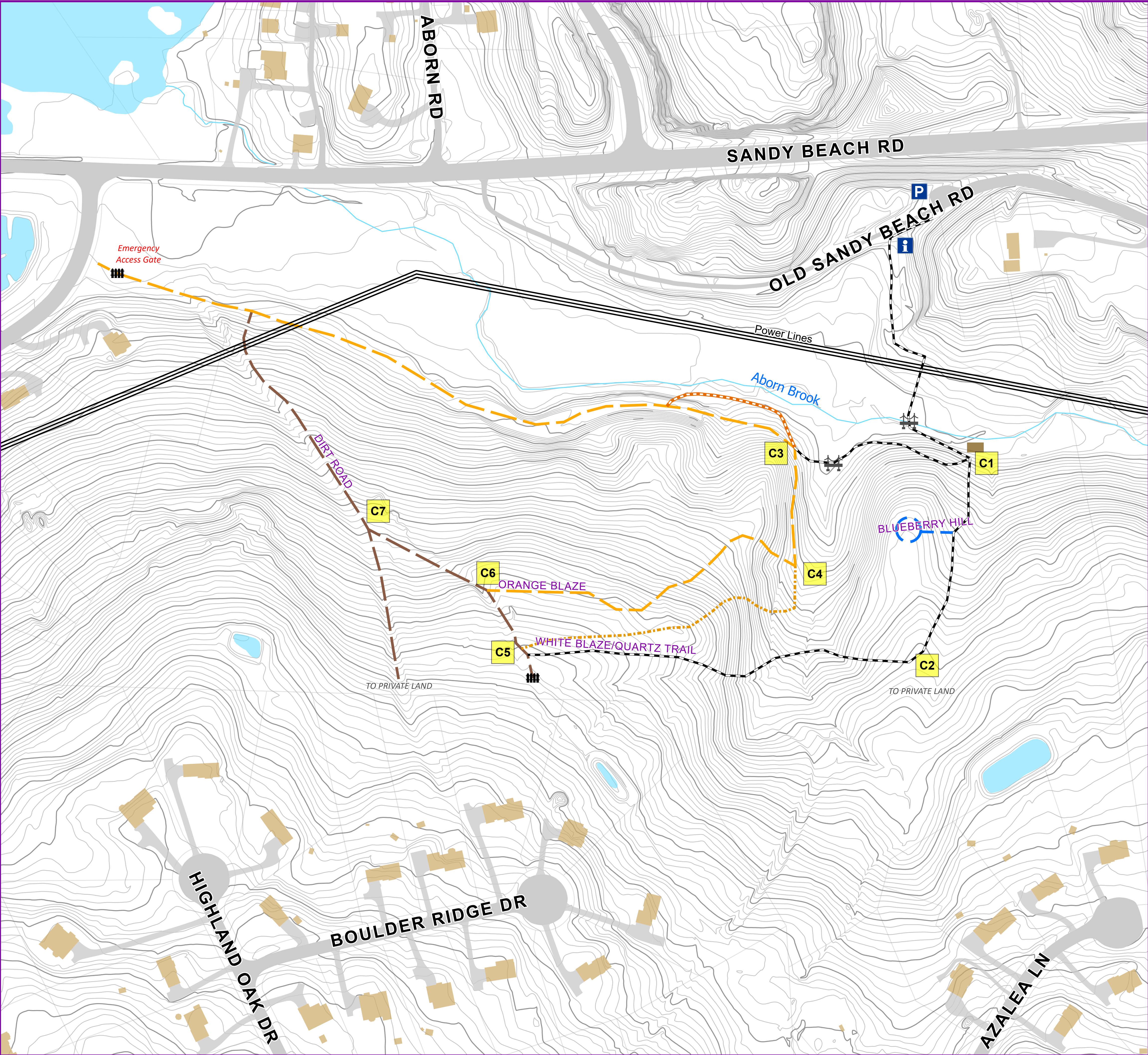




Crystal Ridge Trail



Trail Guide

Crystal Ridge Trail (over a mile of trails) is located on Old Sandy Beach Road on Town of Ellington land. Park in the cul-de-sac adhering to the parking signs. The trailhead starts after the kiosk. Go left down the dirt road (white blazed-Quartz trail) when entering the field with the telephone poles bear left. Short way down, turn right to enter the woods (white blazed-Quartz trail). There is a directional sign on a telephone pole. Cross the bridge over Aborn Brook then a slight downhill to the viewing bench. Continue uphill where the white blazed-Quartz trail splits. Going to the right on the hillside (white blazes) descend to the Quartz bridge where the white blazed-Quartz trail ends. Continuing straight, pass a short path on the right to Blueberry Hill. After Blueberry Hill follow white blazes and take a right (please pay attention to boundary signs). The white blaze-Quartz trail will continue uphill through a wet area (be on the lookout for the trails namesake rocks). At the end of the trail will reach a dirt road. There are two options for returning to the parking area. An immediate right on the orange blazed-Zach's Trail or the second right (a little further down the dirt road) also blazed orange. The second right has a very steep decline at the end where it meets Zach's trail. Follow the dirt road and take a right across the Quartz bridge back to the parking lot. Can extend walking by continuing down the dirt road along Aborn Brook (orange blazes) to Crystal Ridge Rd. (please do not park at this entrance or trespass on surrounding properties).

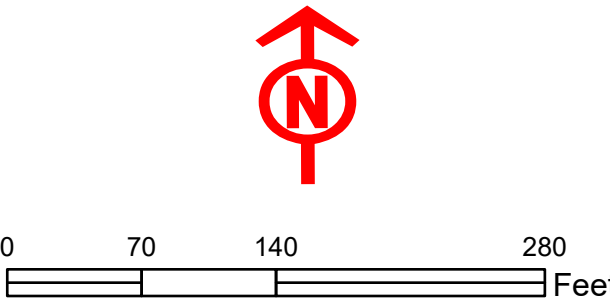
Suggested Trail Activities



Legend

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| --- Dirt Road | P Parking |
| - - - Blueberry Hill | i Information Kiosk |
| - - - Crystal Ridge Trail | Bridge |
| - . . . Orange/Zach's Trail | Bench |
| - - - White/Orange/Aborn Trail | Gate |
| - - - White/Quartz Trail | Power Lines |
| Emergency Trail Markers* | Streams |

*As you walk the trail you may notice yellow markers with an alphanumeric designation. If you have a medical or other emergency, please call 911 and give dispatch the nearest marker number and Town Code 048. Please stay put, this will help emergency personnel find you.



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