



Timber Harvest in Progress

Portions of Ashcroft & Whiting Trails Closed

BBA has a long history of forest management. Jeff Smith, one of the founders of BBA, was one of the first Tree Farmers in the State of New Hampshire. Jeff donated his Tree Farm to BBA and we've continued to manage and harvest forest products since then.

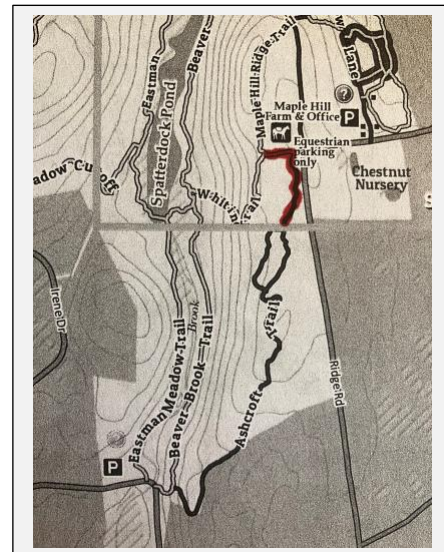
Timber harvests are carefully designed to:

- Maintain long-term health of the forest by ensuring trees have enough room to grow, and by removing unhealthy trees or trees at risk of being damaged by the elements, or disease
- Improve wildlife habitat by creating a variety of vegetation types and age classes to provide food and shelter
- Increase productivity of the forest by removing crowded, unhealthy, and mature trees to provide space for the remaining trees and encourage regeneration

Every year, BBA conducts at least one timber harvest, as part of its long-term forest management plan. The harvest also generates revenue for the operations of BBA's facilities and trails. The volume of timber harvested from BBA yearly, is less than the volume that grows on BBA each year.

Wilkins Lumber of Milford, NH is conducting the harvest. The white pine will be milled at Wilkins Lumber and sold to local area residents for building projects. Hardwood will be milled for flooring, furniture, cabinets and more. Pulp will be sent to New England paper mills or biomass plants, and hardwood firewood will be sold locally to firewood dealers and used in BBA's buildings.

The limbs and unmerchantable portions of the trees will be left in the woods to decompose and provide nutrients to the soil. The brush and rotting logs are important for salamanders and insects at the bottom of the food chain.



**Sections
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Closed**

Why has this area been selected?

This area was harvested 70 years ago by Lorden Lumber Company and again about 25 years later to release apple trees. These trees have now grown mature and are becoming over-crowded. This area is being **selectively harvested** to open the crowns on large mature trees, thinning out the less desired and lower quality timber. Opening the crowns will give the residual stand a chance to grow mature and strong. This maintenance should take just a few weeks and will keep our forests healthy.