Welcome to Ashfield Trails'
Chapelbrook to West Road Trail.
This trail is the result of a
collaboration by Ashfield Trails,
The Trustees of Reservations, and
the Franklin Land Trust.

Made possible by a generous grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, this trail is the first phase of a planned link between the Trustees' Chapel Brook Reservation and the DAR State Forest.

The trail is slightly less than 2 miles long and is of moderate difficulty. A round-trip hike takes between 1.5 and 2 hours. Among the many historical, cultural, and environmental features are several old foundations, rock walls, ledges, and meandering streams crossed by plank bridges.

Portions of this trail are on private land, and its use is a privilege.
Please treat the land with respect and stay on marked trails.
The following are not permitted: motorized vehicles, littering, camping, campfires, hunting, trapping, picking or removing plants, wildflowers, trees, or other vegetation.

The building of the Ashfield Trail network involves a lot of effort by many dedicated volunteers.

Additionally, costs are involved for both the building and the continued maintenance of these trails. We must buy and maintain tools, purchase lumber for bridges, print maps, make signs, and provide food and drinks for our hard-working volunteers on trail work days.

Donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated, and can be sent to the address below.

Thank you for your support.



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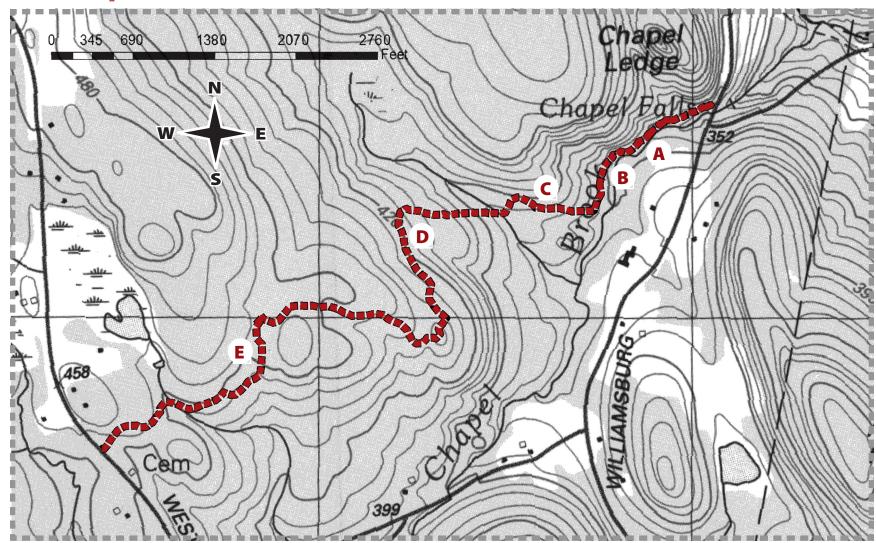
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Trail map and points of interest

Trail Map



Points of Interest

- A rustic cedar bench provides a spot to sit and enjoy beautiful seasonal views of Chapel Ledge and Chapel Brook.
- **B** Sugar Arch. Remains of the foundation of an old sugarhouse.
- C Lichen Ledge. A huge rock ledge covered with lichen.
- D Cellar hole of an old dwelling.
- **E** Military Road. This section of the trail follows part of an old road used during the Revolutionary War, possibly by military couriers and/or to transport ammunition.