### **Dimond Hill Farm Trails**

#### Access to the trails:

On Route 202/9 (Hopkinton Road) in Concord, approximately 2 miles west of Concord Hospital and 3 miles east of Hopkinton village. The farm is located to the north and south of Hopkinton Road.

#### The trails:

Hiking travel time: About 1 hour

Distance: 1.5 miles

The parking area is on the north side of Hopkinton Road to the right of the yellow barn. Park head-in by the kiosk. From the parking area continue along the road past the barn and then straight past the picnic tables to the stone wall beyond. Looking right, there is a spectacular view over Concord and the hills to the east. At the stone wall, go through the gate and do not turn left, but continue straight through the next field, still heading north, At the end of the field you will see a path leading north which becomes a woods road leading to the old ice pond and Currier Road.

The Diamond Hill Trail ends at Currier Road, but a snowmobile trail continues to the north through the city-owned land off of Currier Road. This area is wet during the spring and early summer, but the trail is passable in the winter. If you follow the trail, you will see that it opens up into to an amazing view of a marsh.

If you are hiking south on the West End Farm Trail, park at the kiosk and cross Hopkinton Road (adjacent the yellow farm building). Follow the farm road the length of the field. At the end of the field, pass the storage shed on your right and follow the farm road through a short section of woods and into the field beyond. At the far end of that field, there is an opening in the stone wall, and the trail continues as a footpath to Exit 3/Stickney Hill Road and the bike path.

#### History:

Dimond Hill Farm has been a working farm since the 1700s. The farm first acquired its name from Ezekiel Dimond, who was one of Concord earliest settlers. In 1827, he sold the farm to Joseph Story Abbott. When Joseph passed away in 1878, he left the farm to his son Isaac Newton Abbott, who purchased an additional 57 acres to be added to the property for harvesting timber, pasture land and hay fields. The farm was passed down from generation to generation, and today it is operated by Jane Abbott Presby. In June of 2006, the farm was put into a conservation easement, held by the Five Rivers Conservation Trust. Today, the farm contains approximately 107 acres.

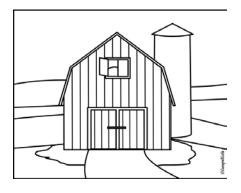
Dimond Hill Farm is mainly used for growing vegetables such as raspberries, pumpkins, sweet corn, as well as a variety of winter vegetables. The farm is also home to a variety of animals such as llamas, pigs, chickens, horses, geese and sheep. Occasionally the farm hosts special events such as weddings, retreats, small dinner parties and so much more!



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