

LIDAR Map



Lidar, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging, is a [remote sensing](#) method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges (variable distances) to the Earth. These light pulses—combined with other data recorded by the airborne system — generate precise, three-dimensional information about the shape of the Earth and its surface characteristics.
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LEGEND:

- Valley Trail
- Mountain Trail
- Marble Trail
- Shortcut Trail

Points of Interest

- A - Former Crown Point Road *
- B - POCONHABAJAC Quarry
- C - Stone Wall
(former Rutland/Pittsford boundary)
- D - Sutherland Falls Quarry *
- E - Former C & P Railroad *
- F - Old foundation (unknown history) *
- G - Site of former coal trestle *
- H - Foundation of former tenement house
- I - Beaver Pond
- J - Evidence of former Market Road

*Location is on private property, please respect owners and avoid these areas.

Driving Directions:

From Rutland - Drive West on Business 4, take Rt 3 to Proctor, turn left onto Main Street, turn right onto North Street, turn left onto Florence Road, travel 0.33 miles and the Park entrance is on the left.

From Pittsford - While traveling on Rt 7, take Rt 3 to Proctor, turn right onto Main Street, turn right onto North Street, turn left onto Florence Road, travel 0.33 miles and the Park entrance is on the left.



Beaver Pond Trail Map
Proctor, Vermont
May 2025



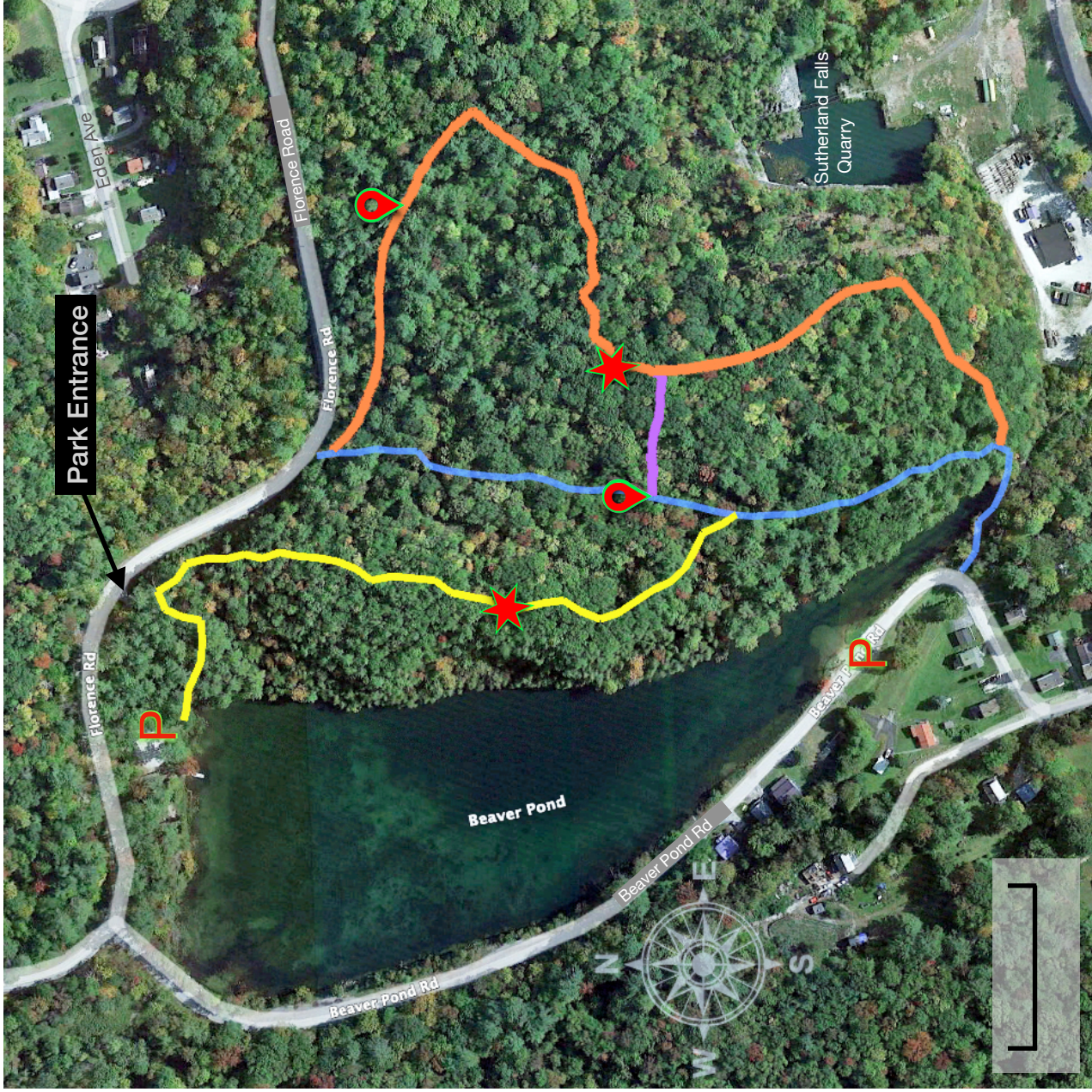
Trail Descriptions:

- ◆ Valley Trail is considered rather easy, with only a little slope near the pond. The well established trail crosses an old stone wall, passes through a tranquil valley, and is 0.29 miles long. The trail can be accessed from either end. There is a rock stairway to help climb the bank of the Florence Road.
- ◆ Mountain Trail offers a great overlook of the pond and neighboring hillside to the west. The trail has rather steep sections on both ends and is 0.27 miles long. The trail is easily accessible from the parking lot at the Northern parking area. Easiest hiking direction is from the Picnic area to the Valley Trail.
- ◆ Marble Trail is mostly easy with only one mildly steep section and is 0.42 miles long. You'll be able to marvel at large tailings from quarrying and rest on a bench at a tranquil spot overlooking the Valley Trail. Easiest hiking direction is counter-clockwise.
- ◆ Shortcut Trail is only 0.10 miles long and offers a connection between the Valley Trail and the midpoint of the Marble Trail. It is rather steep, so watch your step.

Beaver Pond Statistics

Area of Pond: 12 Acres
Greatest Depth: 21 feet
Average Depth: 7 feet

All trails are marked
with diamond shaped
blue and white signs



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Lookout ★ Parking P Point of Interest 📍

Local History:

Beaver Pond and the parcel of land that it lies within was acquired by the town in the year of 2016. Selectboard member Bill Champine was essential for making the deal and providing early care for the area. For many years afterwards, Raymond Beyette, Sr. led the Beaver Pond Committee to restore the long abandoned picnic area, creation of a fishing dock, and establishment of hiking trails.

The Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad company - remnants of one of its main lines remains just west of Beaver Pond (see LiDAR image). Construction began in 1885 and in January the company received its 1st locomotive, which was named the "Fred R. Patch". It was housed in a newly built engine house made of marble, which still remains today. This stretch of railroad was used to move a lot of marble and also VMCo workers between Florence and Proctor. Later in 1888, the company expanded to connect to operations in Center Rutland and West Rutland. Today, these lines are completely dormant and used primarily for recreational uses.

BEAVER UPDATE: Beavers have been resident at the pond for many years, but abruptly disappeared in the summer of 2023. It may have been the July flood, or possibly the diminishing supply of preferred tree and plant species. But do not worry, there are no plans to change the name of the pond, and the beavers may return someday.

Since their departure, we have seen multiple muskrats. They, too are found in wetlands. They are 8-14" in length (including tail). Their tails are scaled and their webbed feet provide most of their propulsion. They build nests into the banks with an underwater entrance. They feed mostly on cattail and other aquatic vegetations. They can swim underwater for 12-17 minutes!