

Surviving Ancient Roads

(Look for old houses, cellar-holes, cemeteries, etc.)

- (A) Old North Road, Danbury to Springfield, est. 1780's-90's
Part of an early road system linking towns between the Merrimack and Connecticut River valleys. Danbury's Walker Brook Road and Grafton's Kinsman Highway are other surviving parts of the same road. Springfield's section can still be walked.
- (B) Mountain Road (French Road; parts of Kearsarge Mountain Road; Morey Pond Road) est. 1780's across Kearsarge Gore - unincorporated but inhabited area, now part of Wilmot. The first road between Andover and Sutton. Several pioneer families settled along Wilmot's part of it. Look for them in the Carr Hill Cemetery.
- (C) Pancake Street, Cross Hill Road, Pedrick Road, est. 1780's-90's
Part of early route from Andover to Springfield; precursor of 4th NH Turnpike. The village of Wilmot Center got its start along this road near the present Bunker Hill Cemetery in what was then New London's "North Parish." Road continued straight past Town Pound, thence along Pedrick Road and up Kimpton Brook valley.
- (D) Route 4-A, between Andover and Springfield Town lines, lies on or near the route of the 4th NH Turnpike, completed 1806, which led to the formation of the Town of Wilmot the next year. At first a corridor for commerce extending from Boscawen to Lebanon, in Wilmot the turnpike became an industrial corridor as well. Look for the many mill sites along Kimpton Brook.
- (E) Rte 4 follows closely the course of the Grafton Turnpike, est. ca 1806. The Northern RR was built parallel to it in 1846.
- (F) New Canada Road
The origins of this road are obscure, as is the reason for its name. It is at least as old as the Grafton Turnpike. Wilmot acquired it by annexing part of the old Town of New Chester in 1832. This road is mentioned often in the writings of Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon, whose home is nearby.
- (G) Stearns Road/Tewksbury Hill Road/Breezy Hill Road
The first road laid out by the Town of Wilmot, 1809, to connect the 4th NH Turnpike with the North Road. Many farms once lined this road. The North Wilmot Church was built next to Tewksbury Hill Cemetery, then moved to the foot of the hill in 1850. (Tewksbury Hill Road not maintained in winter.)
- (H) Grafton Road.
The second road laid out by the Town of Wilmot, 1809, to link the old North Road with Grafton and Danbury.

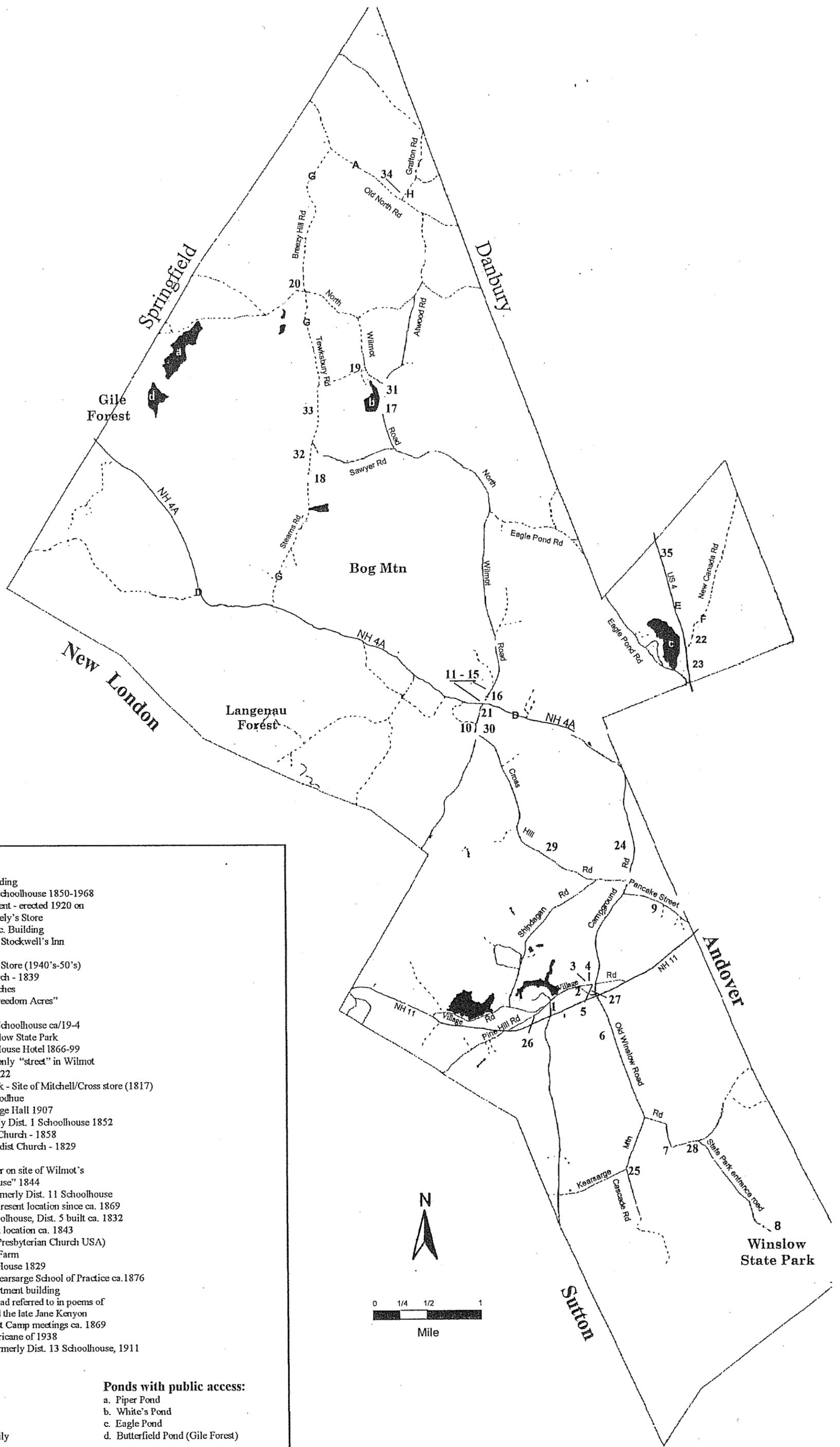
HISTORICAL SITES MAP of WILMOT New Hampshire



A self-guided driving tour of Wilmot, including information on
25 historical sites and 8 existing ancient roads,
as well as the location of cemeteries
and public-access ponds and conservation areas.
(Hiking trail maps are available separately.)

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1. Town Office Building
formerly Dist. 8 Schoolhouse 1850-1968
2. Soldiers' Monument - erected 1920 on
former site of Greely's Store
3. Community Assoc. Building
formerly Leander Stockwell's Inn
4. Post Office
formerly Cutler's Store (1940's-50's)
5. Free Baptist Church - 1839
first of three churches
6. Site of former "Freedom Acres"
7. Private home,
formerly Dist. 3 Schoolhouse ca/19-4
8. Entrance to Winslow State Park
site of Winslow House Hotel 1866-99
9. Pancake Street - only "street" in Wilmot
10. Town Pound - 1822
11. Town-owned park - Site of Mitchell/Cross store (1817)
later Stearns, Goodhue
12. Town Hall/Grange Hall 1907
13. Library - formerly Dist. 1 Schoolhouse 1852
14. Congregational Church - 1858
15. Bell from Methodist Church - 1829
burned 1957
16. Historical marker on site of Wilmot's
early "Town House" 1844
17. Private home formerly Dist. 11 Schoolhouse
1845-1934. In present location since ca. 1869
18. Old Stearns schoolhouse, Dist. 5 built ca. 1832
moved to present location ca. 1843
19. Camp Wilmot (Presbyterian Church USA)
former Langley Farm
20. Union Meeting House 1829
21. Former site of Kearsarge School of Practice ca. 1876
now private apartment building
22. New Canada Road referred to in poems of
23. Donald Hall and the late Jane Kenyon
24. Site of Methodist Camp meetings ca. 1869
destroyed in hurricane of 1938
25. Private home formerly Dist. 13 Schoolhouse, 1911

Cemeteries:

26. Pine Hill
27. Church
28. Carr Hill
29. Thompson family
30. Bunker Hill
31. White's Pond
32. Stearns
33. Tewksbury
34. Old North Road
35. Eagle Pond

Ponds with public access:

- a. Piper Pond
- b. White's Pond
- c. Eagle Pond
- d. Butterfield Pond (Gile Forest)

Conservation/Recreation areas:

- Winslow State Park/Mt. Kearsarge
Langenau Forest
Bog Mountain