



Mt. Agamenticus lies SSE

From the Thurrell Road trailhead, head up the woods road. After entering an open area in half a mile or so, look for a Littlefield family gravesite on the north side of the trail. Shortly after, the trail splits. To the north, are the foundations of the Littlefield homestead and the trail to *Lachance Point* from which you can view Mt. Agamenticus. The *Big Bump* overlooks the wetlands to the east, the result of beaver damming the creek feeding Orris Falls, supports a diversity of wildlife, from endangered Blanding's turtles to herons.

Back on the main trail, the second split, to the south, leads down the edge of the 'Great Gulf' to *Orris Falls*. Please note that the ridge overlooking the falls has very steep banks and is unsafe for small children.

Continue on the main trail over the stream feeding the falls (keep to the right where the trail splits) and over Spring Hill. There is a lookout to the south towards Mt. Agamenticus from *Tatnic Ledges*. *Balancing Rock* is a little further on, to the right below the trail.

Continuing on the main trail will take you along the bottom of a cleared field (private property) to a woods road and out to Emery's Bridge Road.

Trail distances from Thurrell Road parking:

Orris Falls	.7 miles
Big Bump	1.0 miles
Tatnic Ledges	1.2 miles
Balancing Rock	1.4 miles
Emery's Bridge Rd.	1.8 miles

Trail Use

- Properties are open from dawn to dusk.
- Prohibited uses: motorized vehicles, overnight camping or fires. Our neighbors and the Trust do not want to put these fragile areas at risk!
- Carry out what you bring in.
- Respect the properties. Stay on the marked trails and stay off the trails that have been closed.
- Respect the boundaries of our neighbors' properties.
- Take lots of pictures, but don't pick the plants or handle the animals.
- Enjoy the views and the sounds of nature. If we treat the land well, we will be able to enjoy it for generations.
- Ticks are present. Wear sensible clothing, repellent, and check yourself carefully when exiting the land.
- Two parking spaces are available off of Thurrell Road at the entrance to the woods road trail. On the Emery's Bridge Road side, you may park on the sandy right-of-way.

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and property on which these resources are present
and we promote the need for conservation
through education and related activities.*

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2. Charitable donations to GWRLT will enable us to continue our conservation efforts.
3. Donate land or a conservation easement on your land.
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Fox Farm Hill Road, North Berwick

Orris Falls Conservation Area
Thurrell Road, South Berwick (Tatnic)

The Raymond & Simone Savage
Wildlife Preserve
South Berwick/Eliot, on the Salmon Falls River

Douglas Memorial Woods
State Road, Eliot

Beach Plum Farm
Rte.1, Ogunquit, home of GWRLT office

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You may call us at (207) 646-3604
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ORRIS FALLS

In the heart of Tatnic, straddling the border of South Berwick and Wells, lies the remains of an ancient volcanic caldera. Encompassed within this is an extraordinarily rich area of vernal pools and wetlands. Some of these drain into a marshy area dammed by beaver, then tumble into a 90 ft. gorge, *Orris Falls*, named for Orris Littlefield who lived nearby in the 1800s. Encompassing 171 acres, Orris Falls Conservation Area is accessed from Thurrell and Emery's Bridge Roads by rights-of-way through private land, so please respect property boundaries.

The old colonial road that existed long ago is now a trail, with side excursions to *Lachance Point*, the *Big Bump* and to *Balancing Rock*, a glacial erratic that has been the subject of great local folklore and speculation – why does it point due south and why doesn't my compass work here?

Trails are rudimentary, blazed or flagged and subject to seasonal closings to prevent erosion. Wildlife abounds on this protected property – but please admire it from a distance with binoculars. Orris Falls is a special area where wildlife thrives in its natural environment.

Directions to trailhead:

From South Berwick: Heading east on Rte. 4, bear right onto Agamenticus Road. At Emery's Bridge Road, stay left on Knights Pond Road for 4 miles. Bear right onto Hooper Sands Rd. for .25 mile. Left onto Great Hill Road to end, then left onto Thurrell Road. 0.9 mile on the right is the trailhead.

From North Berwick, go 1.9 miles south from the railroad tracks (Lower Main St. becomes Boyd's Corner Road) then right on Thurrell Road for 0.9 miles to trailhead on left.

From Ogunquit, take Berwick Road as it becomes Ogunquit Road and then Boyd's Corner Road, a total of 6.8 miles, then go left on Thurrell Road for 0.9 miles to trailhead on left.