

GRANITE LAKE ROAD, NELSON

DIRECTIONS:

From Route 9: Take the Nelson-Harrisville exit off Route 9, and turn north onto Granite Lake Road. If you're traveling from Keene, this will be a lefthand turn at the T. Travel 0.7 mile to the Nelson Elementary School, which is in the center of the crossing.

From Nelson Village: Head west on Nelson Road for 1.1 miles. Turn right onto Murdough Hill Road, and travel another 1.2 miles. Then, turn left onto Granite Lake Road and travel 0.3 mile to the Nelson Elementary School, which is in the center of the crossing.

NOTE: This crossing is approximately 0.5 mile long, and runs alongside a permanent wetland. The most concentrated amphibian activity occurs from the culvert (to the west) until the land slopes uphill (to the northeast).

OTHER INFO:



What this site lacks in numbers it makes up for in diversity – 11 different

amphibian species have been documented

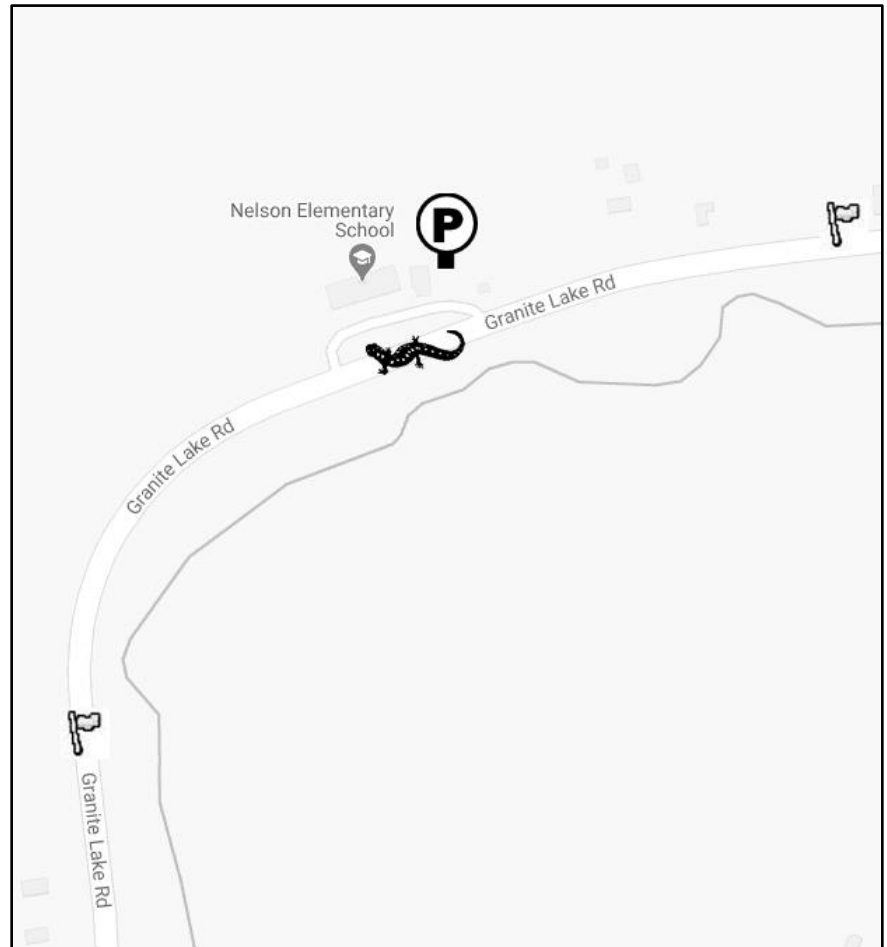
here, including two-lined and four-toed salamanders. The nearby wetland is also home to beavers, kingfishers, herons, and owls; it can be fun to look and listen for them during breaks in the amphibian activity.





Traffic can be quite heavy here, particularly just after sunset when people are commuting home from Keene, so this site is not recommended for young children. As always, **exercise caution!**



PARKING: Park in the Nelson Elementary School parking lot.



MAP KEY:  = Beginning/End of Crossing  = Parking