

Points of Interest

- A Former Crown Point Road *
- **B POCOHABAJAC 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 Power House
- I Beaver Pond

*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.



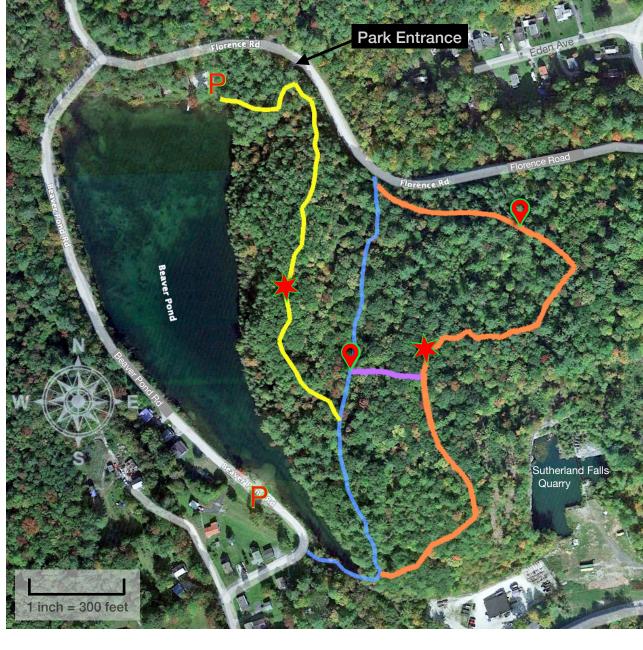
Shortcut Trail -

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



Parking

LEGEND: Valley Trail — Mountain Trail —

K Lookout



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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.

Despite its name, the POCOHABAJAC quarry is not native American in origin. It was comprised of letters from the owners' names: Artemas <u>Powers</u>, Benjamin F. <u>Cook</u>, Marcus <u>Harris</u>, Rockwood <u>Barrett</u> and Lionel <u>Jacobs</u>. In the mid 1860's, 50,000 shares of the company were offered at \$10 each. The segment of the Marble Trail that passes directly through the POCOHABAJAC quarry was once a railroad spur that served Sutherland Falls Quarry. That rail line ran onto present day Florence Road, and curved around the north end of Beaver Pond and connected to the Clarendon & Pittsford line on the west side of the pond.

The segment of the Florence Road between Beaver Pond Road and Pleasant Street was built sometime between 1912 and 1920.

Beaver Pond Road was once called Zadoc Avenue and ended at the house farthest north. Prior to being called Zadoc, it was the original Market Road that passed through Proctor. In 1806 the Legislature instructed a committee to lay out a market road leading from Salisbury, through Leicester, Brandon, and Pittsford to Rutland (present day Proctor) where it intersected with the road to Castleton, which led to Troy, New York. The Market Road's main purpose was to provide the Salisbury area with an outlet for its goods. The road ran on the west side of Beaver Pond in Proctor and southerly along the West Proctor Road.