



**Welcome to Ceremonial Stone Landscape Day & Dedication of Manitou Hassannash Preserve!**

Hopkinton's Land Trust, Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Historical Association & Friends of the Land Trust are glad you came!

**The event officially begins at 11 but if you're here a bit early, come on in and park at Canonchet Farm's Riding Stable Barn, near #39 Canonchet Rd.**

For "Early Bird" hikers who want time to explore it all, Canonchet Preserves offers miles of trails for exploration. **Come at dawn!** Park at the Rt 3 Trail Head. We will stash some self guided Manitou Hassannash brochures for you behind the Canonchet self guided brochures at the kiosk!

For those arriving later, at 12:00 or beyond, the "Hoxsie" Trail is the shortest hike to Manitou Hassannash Preserve (*"Spirit Stone Grouping"* in Algonquin) with some time to explore that spectacular CSL and the "Don't Miss It!" Indigenous Dedication.

**Points of Interest in the Riding Barn**

A hiker without Trail Mix is as rare as the Pileated Woodpeckers which are present in this area. Accordingly, we have pre-bagged a lot, with our complements. Refill your water jug, grab some coffee or juice, and help yourself to cookies and apples.

More water & Trail Mix will be at the tiny parking area for Manitou Hassannash, located directly across from the red house, number 146, on Lawton Foster Road North. *Those desiring a more substantial meal at lunch or whenever, are encouraged to bring what they want in a suitable pack from home.*

In the Riding Barn there will be a selection of free brochures & trail maps for our well tended Hopkinton Trails, as well as some others located in RI.

James and Mary Gage, authors, will have a wide assortment of their books for sale, including their recently published "Land Of A Thousand Cairns", which is centered around the Foster family's three generations that lived where you hike today.

View a "160 Photos Gallery" of Hopkinton's trails, including us locals constructing a 65 foot bridge and 230 foot boardwalk across the Tomaquag Brook & flood plane on the Grills Sanctuary Trail. Settler ruins and a spectacular Manitou Hassannash effigy of Nukhas Ahkee, the turtle symbol of Mother Earth are found at Kenyon 4 Corners Trail. The High Cliff Cougar joins with the CSL site "The Hopkinton High Place" to make Peloni Preserve a rewarding self guided tour hike. The models of Manitou Hassannash found all over New England help you to "see" them in your woods too!

**Old Habits Die Hard**

For decades, we did not know the Algonquin language words "Manitou Hassannash", which translates into "Spirit Stone Grouping". We used the archaeological term "Cairn". While Manitou Hassannash is more accurate, Cairn leaps off the tongue of those with many miles spent feeding the bugs.

**We have no "Language Police" among us, so use what term you are comfortable with!** But we in Hopkinton will strive to share accurate knowledge even as we continue to learn how and what to see.

**Points of Interest in Canonchet Preserves**

- #1 The trace of a Settler's road and flood ravaged/repared bridge.
- #2 The stone Mill Dam which powered the Foster's sawmill
- #3 The Very Heavy Duty stone bridge. See if you spot the "Tall Twins" pines.
- #4 The Foster's sawmill ruins
- #5 The BIG Rock and nearby Spring
- #6 A Cellar Hole
- #7 Jonathan Foster's barn incorporates two Indigenous chambers at NW end.
- #8 J. Foster's Duplex cellar holes.
- #9 Feathers & Wedge stone cutting.

*Remember that Canonchet Preserve has a detailed Self Guided Tour brochure available in the Barn, and at the Rt 3 parking lot trail head Kiosk!*

**What Is A "Wander Zone"?**

Manitou Hassannash Preserve has no permanent trail, allowing Mother Earth's briars to reduce vandalism. For CSL Day, we have cut & ribboned a narrow path for ease of travel for this event only! If you take the hilly "High Path", (to the right at the Junction) you will eventually come over the crest of the ridge, and the astonishing multitude of Manitou Hassannash will spread out below you, to the Right and Left. Who would dare tell you where to look, as there are hours of sights to see in this one Preserve!

**So Wander Where You Will**

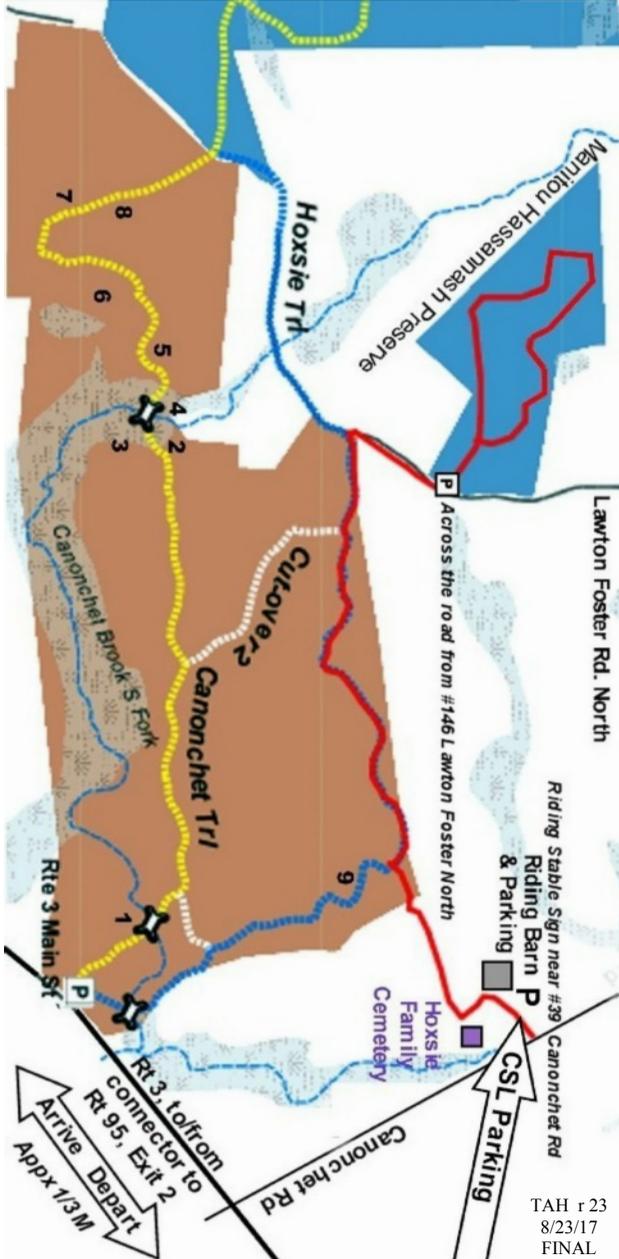
The Dedication site, conducted by the Indigenous as they see fit, will be to your Left (Southeast) as you crest the ridge, and down at a lower elevation. The cut and ribboned "Low Path" will have less up and downs on our way back to the barn, something even the hearty hikers will appreciate at this point.

**So keep your spirits up, and your feet moving!**

The Speaking Program begins promptly at 3:00, so give yourself time to sit down, refresh and relax. All the speakers have "Paid Their Dues", and have something useful to say that might apply to your neck of the woods when you get back home!

**Times For Key Events**

CSL Day Opens @ 11:00 at Riding Barn  
 Manitou Hassannash Dedication @ 1:30  
 (You will need time to walk to the "In the preserve" location)  
 Speaking Program at Riding Barn @ 3:00  
 (You will need time to walk to the "Riding Barn" location)  
 CSL Day Closes @ 5:00



## Program Schedule

**11:00, CSL Day Opens at 11:00 AM in the Riding Barn, 39 Canonchet Rd on your GPS**

1:30 - 2:00 PM, Dedication of the Manitou Hassannash Preserve, conducted entirely by the Indigenous, in their ways and as they wish, takes place “on site” in the Preserve.

3:00 - 4:30 PM, Speakers w Themes

**Tom Helmer**, “Welcome & How Did Hopkinton Preserve This CSL?”

**Steve DiMarzo & Todd Carden**, “How Do You Find & Document Woodland Sites?”

**Marilyn Grant**, “The Enduring Value of a Land Trust”

**James Gage**, “Research In Hopkinton”

**Keynote Speaker Doug Harris**,

Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office

“Let The Landscape Speak For Itself”

After the speaking program ends, those wishing to ask questions may do so, those wishing to chat or leave may do so.

“Thank You All For Coming!”

**5:00, CSL Day Closes**

### Bad Weather Schedule Changes

Beautiful day to light rain? *No Change w Schedule!*

Steady Rain? *Dedication of Manitou Hassannash Preserve takes place inside the Riding Pavillion at 1:00 - 1:30 PM, the Speakers begin at 1:45*

**Hurricane Forecast for 10/6 and/or 10/7?:**

**CSL Day Postponed 1 Week to October 14.**

*Arrive based on your interests and the weather!*

### Emergency Phone Numbers To Call

**For Emergencies Only, call 911**

**Hopkinton Police 401 377-7750**

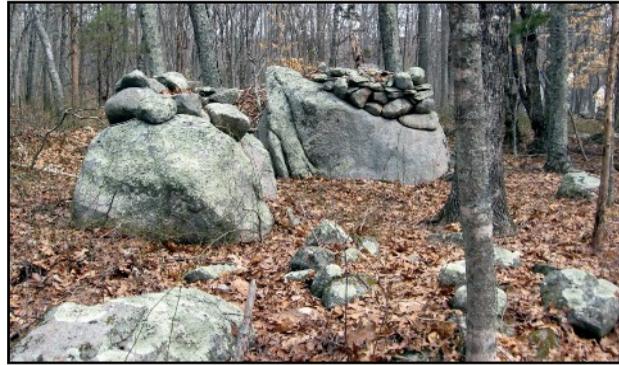
**For further on site emergency assistance call**

**1. Harvey Buford 401 932 1383**

**2. Tom Helmer 401 477 9900**

**They have local knowledge of the area, and will be able to direct first responders to your location efficiently.**

### Photos from Manitou Hassannash Preserve



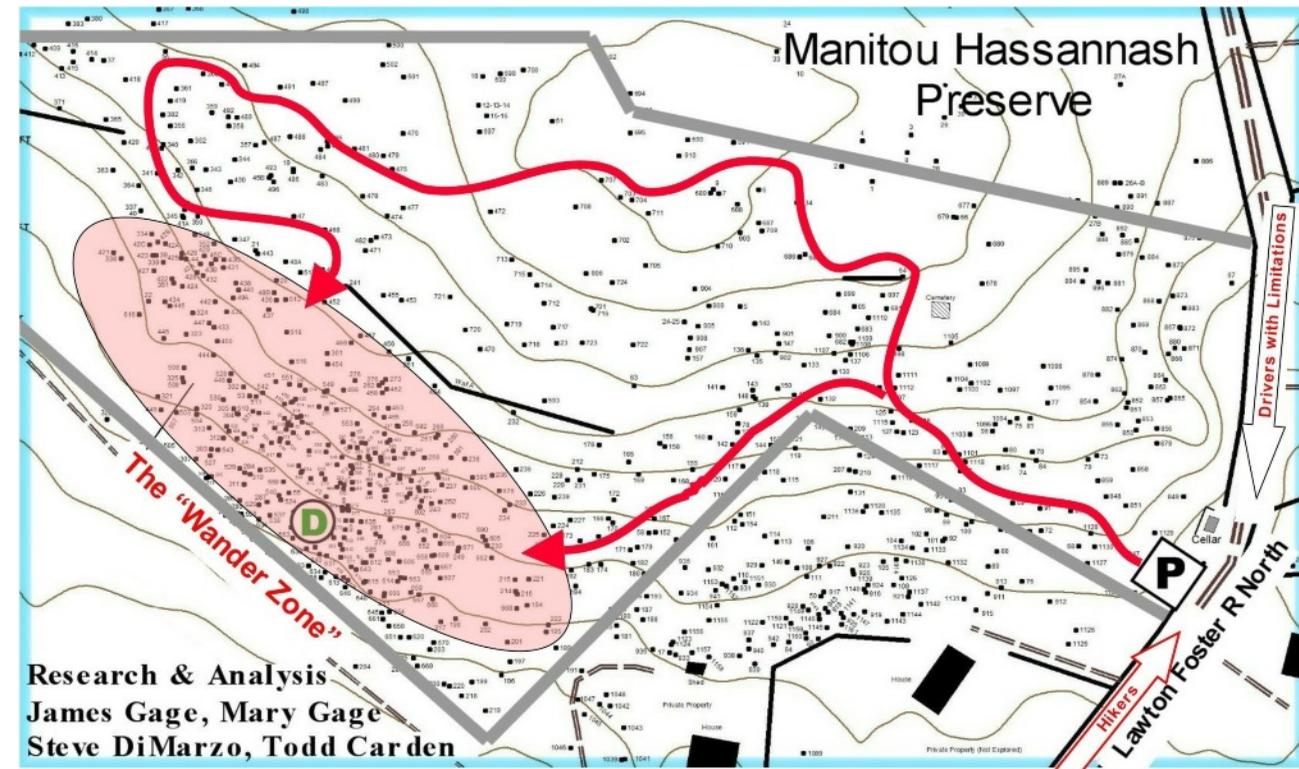
### Archaeological and Sacred Site Etiquette Guide

Across America archaeological & sacred sites are the fragile remains of thousands of years of human history on the landscape. It is a heritage that we all share. It is important to share the joy of discovery tempered with personal responsibility for the stewardship of these sites. These guidelines will enhance your experience while preserving the scientific & sacred values of these special places.

Enter sites with the spirit of respectfulness for the place, the antiquity of any artifacts, & the significance they hold for many people.

Artifacts and their exact placement tell a story. Digging, removing them, or piling them up on a site destroys the story forever. The assembly of stone archaeological features is fragile. Climbing, standing, sitting on or moving rock can cause considerable damage to walls and structures already exposed to a great many threats.

Archaeological & sacred sites, stone walls, cellar foundations, dams, mill sites, grave sites, stone constructions and general property rights are protected by state and town law. If you see others disturbing artifacts, report the activity immediately



Notice that each Manitou Hassannash has a number beside it. All of them were photographed, GPS'ed, and described by Steve DiMarzo & Todd Carden, then analyzed, mapped & registered with the State Historical Preservation Office by James Gage & Mary Gage. Please see these four on the list/themes of our speakers.

For those with physical limitations, there is **Very Limited Parking** at the Manitou Hassannash trail head. It is a ¼ mile hike in on the less demanding “Low Path” to see the Manitou Hassannash & Dedication Site. If the small lot is full, please respect our resident neighbors. Drive past the Trail Head, and turn around at any wide spot on the dead end road. Then park way over on the Right side, (*facing the way out of Lawton Foster Rd North*), leaving a wide lane for our neighbor’s work trucks & emergency vehicles to pass unobstructed.

**Arrive early, to allow yourself plenty of time to wander amid these stone structures.**

**Please, parking is for those who cannot hike the hour round trip from the Barn to the Dedication Site.**

If you are healthy and fit, please walk, and be grateful for your strength, for it does fade ...

### More Info On Line

James & Mary Gage, [www.stonestructures.org](http://www.stonestructures.org)

Hopkinton Historical Association  
[hopkintonhistoricalassociation.org](http://hopkintonhistoricalassociation.org)

Tom Helmer, E Book “Walking Together In Tomaquag Valley”, *Archaeology in contemporary photos*,  
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