terrain. From Town Farm Road head to **Quarry Trail** to the intersection with **Wildflower Trail** on the left. Follow Wildflower Trail to **Pipeline Trail**. Turn left on Pipeline and follow the trail back to the access road and parking. Includes modest elevation changes and some rough footing.

**Porcupine Ridge Loop (~2 miles)** – The Porcupine Ridge Loop heads deeper into The RES past an old quarry and stone walls and through a mature forest. From Town Farm Road head to **Quarry Trail**

to the **Porcupine Ridge Trail** and turn left. Follow Porcupine Ridge Trail to **Pipeline Trail**. Turn left on Pipeline Trail and follow it back to the access road and parking. Includes modest elevation gains and some rocky footing.

### SUGGESTED BIKE RIDES

**Piney Woods Loop** or **Hobo Highway** are great beginner’s mountain biker trails. Both weave through the forest with an easy climb rating.

For more of a challenge and a moderate climb rating try **Little Egypt** through the quarry or go the distance to the **Junkyard Trail** in neighboring Manchester.

### SUPPORT & VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer organizations maintain existing trails and monitor use. Please consider helping with their work days or supporting the clubs financially to support their activities. Contact the following for more information.

**Hallowell Conservation Commission** – join the Commission for activities including trail cleanup, invasive plant removal, and natural history or bird walks. Contact: [HallowellConservation@gmail.com](mailto:HallowellConservation@gmail.com)

**Central Maine Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association** – join the Chapter and enjoy organized group rides at The RES and at other regional trails. Contact: [info@cemenemba.org](mailto:info@cemenemba.org)

**Manchester Country Riders** – maintains and grooms snowmobile trails in Hallowell and Manchester. Join the Club and get involved in local snowmobiling. Facebook: [Manchester Country Riders](https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterCountryRiders)

### THANK YOU!

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