

## Riley Trails

### Access to the trails:

From East Concord take Shaker Road to Hoit Road. Turn left on Hoit Road. There will be a clearing on your right, which is an old home site. The trail to the marsh is in front of you. **OR** From Mountain Road, just follow Hoit Road go past the Marsh and start up the rise. The open area will be on your left. The trail to Snap Town Road will be on the west side of Hoit Road. There is a handicap accessible trail that leads from the parking area to the viewing platform on Hoit Marsh.

The Hoit Marsh Trail is a relatively easy walk, as is the Snap Town Road trail, which travels through some upland property. Please do not hike on the Snap Town Road past the City's trail, as the road is now on private property.

### The trails:

Hoit Marsh Trail: 2 small loops about 0.65 miles long, very easy and mostly flat, will take about 20 minutes. The Snap Town Road trail: about 0.8 miles long, moderate hiking with a steady climb uphill, will take about 45 minutes.

### History:

This property was conveyed to the City of Concord in the will of Paul Riley with the condition that the real estate be used as conservation open space.

This area of Concord was known as "Snap Town." No one is sure how it got its name. One story has it that a man by the name of Blanchard had a habit of snapping his eyes or winking quickly. Another is that an early settler thought that others moving in within a half-mile of his residence were crowding him. He became cross or "*snappish*."

Hoit Marsh is owned and managed by the NH Fish and Game Department. This is a great wildlife area, particularly in the spring and fall when the birds are migrating.

There is evidence throughout the Snap Town Road area of wildlife, including deer, coyote, raccoon, and moose.



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**Map 8**

## **Concord Trail System**

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