

The John McManama Nature Trail

This trail was established in 1982 in honor of John McManama, principal of West District School. The land for the school was once part of a farm owned by Mr. Bushley. Their family home, dating back to the middle 1800's, is located on Coppermine Road. There is a large glacial erratic found nearby.



The Bushley Family farm house and glacial erratic.



The trail is almost a mile loop that starts in the parking lot next to the playground at West District School (41° 44' 13.55" N 72° 52' 43.39" W). Hike past the playground and across the field looking for the large wooden sign "John McManama Nature Trail". The trail through the forest is almost a half a mile of rolling glacial terrain with about 100 feet of elevation change. Look for blue metal trail markers placed about 7 feet above the forest floor. The last 50 yards of the hike is the steepest section. Use caution descending, since the original steps, made of earth & wood, may have shifted. When you reach the paved bike trail, keep bearing right to return to the school parking lot.

