

Mahanna Cobble

Please Note: BNRC and Mill Town are partnering to develop a permanent trailhead. The access route from Bousquet parking area, up the ski slope, and to the Mahanna Cobble trail may be modified from time to time due to renovation construction on the lodge and base area. Be sure to follow trail signage.

Directions: The trail begins at Bosquet Ski Area, (101 Dan Fox Dr. Pittsfield, MA 01201)
GPS: 42.4195, -73.2766 (Trailhead parking)

The Mahanna Cobble Reserve is owned and cared for by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council. BNRC is grateful to Mill Town and Bousquet for providing the trailhead access to the Reserve. Help keep the access open by respecting the property and following the guidance at the trailhead.



Photo: Gabrielle K. Murphy

WELCOME! WE INVITE YOU TO...

ENJOY this property on foot. Dogs are welcome. They must be leashed on Bousquet property and always under your immediate control. Hunting and fishing are permitted, subject to MA state regulations. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

PROTECT the trails, wildlife, and land. Carry out what you bring in, take only photos, and leave everything else just as you found it.

APPRECIATE that this land provides a home, food, and shelter to wildlife and protection for clean drinking water. Respect wildlife and keep your distance.

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MAHANNA COBBLE TRAIL MAP



Trail Description:

Trail: 2.8 miles, out-and-back
 Difficulty: Difficult
 (strenuous due to elevation changes)

The first section of the trail follows an easement on Bousquet property. Take the beginner ski slope, Drifter, up for 0.4 miles to the woodland start of the trail. From there, the Mahanna Cobble single-track trail is 1 mile with switch-back turns and stone steps. There is a spectacular view and stone bench at the vista. The bench is dedicated to founding BNRC Executive Director, George Wislocki.

Natural History:

The Cobble itself is the northern summit of Lenox Mountain, the long and picturesque ridge that extends north from Olivia's Overlook to the Bousquet Ski Area in Pittsfield.

"Cobbles" are a particular Berkshire name for a classic geologic formation of exposed bedrock existing high on a ridge. Others in the Berkshires can be found at Tyringham Cobble, Cheshire Cobble, Pine Cobble, and Bartholomew's Cobble. They are evidence of tectonic movement that shifted ancient strata.

