

Baseline Documentation Report:
Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland
Conservation Restriction

Owner: Leverett Conservation Commission

Holder of Conservation Restriction: Rattlesnake Gutter Trust

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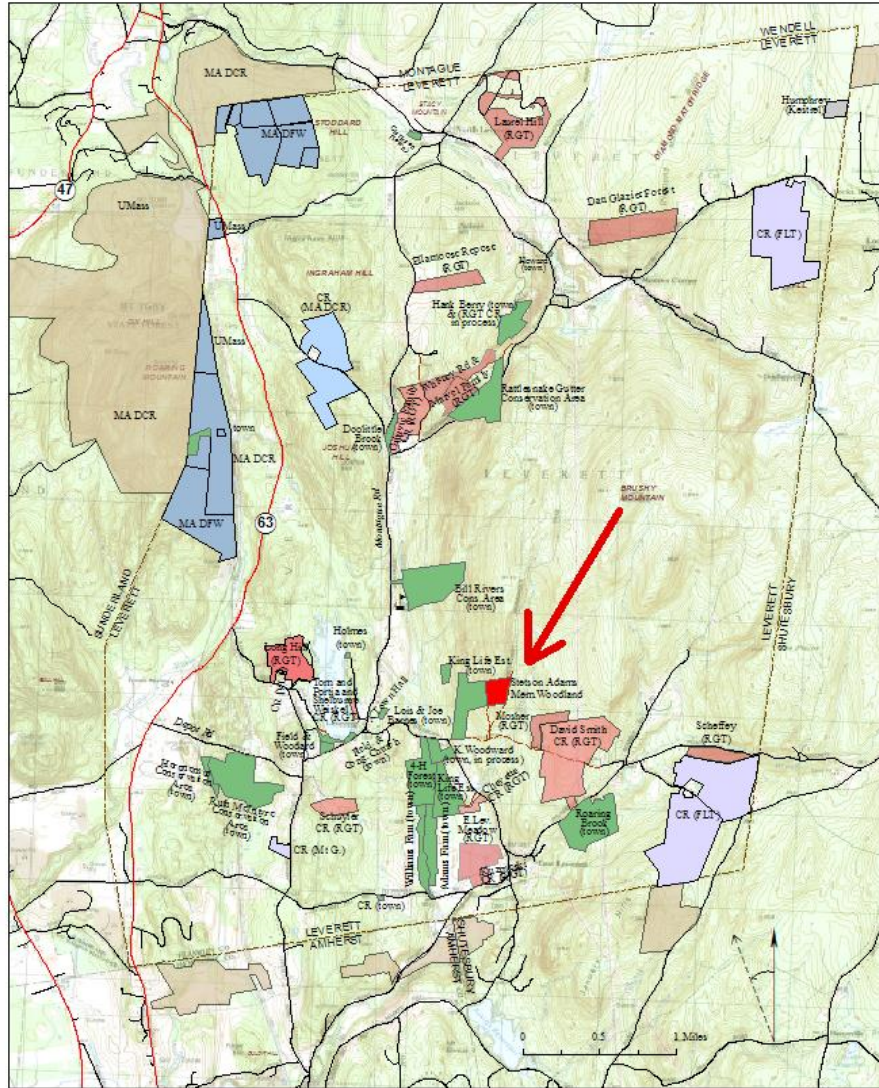
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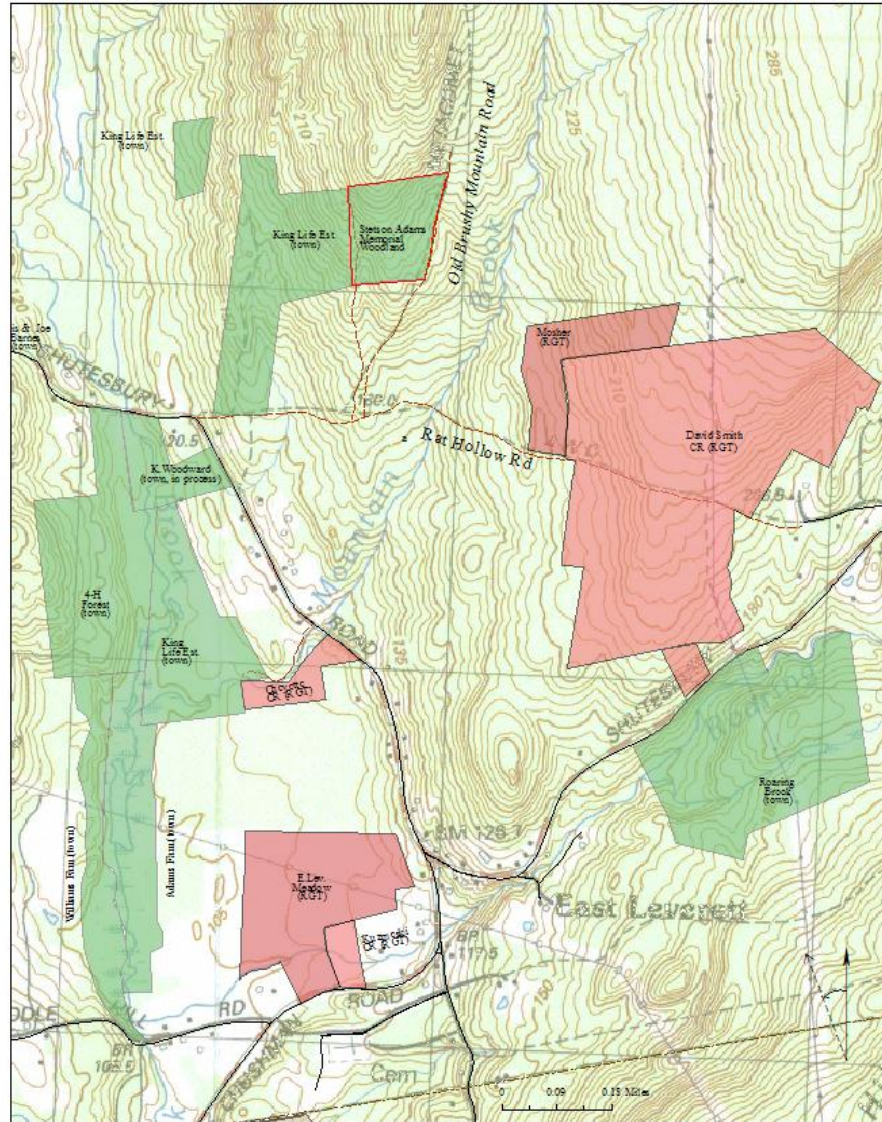
Directions to: Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland Conservation Restriction



From Leverett Town Hall, turn south and then immediately bear left on Shutesbury Road.
 Since the rest of trip will be by foot, park at the 4-H Forest, just west of Doolittle Brook (0.5 miles from the town hall)
 Walk west along Shutesbury Road to the corner where Shutesbury Road turns right/south (0.15 miles).
 Rat Hollow Road (woods road) is straight ahead of you.
 Follow Rat Hollow Road to Old Brushy Mountain Road. No sign (of course), it is the second woods road on the left (0.2 miles).
 The SE corner of the property is on the left 0.4 from the corner of Rat Hollow and Brushy Mountain Roads (both woods roads).

Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland	
land description	Forested land traditionally used as a woodlot by the Adams family.
location/street address	North of Rat Hollow Road, Leverett
directions to site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Leverett Town Hall, turn south and immediately bear left on Shutesbury Road. 2. Since the rest of the trip will be by foot, park at the 4-H Forest, just west of Doolittle Brook (0.5 miles from the town hall). 3. Walk west along Shutesbury Road to the corner where Shutesbury Road turns right/south (0.1+ miles). Rat Hollow Road (woods road) is straight ahead of you. 4. Follow Rat Hollow Road to Old Brushy Mountain Road, no sign (of course), it is the second woods road on the left. (0.2 miles). 5. The SE corner of the property is on the left 0.4 from the corner of Rat Hollow and Brushy Mountain Roads (both woods roads). <p>Note: legal access is Rat Hollow Road then north through the Gordon King Life Estate then east to the CR. As on the date of this baseline (June 2011), there is no trail - although the walking is relatively easy and the Cows boundary markers to the north would help walkers find their way. A trail is planned.</p>
acreage	13.3
structures	none
physical description	South-facing slope of Brushy Mountain. A rocky ridge divides land into eastern and western slopes. Stone ledges near upper parts of ridge.
special habitat(s)	Dry slope with seasonal streams draining toward Doolittle Brook wetland and groundwater for wells along Shutesbury Road. Some chestnut oak (dry site indicator), Forest of mixed hardwoods with more hemlocks near the top (north) and more laurel in southeast.
special species(s)	
special views(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter view from north end of ridge toward south (UMass, Holyoke Range). 2. On property can find stone remnants of Virginia rail fence along north border and follow old Brushy Mountain Road on east boarder.
special other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adjacent to already-protected Gordon King Life Estate. Near other protected areas to the east on Brushy Mountain and to the southwest in East Leverett. 2. Surface and ground water protection for residences (wells) downhill and Doolittle Brook wetlands. 3. Stone structures suggest that this is part of the area on Brushy Mountain used by Native Americans

Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland and Nearby Protected Areas



The Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland were purchased by the town using Community Preservation Act funds.
The Conservation Restriction will be held by the Rattlesnake Gutter Trust.

Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland Orthophoto 2005

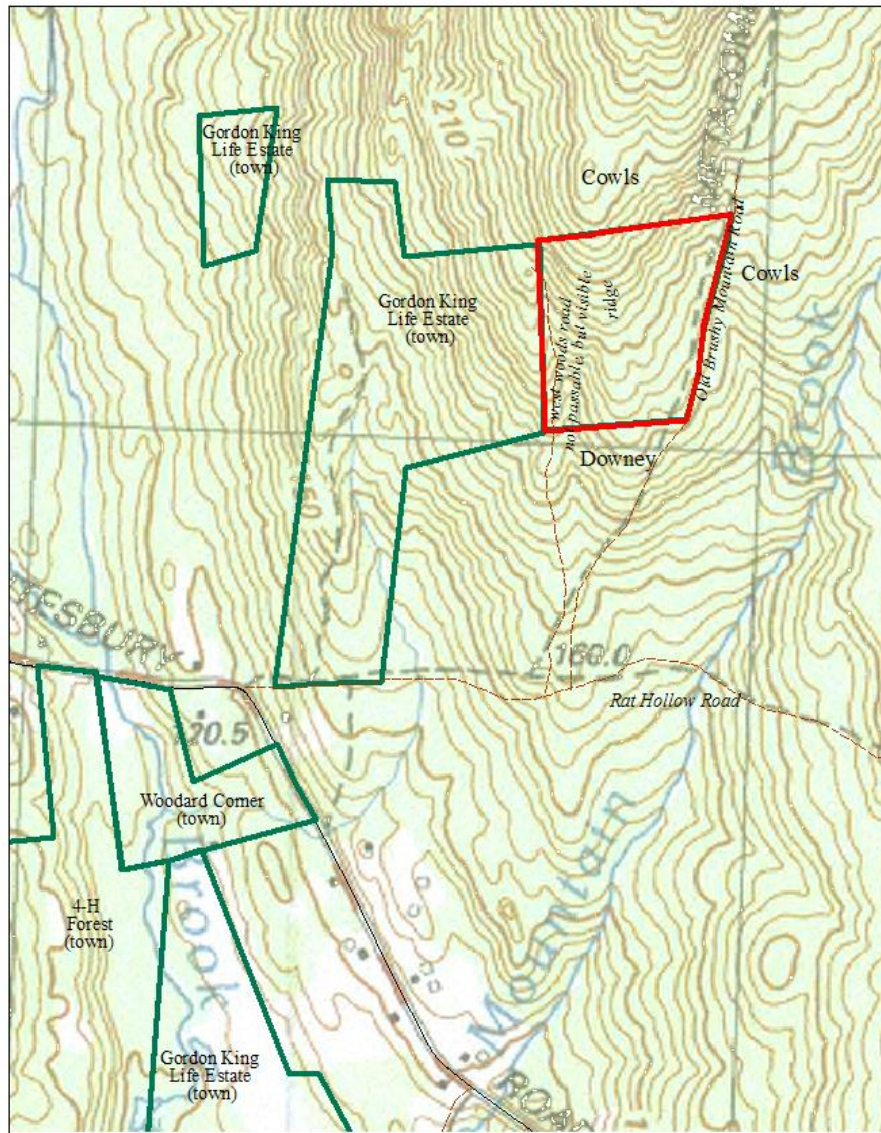


Doolittle Brook is along the western edge of the map.
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and the woods road visible along eastern edge of map.
Houses are along Shutesbury Road.

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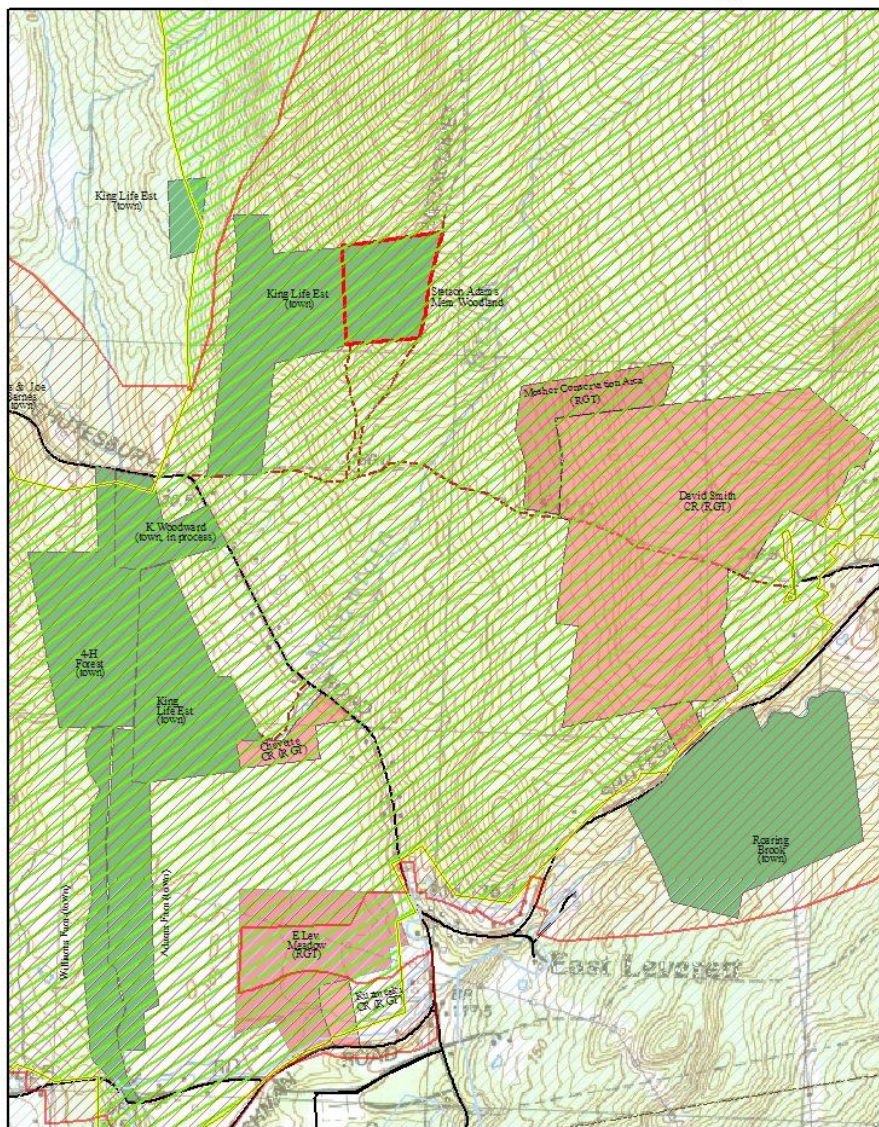
Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland Topographic Map



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Stetson Adams Memorial Woodland Priority Habitat and NHESP/TNC Biomap2



- Priority Habitats of Rare Species (NHESP, 10/1/2008)
- NHESP/TNC Biomap2: Core Habitat (Feb. 2011)
- NHESP/TNC Biomap2: Critical Natural Landscape (Feb. 2011)

