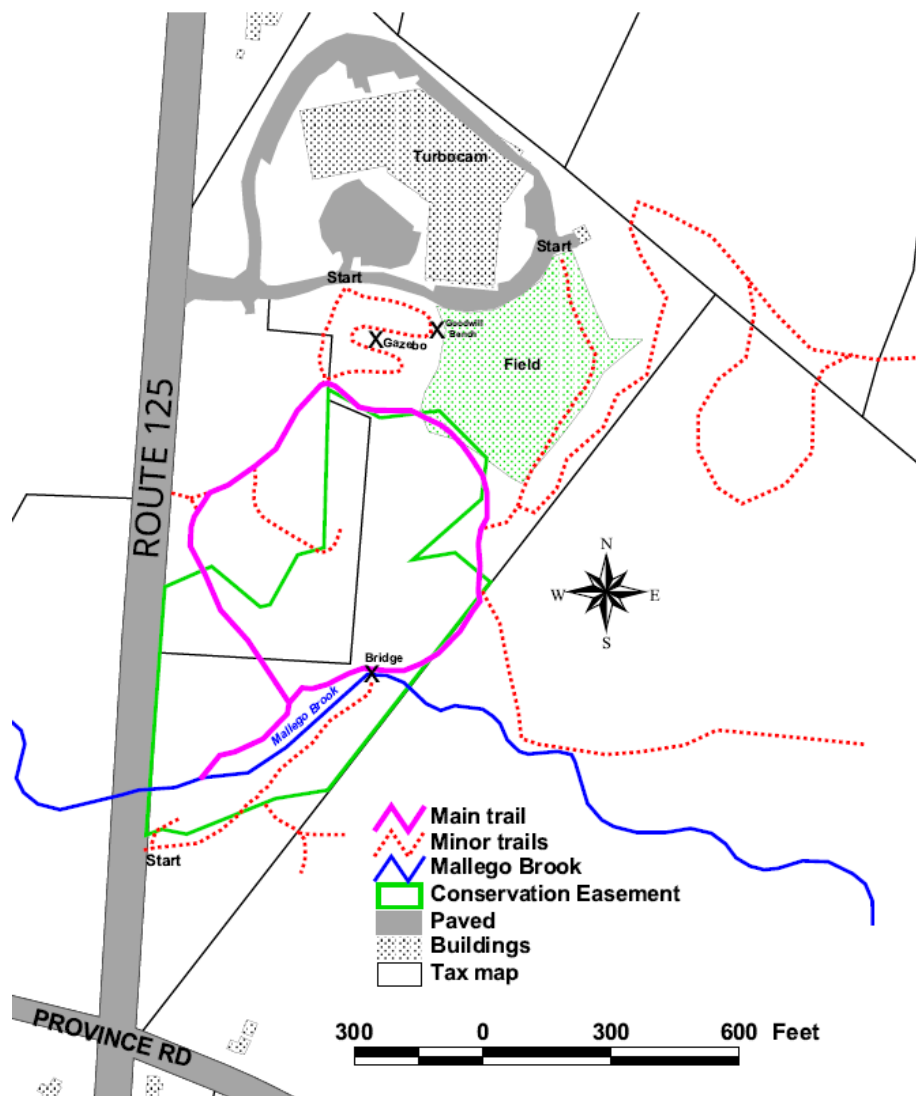


TURBOCAM/Mallego Brook Trails



*”There is no such thing as bad weather,
only inappropriate clothing.”*

Sir Rannulph Fiennes

The TURBOCAM/Mallego Brook Walk



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- Trail length:** Less than one mile
Difficulty: Easy
Locations: TURBOCAM facility at 607 Calef Highway
(Rte. 125)
Activities: Hiking, XC skiing, snowshoeing, fishing
Parking: In TURBOCAM’s Parking lot **ONLY ON
WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS**. There
is also possible access directly from
Rte. 125, see below.
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One of Barrington’s many waterways is Mallego Brook. Looking at it, most people would say it looks more like a creek or stream. It is not very wide or deep.

It originates as a small stream near Waterhouse Rd., and wanders behind Smoke St. for a long ways – its upper reaches can be accessed via the Cullen Woods open space, described on page 36. After crossing under Route 9 it is joined by the unnamed stream that flows out of Richardson Pond (see Goodwill Conservation Area). After crossing under Route 125 a pretty section of it goes through the TURBOCAM conservation land described here. After recrossing Route 9 it flows into the Madbury Reservoir, and becomes a major source of drinking water for the City of Portsmouth

Many who live in Barrington have never seen Mallego Brook, as it is hidden back from roads or passes unseen under them. But there is a good place to get a view of the stream, thanks to the TURBOCAM Company, an international company with its headquarters in Barrington.

When TURBOCAM built a facility in Barrington (on Route 125), the company put a portion of the acquired land into a conservation easement and created walking paths through it that are open to the public. There is less than a mile of trails, but a good portion goes along and over the Mallego Brook.

Directions to the Mallego Brook Walk: The entrance to TURBOCAM’s headquarters is on Rte. 125, one half mile south of the junction with Rte.9. (Don’t confuse this with their plant that is further west on Route 9). *You may park in their parking lot on weekends and holidays only.* About a quarter mile past the entrance to the plant is the access to the trail directly from the highway. For that, the best bet is to park along the east side of Route 125, where Mallego Brook goes under it. Go about 200’ north of the junction with Province Road. Park on the shoulder just before the side rails and look for the path going down to the river just before the rails.

Probably the best place to start, however, is on a gravel path just opposite the large parking area in front of the main TURBOCAM building, where there is a “One Way Only” sign on the driveway. From there you can take a dirt path past a utility shed and straight down to the main path, or you can follow the pretty winding gravel path that goes past a gazebo, benches, and picnic tables.

One of the benches honors previous owners Loyd and Carolyn Goodwill. TURBOCAM bought the land from the Goodwills and respected their desire to keep much of the land natural. It was also Carolyn Goodwill who donated much of the value of the Goodwill Conservation Area (page 38).

When you reach the main trail at the edge of the woods, going right will take you into the woods and left will follow the edge. Soon after turning left you'll go by the playing field that TURBOCAM put in for the use of its employees, which, with the permission of the owner, is also available for use by the general public.

Shortly past the playing field you'll pass a clearing that often has piles of dirt, etc. used for maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Don't worry, you're about to enter the woods and get to the beautiful part of the walk along the river!

The well-maintained trail takes you through dark hemlock woods right to Mallego Brook and a bridge across it. The bridge was constructed as part of an Eagle Scout project.

On the south side of the brook there are trails that are used by recreational vehicles that come from abutting properties. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on TURBOCAM's trails.

Take the trail to the right and enjoy walking along the edge of the river. In a couple hundred feet the trail climbs up away from the river and eventually ends up at Route 125 – you'll be able to hear that you're approaching the highway well before you reach it. This is the spot where you will need to start your walk if you come on a weekday, i.e. are unable to use TURBOCAM's parking.

Just before reaching 125 there is a short, steep path that leads down to a pool with water gushing into it from the large culvert that goes under the road. Except for the highway noise, it's a lovely spot.

Next, retrace your steps back to the bridge, cross it, and you can follow the main trail along the other side of the brook. If you keep left at the junction you'll head up to the other side of the pool and culvert. Going right will lead you through the woods and back to the starting point.