

Trail Guide

Lee Land Trust



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LEE, MASSACHUSETTS

"For the Love of Nature"

- Donato Cedrone

Donato's Trail

This hiking trail is on Rt. 20 in East Lee. The Lee Land Trust working with The Trustees, have developed a 2+ mile loop trail on their adjoining properties.

The trail begins from the parking area with stone steps that continue up the steepest portions. As you near the highest section you will be in the cool shade of hemlocks & seasonally blooming Mt. Laurel !

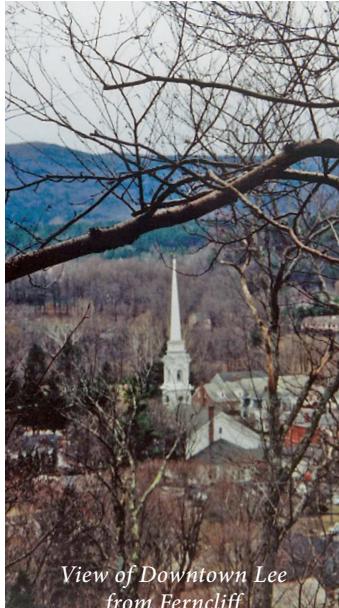
Keep your eyes open for resident wildlife, interesting boulders with moss, mushrooms & blooming native flowers.



Donato's Trail, East Lee

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Lee, head east on Rt. 20, otherwise known as Jacob's Ladder Trail Scenic Byway. Pass Chestnut St on your left continuing a short distance and on the right, you will see a sign for the trail & parking area. Information kiosk, picnic table and bike rack are available.

Ferncliff Reservation



*View of Downtown Lee
from Ferncliff*

Right in downtown Lee, you will find extraordinary geological formations on Ferncliff Knoll. The 18+ acres contain some of the highest peaks in Lee.

Ferncliff has trails that will take you to ledges with vistas of the downtown, October Mt. and more!

Historically, an insurgent from Shay's Rebellion of 1787, Peter Wilcox, took refuge in a cave in this area.

DIRECTIONS: Access points are from Cliffwood Street and the rear parking area (near the ball field) from Hyde Place on High Street. You can also walk from downtown Lee.

Longcope Park

A meandering trail bordering Church Street in South Lee heads into the quiet woods. A gentle loop of about 1+ miles takes you through the woodland oasis of hemlocks, pines and wetlands. This is an ideal location for passive recreation so keep your eyes and ears open for birds & wildflowers.



In 1963, Mrs. Janet Longcope donated these 46 acres to the Town of Lee to be preserved as conservation land.

DIRECTIONS: Access is from Church Street in South Lee. There is an attractive sign marking the parking area.

Golden Hill Town Forest

This 70 acre property was once owned by George Westinghouse as part of his estate known as Erskine Park . His house was in Lenox near Laurel Lake (a neighbor of Edith Wharton) and his farmland extended across the road to the Golden Hill area. In 1939 George Westinghouse, Jr. donated this parcel to the Town of Lee.

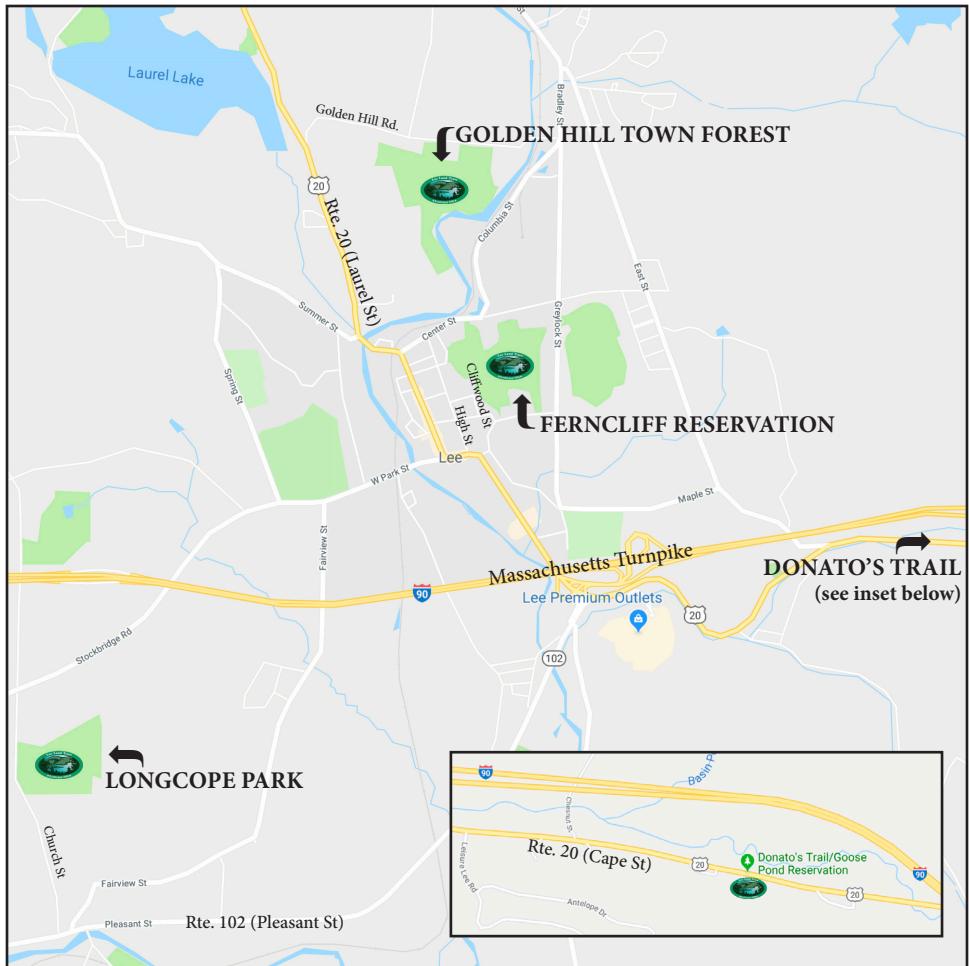


Here is where you'll find the highest peaks in Lee at about 1220' elevation. The Pinnacle has views to October Mt., Highlawn Farm and Laurel Lake.

This is truly an enchanted geologic world. Easy loop trails guide you through the boulders, ledges, outcrops, wildflowers and old trees. These are all season trails.

In the early 1960's this was a vibrant picnic spot with pavilion, stone fireplace and even electricity! Today, that area is the open field.

DIRECTIONS: Drive up Golden Hill Road which is off Rt.20 (Laurel Street) near Laurel Lake. Just up the curve, the parking area is on the right.



Golden Hill with October Mountain in background