

## **KEMP HILL FOREST**

Located just over a mile from Canaan village and the Connecticut River, this rolling, forested parcel offers scenic hilltop views, a year-round brook, residential opportunity with town road frontage, and direct access to the VAST trail system.



95 Grand List Acres Canaan, Essex County, Vermont

**Price: \$87,000** 



#### LOCATION

The parcel is located in Canaan, Vermont, a small rural town bordered by Canada to the north and the Connecticut River to the east; truly the farthest point north and east of the fabled Northeast Kingdom.

Hemmed on the west and south by thousands of acres of forestland. much of it conserved, and the river to the east, the town's history has long been associated with lumbering, farming and sawmilling. As the forest industry downsized over the past 40 years, back-country recreation has grown significantly in popularity to the extent that snowmobiling and allterrain vehicle trail riding have now become major economic contributors to the region.

The forest is located about one mile south of the village, 1 mile west of Route 102 (which parallels the

Connecticut River Valley), and just 7 miles from the Canadian border.

This view from the hilltop is available via a well-established woods road that commences from Kemp Hill Road and bisects the parcel. The road becomes part of the VAST snowmobile trail network in the winter.

Montpelier (VT) is located approximately two hours away, Manchester (NH) is about three hours away; and Boston (MA) is located about three and a half hours away.

## **ACCESS & BOUNDARIES**

The parcel has about 250' of frontage on Kemp Hill Road, a gravel town road with power and utilities.

Boundaries are in fair condition, visible in the form of painted tree blazes.

To visit the property, from the intersection of Route 114 and Route 102 in Canaan, head south on Route 102 for about 1.25 miles and turn right on Kemp Hill Road. Travel another mile up a steady incline where you will see pink ribbons on the right, marking the parcel boundary. Park in the grassy area on the right from where a trail leads into the parcel.

Internally, a woods road traverses the parcel, crossing over the central brook, to provide excellent access to the hilltop.



Access is provided by Kemp Hill Road, town-maintained road with power and utilities. The surrounding neighborhood is sparselypopulated. The grassy area to the left in the photo above offers the most likely location for a potential residence with ample space to set back from the road.

### SITE DESCRIPTION

The parcel topography encompasses a small brook valley and a prominent knoll (1,660' above sea level (ASL)) in the northwest corner. Long-distance views from the knoll are available during leafless seasons.

The unnamed brook originates just west of the parcel and courses through the center. It likely runs water most of the year but slows to a trickle during the summer. Its presence provides a scenic element and habitat for a host of critters.

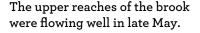
Outside of the brook valley, soils are generally well-drained. The terrain ranges from nearly flat, particularly along the southern boundary and hilltop, to a moderately steep but short slope on the north side of the brook.

Development potential exists along the Kemp Hill Road frontage where the soils and terrain appear most favorable. The internal woods road could be upgraded to access the knoll in the northwest corner for a very private, off-grid camp location.

### **FOREST & WILDLIFE**

The forest is comprised of a 30 to 40-year -old mix of northern hardwoods, with a lesser mix of spruce and fir along the brook corridor. Given the young age classes, no commercial harvesting is recommended in the next 10 to 15 years, unless to create openings for views and to diversify wildlife habitat.

Signs of deer and moose are evident throughout the parcel. Black bear and smaller game, e.g. snowshoe hare and partridge, are likely present as well.







Young pole stands of white birch and poplar dominate some areas.



The woods road is still in very good shape, especially near the knoll.





#### MUNICIPAL ZONING

The parcel is located in two zoning districts. The first is R-2, which allows residential development within 400' of a town-maintained road. Minimum lot size in this district is 2 acres with 200' of town road frontage. The remaining acreage outside the 400' area occupies the RL (rural land district) and allows for 10-acre minimum building lots with a minimum width of 400'. For information regarding zoning and other building requirements, contact the town office at (802)-266-3370.

## **TAXES, TITLE & ACREAGE**

Municipal property tax in 2018 for Map R-6, Lot 34 was \$1,435.10

The property is NOT enrolled in Vermont's Current Use tax abatement program, providing an opportunity for the next owner to enjoy a discounted tax rate in exchange for maintaining the land (or a portion thereof) in an undeveloped condition. For more information about Current Use, visit www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use.

Parcel size is 95 acres based on town tax records and GIS mapping. The 2009 quitclaim deed does not indicate acreage and there is no recorded survey; although the parcel description references bearings and distances, indicating a prior survey may exist. For marketing purposes, the tax maps and GIS serve as the primary references for marketing purposes.

The property is recorded in a quitclaim deed at the Canaan, VT town office in Book 57, Page 171, dated August 14, 2009.

Copies of the deeds, tax bills, tax maps and other related documents are available upon request.

The next door neighbor manages a Christmas tree farm.



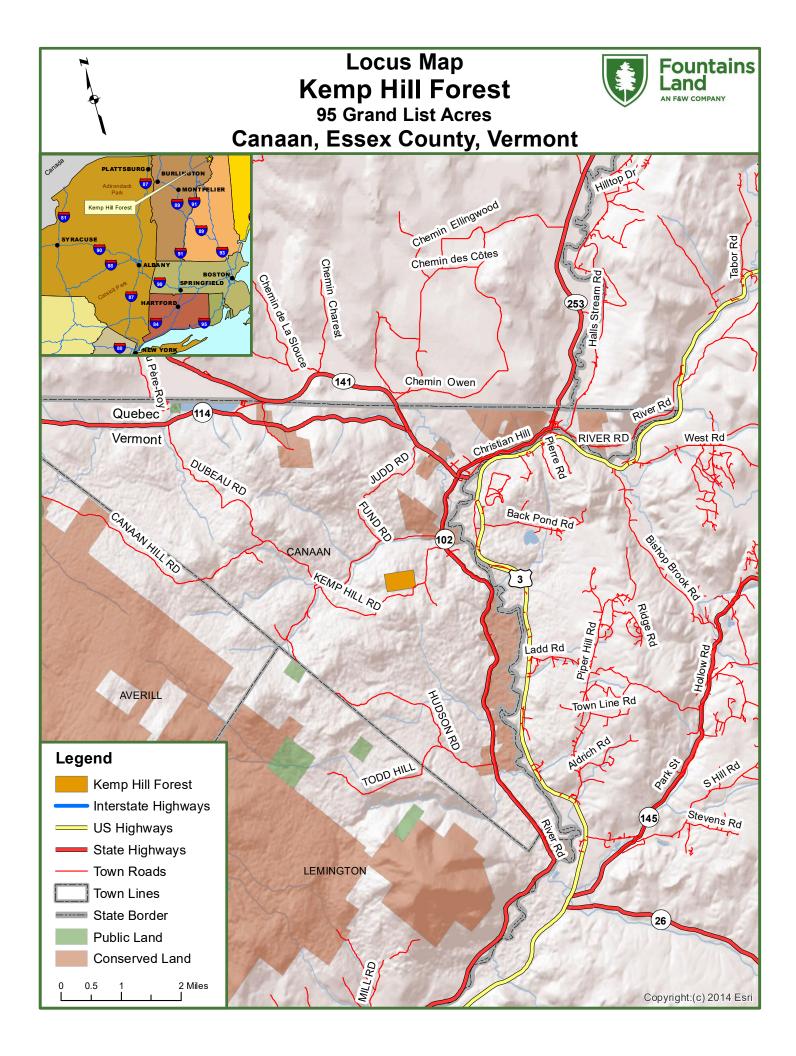
A vernal pool offers amphibian breeding habitat on the hilltop.

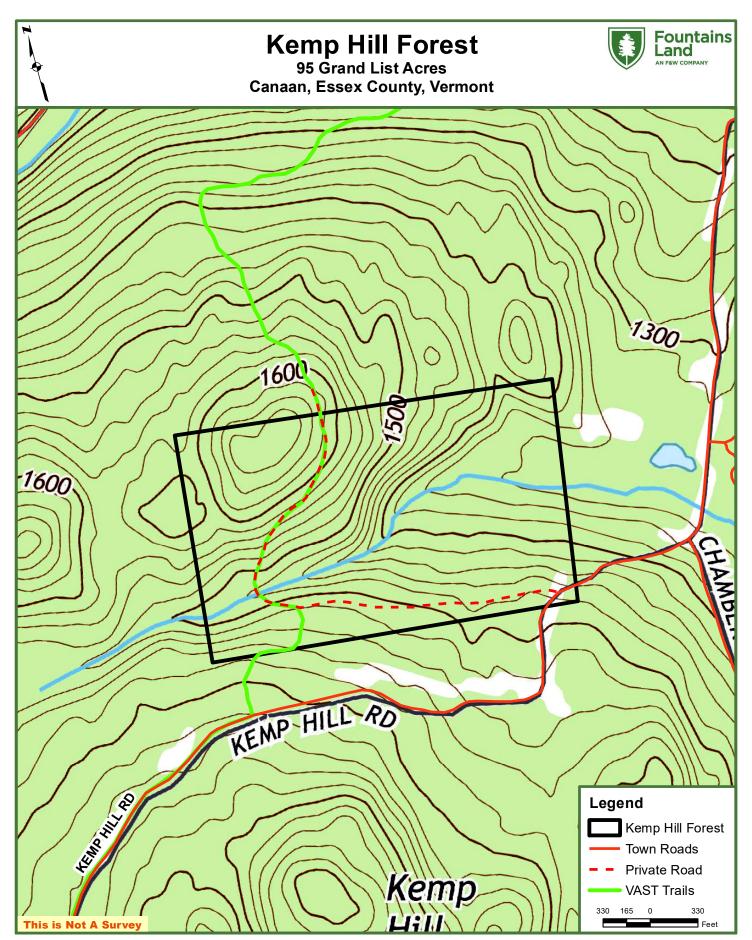


A snowmobile trail in late May still has over 2 feet of snow.



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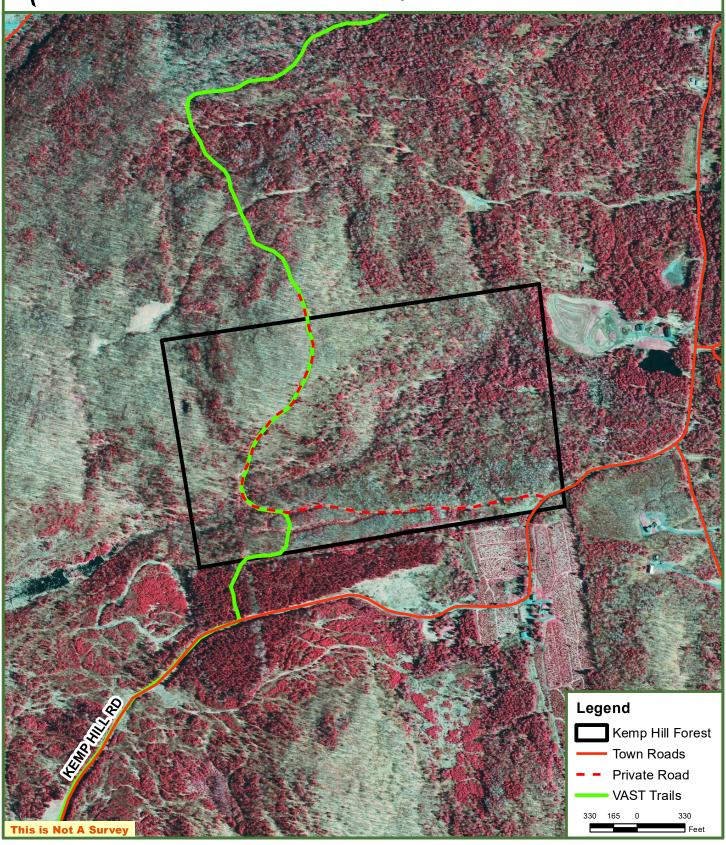




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