Franklin Land Trust's Top Ten Fall Hikes

FLT Conservation Areas

1. West Ridge CA, Ashfield/Goshen
2. Crowningshield CA, Heath
3. Betty Maitland Memorial Forest, Heath
4. Guyette Farm, Plainfield
5. Madeline's Meadow, Shelburne
6. Edge Hill CA, Ashfield
7. Walnut Hill Woods, Buckland

FLT Facilitated Trails

8. Big View Trail, Williamsburg
9. Shelburne Falls Fire Tower Trail, Shelburne
10. Flagg Mountain, Ashfield

West Ridge

An established woods road and trail network provide an easier climb to the upper ridge and its expansive views of the Conway Hills. Explore a diverse landscape of wetlands, upland forest, and scenic overlooks within a large, unfragmented forest block.

Crowningshield

Explore large, uninterrupted forests, former agricultural fields, steep rock ledges, and coldwater streams. Branch View Barn has a stunning view overlooking the Stone Mountain landscape.

Betty Maitland Memorial Forest

Experience habitats ranging from early successional forest to mature white pine stands. Interpretive signs describe the forest's unique features, and a picnic area overlooks a canopy of birch, aspen, and pine.

Guyette Farm

A mixture of field, shrubland, and forests both young and old, Guyette Farm offers a variety of ecosystems to explore. A network of rugged trails feature interpretive signs highlighting the land use, natural history and management of the property.

Madeline's Meadow

Pack a picnic and visit this FLT owned 10 acre hayfield. Sit on the bench at the top of the field and enjoy a peaceful moment as you take in the beautiful fall colors.

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Edge Hill

This former golf course has a large network of trails with views of the surrounding hills of Ashfield and Buckland. Habitat restoration work by FLT is creating swaths of open grasslands, shrubland and young forest, surrounded by the unfragmented, maturing forest.

Walnut Hill Woods

Explore a rugged trail leading to 90 acres of conserved land on top of Walnut Hill. Walk old logging roads through an active sugarbush and see vibrant fall colors as you hike through this northern hardwood forest.

Big View Trail

This trail winds its way up a wooded ridgeline filled with mossy rock outcroppings and small stream crossings to the top of Old Wolf Hill. The main 1+ mile loop takes hikers to a stunning view of the Pioneer Valley and the Seven Sisters Mountain Range.

Shelburne Falls Fire Tower Trail

Climb the Goshen fire tower for spectacular views of the Connecticut River Valley and into four states. Enjoy over 15 miles of hiking, biking and accessible trails at DAR state Forest.

Flagg Mountain

At 1,402 feet in elevation, Flagg Mountain is situated in Conway's northwestern corner on the Ashfield and Buckland town lines. Enjoy views of Shelburne Falls and Ashfield from summit vistas.

Directions and More Places to Visit:

Franklin Land Trust is a non-profit in western Massachusetts that assists farmers and other landowners who want to protect their land from unwanted development.

FLT has helped hundreds of families in the region craft conservation plans that address their financial goals, family needs, and their vision for the future.

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