



Area 13 BARRACK HILL REFUGE



Old Titicus Mica Quarry in Barrack Hill Refuge

Size: 9 acres

ACCESS/PARKING: Park in cul-de-sac on south side of Settlers Lane. Parking at corner of North Salem and Barrack Hill Roads is possible, but take care. Walk 0.15 miles up Barrack Hill Road to trail entrance. [GPS Address: 3 Settlers Lane]

DIFFICULTY: Very easy. 30 minutes.



Early Saxifrage

FEATURES: A gently sloping woodland trail leads to the old Titicus Mica Quarry. This makes a nice picnic spot on a sunny day when the mica still left in the walls glistens. Feldspar and quartz are also visible.

Across from the quarry pond are piles of rock discarded from the mining. A large tree has grown up next to the trail through one of these piles. An old stone structure, probably an old pump house, is also in the refuge.

Close to the Settlers Lane entrance there is a stream with a small waterfall over a stone wall. Bloodroot, ferns, skunk cabbage, and day lilies are present.

HISTORY: Acquired by subdivision preservation.



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