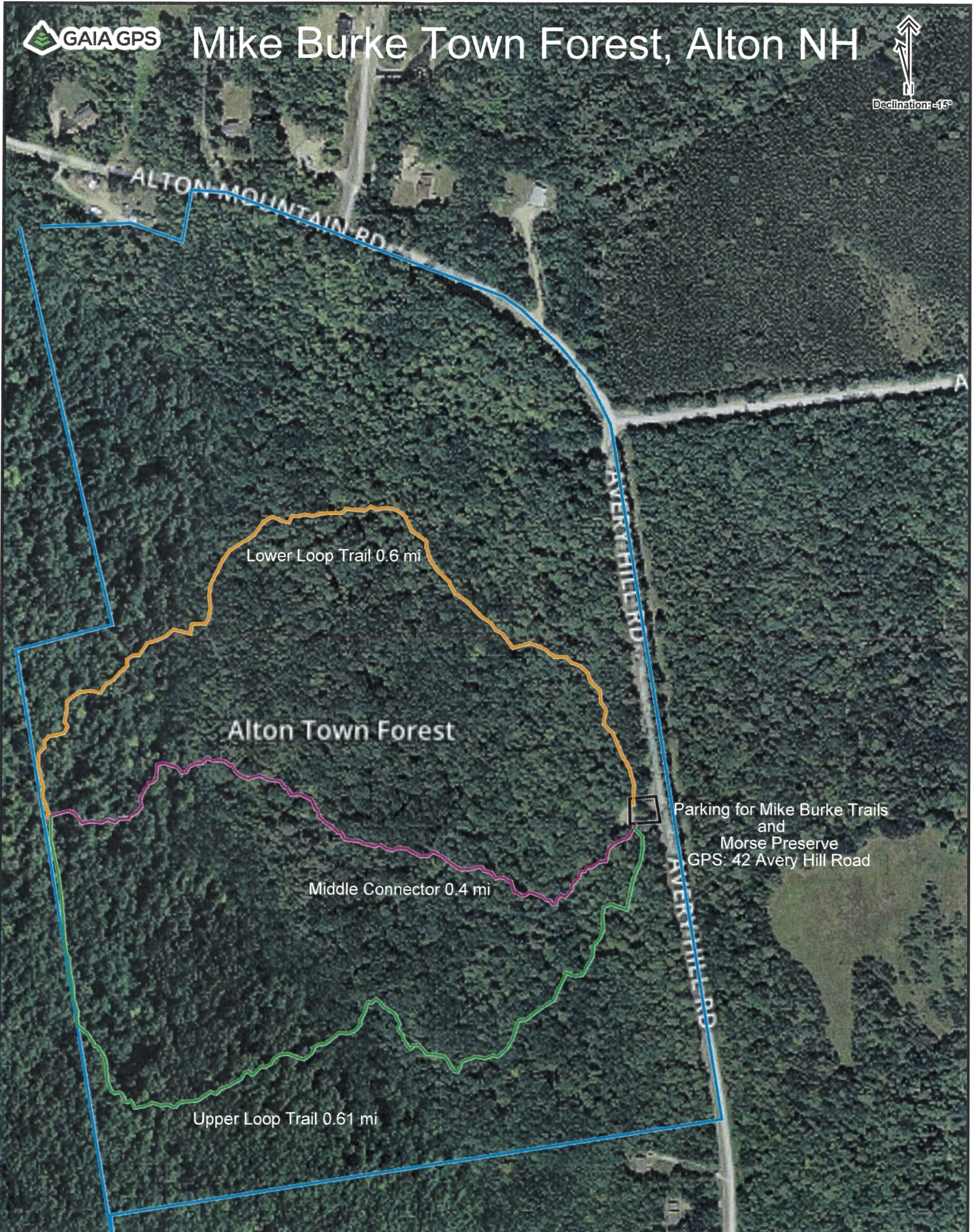




# Mike Burke Town Forest, Alton NH





## **Mike Burke**

1959-1994

Born in Rutland, Vermont, and raised in Durham, NH, Mike Burke was a 1983 graduate of UNH, and held bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry. He moved to Alton Bay with his wife Ann Norman-Burke in 1985.

Mike was employed by the New England Forestry Foundation as a Consulting Forester in the Lakes Region of NH. Mike was passionate about trees, forest management, multiple use, land, and conservation. He was a member of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. Mike was the State of NH Tree Farm Chairman from 1991 to 1992.

A "go getter" in every sense of the word, he became actively involved in Alton with friends socially, serving landowner clients, and in town government. He served on the Alton Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and was soon engaged as Town Forester. He volunteered for the Alton Parks and Recreation Commission. Whether he was spending time with friends, playing sports, boating, bass fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, marking timber, or just talking about the woods he loved, he brought an energy to the task that lifted the spirit of whomever he was with. Mike died in 1994, at age 34, shortly after being diagnosed with leukemia. He loved Lake Winnepesaukee, the woods and the Town of Alton.

Enjoy a walk through the forest on this trail named in his memory!