The 312-acre Joppa Hill Farm is located in both Amherst and Bedford. 120 acres are located in and owned by the Town of Amherst, under the management of the Amherst Conservation Commission. 190 acres in Bedford are owned by the Town of Bedford and are preserved under a Conservation Easement held by the Bedford Land Trust.

The open fields of this conservation land are of great value to wildlife. The property provides opportunities for residents to hike, snowshoe and enjoy the activities at the educational farm located there.

The Amherst Conservation Commission created and blazed a 2-mile trail loop that runs through the Joppa Hill Farm and adjoining protected land in Amherst. The hiker will walk partly on an old farm road, through fields, forest, to a beautiful beaver pond!

This trail system can be accessed from both Horace Greeley Highway in Amherst and the Joppa Hill Educational Farm parking lot in Bedford. Future plans are to connect the northwestern corner of the loop to the Pulpit Rock Conservation Land in Bedford.

When walking through the Educational Farm, we ask that certain precautions be taken. Please do not feed the farm animals – they are on diets specifically tailored for them. Dogs must be on leash and under the owners’ control at all times. If cows or other large animals are being moved from one field to another, please wait in the parking lot for all gates to be repositioned to safely restrain the animals before accessing the trails.

The trails are cleared but not always smooth. Wear proper footwear and as with any hiking in the woods, take precautions. Uneven surfaces, poison ivy, insect bites, etc. are all possible in a natural setting. Ticks are abundant. Wear proper clothing and use repellent. Hike with someone else whenever possible.

Please take only photos; leave only footprints. Enjoy the trails!
The Pulpit Brook Trail now continues to the Old Mill Site at Pulpit Rock Conservation Land. Follow the white blazes.

On weekdays, gates may be open that block the trail in this section. They allow horses to graze in the western field. The trail will remain open (unblocked) on weekends and evenings to allow full access for hikers.

For the health and safety of the farm animals and the users of the trails:
- Do not feed the animals
- Dogs on leashes only
- Clean up pet waste

Educational Farm - Parking available

Pedestrian gates have been installed to allow trail access at all times. They allow hikers to come and go, but prevent animals from escaping.

Please respect the workers and the animals at the farm and do not climb any closed gates or fences. Animals may be being transported from field to field and could escape or get spooked.

Joppa Hill Farm Hiking Trail ~2 Miles in Length