



**Coxhall Kitchen Garden**

The Coxhall Kitchen Garden is a one-acre stone wall enclosure that sits on a tract of land once owned by Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles who bought the land from Elizabeth Cox in 1771. Ruggles was a prominent figure in the French and Indian Wars and a controversial Loyalist in the Revolutionary War. The Kitchen Garden was built a few years after he purchased the land. Traditional walled gardens were intended to keep wandering animals out and to create microclimates for fruits and vegetables.

## Deer Park & Coxhall Kitchen Garden

481 Barre Road, Hardwick - 78 Acres

Deer Park Preserve is mostly forested with areas of dense white pines, a ridge of mature oak and hickory, and mixed hardwoods. The ridge divides the property into two watersheds: the Danforth Brook (flowing westerly) and Fish Brook (draining easterly). A seven-acre hayfield, along with a beautiful network of stone walls and interesting natural and cultural features, make this preserve an ideal location for recreation.

