



Trail opportunities in Rand Brook Forest (RBF) range from the narrow path, **Forest Trail**, to old town roads laid out by some of Francestown's earliest settlers in the late 1700's. The best access to the Rand Brook Forest is via Old County Road South. A parking area and information kiosk are located at the end of the town-maintained section of Old County Rd. South. The unmaintained (Class VI) portion of Old County Rd. South continues for about 1/3 mile down to Russell Station Rd.

Starting at the closed gate just past the kiosk is RBF's **Forest Road**, the main access through the property. It heads westerly for about ½ mile before rising somewhat steeply to a 7-acre field. Forest Road ends at the field where a trail skirts the east edge of the field to where it meets Forest Trail (see below). The distance from the parking area to this point is about ¾ of a mile.

Forest Trail begins where it leaves **Forest Road** a couple of hundred feet in from the kiosk/gate and roughly parallels it to the north. After about a half mile through the woods and along some stone walls the trail enters the field and follows its north edge to Driscoll Hill Rd., not far from the top of Driscoll Hill. Forest Trail's total distance is about ¾ of a mile.

The Draper Farm Trail leaves Driscoll Hill Rd. almost opposite where Forest Trail meets it. It continues westerly to and through the Driscoll Hill Town Forest, passing by the cellar holes of the Draper homestead, and dead ends at the western boundary of the town forest. Its one-way distance is about ½ mile.

From its intersection with Forest Trail, Driscoll Hill Rd. goes north over the top of Driscoll Hill, drops down, steeply in one section, then levels out before crossing Brennan Brook and meeting town maintained Birdsall Rd.

To the south Driscoll Hill Rd. passes by the RBF field, then further down the old School House # 9 foundation, then descends to Rand Brook, where there is no longer a bridge. In low water one might cross the brook by jumping from rock to rock. On the other side of the brook Driscoll Hill Rd. ascends steeply over damp, eroded terrain, levels out, then passes close by a private residence just before meeting Russell Station Rd. The total distance of Driscoll Hill Rd. from Birdsall Rd. to Russell Station Rd. is about 1¾ mile.

NOTE: There are no road name signs at the town road intersections mentioned above.