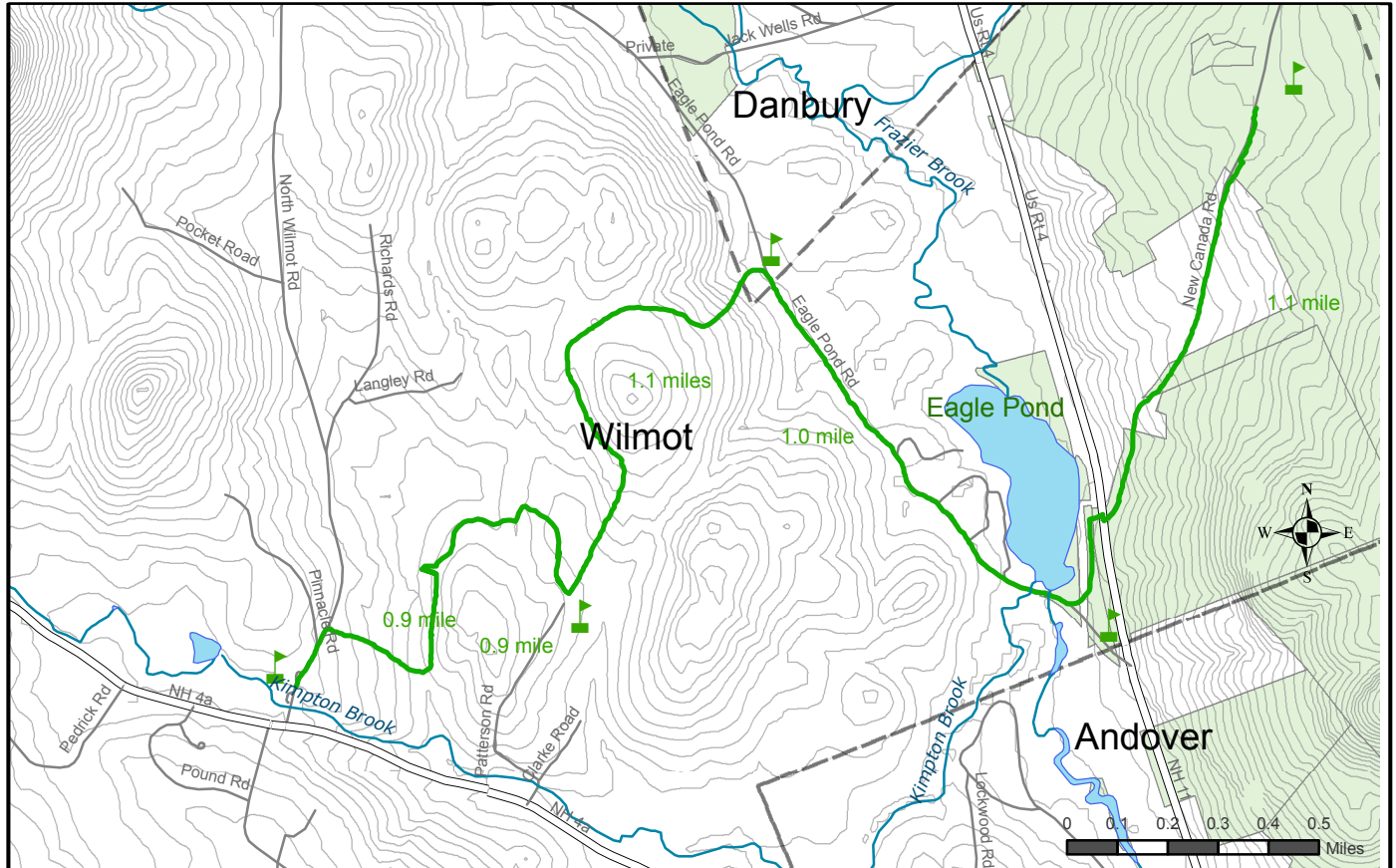


Trail 8 Wilmot Center to New Canada Road



Total Distance: 4.2 miles Estimated time: 2.5 hours
Total Ascents: 600 feet Total Descents: 480 feet

Overview: Wilmot Center is one of three villages in Wilmot that were active farming and industrial communities in the latter half of the 19th Century. Stone walls throughout the area remind the hiker that this area was once cleared land that has reverted to forest. New Canada Road has been named in the prose and poetry of Wilmot Resident Donald Hall, a former poet laureate of New Hampshire and US poet laureate. This SRKG segment starts on the *Beaver Pond Trail*, which has one short, steep ascent after the pond. It continues on the *Patterson Farm Trail*, which has a long, steep descent to Eagle Pond Road. The remainder, except for a short trail around the end of Eagle Pond, is dirt-road walking. New Canada Road is all uphill. The SRKG is clearly marked by white trapezoids. Some portions on Eagle Pond Road and New Canada Road have not been blazed.

Finding the Trailheads: The western trailhead uses the parking area at the Wilmot Town Hall. From NH Route 11 go 3 mi. west on NH Route 4A and turn right onto North Wilmot Road. The Wilmot Town Hall is just ahead on the left. The eastern trailhead is on New Canada Road, 0.9 mi. from where it leaves US Route 4, two miles north of the junction with NH Route 11. Limited parking is available across from the Trail 9 trailhead.