

# Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests

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## Organization Summary

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is the state's oldest and largest non-profit land conservation organization. The Forest Society's efforts are guided by a vision of New Hampshire as a living landscape where working woods and protected lands are woven into the fabric of life. Our goal is to guide growth and conservation to those sites, identified through sound research, that provide the greatest long-term benefits for our quality of life and economy. Smart growth starts with smart conservation.

Supported by 10,000 families and businesses, we work to conserve enough forestland to enhance the forest economy and grow our share or more of the wood we consume, conserve enough habitat to sustain healthy ecosystems, conserve drinking water supplies and healthy aquatic ecosystems, and conserve the most productive agricultural land.

The goal of the Forest Society, in partnership with other conservation organizations, private landowners, and government, is to conserve an additional one million acres of New Hampshire's most significant natural lands by 2026. To preserve the quality of life we enjoy today, our research shows that every community needs to conserve at least 25% of its lands for trails, parks, farms and forests.

Currently, the Forest Society owns 145 forest reservations covering more than 40,000 acres statewide, all open for public recreation and used to demonstrate model forestry and wildlife protection. Additionally, we oversee 100,000 acres of conservation lands. We research emerging trends and ideas in forestry, land use, and other issues, and share those discoveries with decision-makers, landowners, and the general public through workshops and presentations. The Forest Society blends innovation and pragmatism to shape public policy, especially in forest and land conservation issues.

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