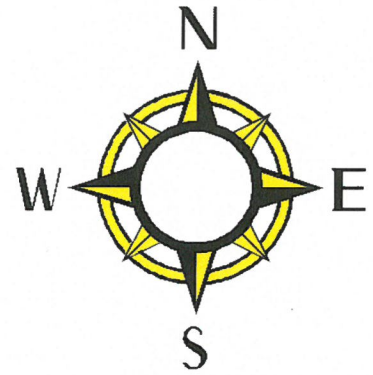


Walpole Hiking Trail Map

Key

- Adams Farm
- The Pinnacle
- Mine Brook Area
- Town Forest
- Hiking Trails
- Roads

Note: Property borders are approximate.



Walpole Trails Committee
Trail Map
May 2017
Approximate Scale 1"=0.75 miles

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Walpole Trail Guide

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Walpole Trails Committee

The Walpole Trails Committee was established in 1998. As the Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) was being routed through Walpole, the Bay Circuit Alliance asked the Walpole Conservation Commission to create a Trails Committee whose function would be to help in creating the BCT, and afterwards to maintain it. Over the years the mission of the Trails Committee has changed a bit, and is shown below:

The Trails Committee seeks to preserve and promote the Trails and Natural Areas of Walpole for the enjoyment of the Community.

The Trails Committee is responsible for overseeing approximately 40 miles of hiking trails, most on public property. Membership in the Trails Committee is voluntary. We receive a budget authorized by the Board of Selectmen. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to the Trails Committee Gift Account. Donations may be tax deductible.

It is the hope of the Trails Committee that people find this Trail Guide helpful in identifying the location of trails and access points at various locations around Walpole.

Please visit the Trails Committee website at: <http://www.walpole-ma.gov/TrailsCommittee.htm>

Please send any questions, or report any trail blockages or suggestions for improvements to me, and Happy Hiking!

Gary Riggott
Walpole Trails Committee Chairman
Email: 4RIGGOTT@COMCAST.NET
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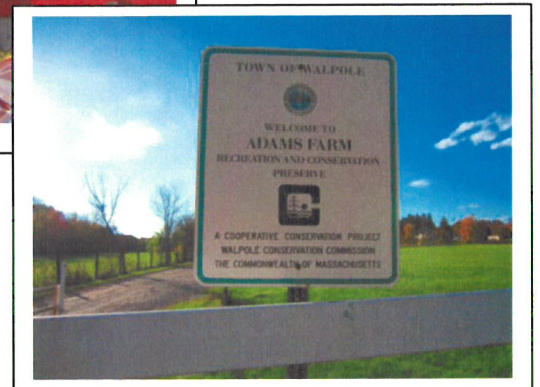
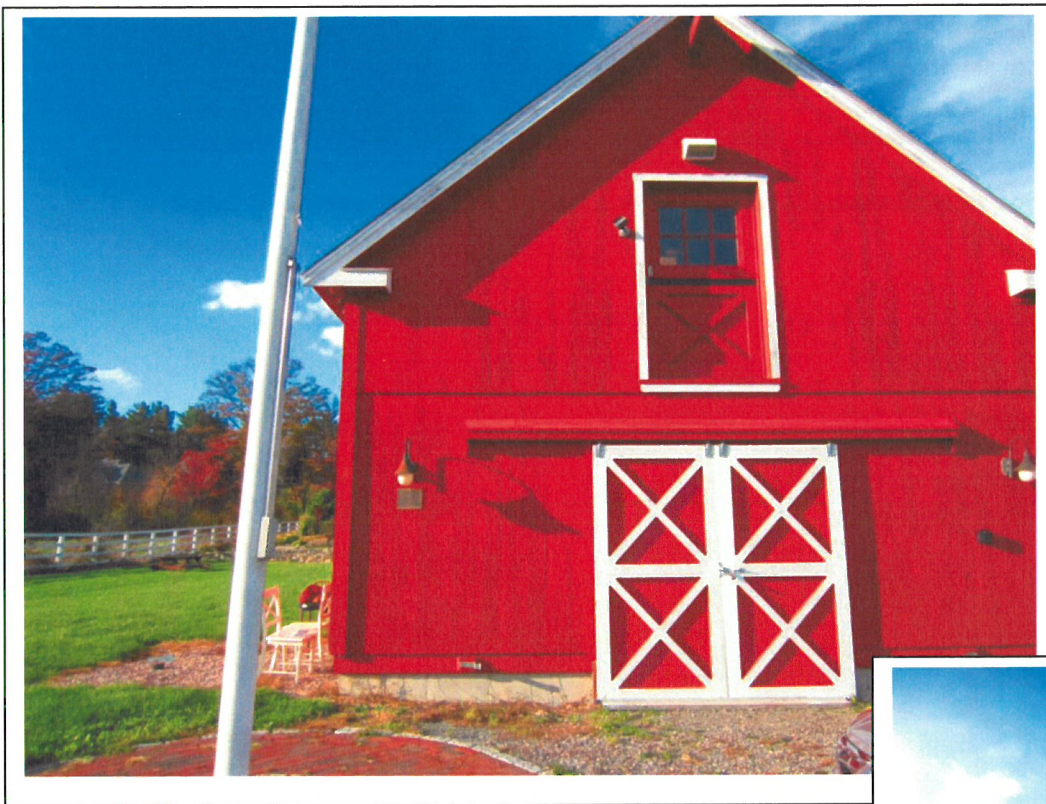
Adams Farm

Adams Farm is located at 999 North St. in Walpole.

Adams Farm has an extensive network of trails that are well-marked. The total distance of trails in the network is estimated to be about 10 miles.

Please click on the link below to go to the Adams Farm website. You can learn more about the property and download a trail map. Better yet, go to the Farm and pick up one of their pre-printed, detailed maps. If you'd like an Adams Farm Trail Map mailed to you, that can be arranged through the contact information on the website.

<http://www.adams-farm.com/>



The Adams Farm-High St Trail

Description:

This trail leads from the west end of Adams Farm under the power lines and emerges on High Street, near the Medfield town line and the north end of the Bay Circuit Trail. The Blue Trail at Adams Farm will lead you to the back field. Orange markers can be seen to your left (west). Follow the Orange markers to the power line then walk west until High St.

Terrain:

This trail is rolling.

Length:

The length of trail (yellow) is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. From High St to the Adams Farm barn is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Scale as shown: 1"=1000 ft

Parking:

West End-The Trailhead shown in the photo is found near the Walpole-Medfield border, where the power line crosses over High St. Park on either side of High St, well off the road. Do not impede access to the gates on either side of High St
East End-Park at the Adams Farm barn.

West End Trailhead



The As-Yet Unnamed Trail

Description:

The As-Yet Unnamed Trail goes between Johnson Middle School and Elm St School. Follow the trail around the playing fields, then turn west and follow the trail markers. Do not walk on the railroad tracks. This trail offers wonderful views of Mine Brook, which teems with wildlife. The trail enters the network of nature trails behind the Elm St School, which emerges just behind the school. Hikers should not be on school property while school is in session. Trail markers on this trail are BLUE.

Terrain:

This trail is flat.

Length:

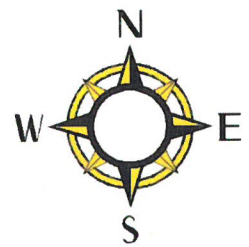
The total length of trail is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Scale as shown: 1"=350 ft

Parking:

West End-The Trailhead shown in the photo is found in the lot behind Johnson Middle School.

East End-Park at the Elm Street School.

West End Trailhead



The Bay Circuit Trail-Section 1

Description:

The Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) spans 200 miles, from Plum Island to Kingston. The Walpole stretch is 8.3 miles long. The BCT has an excellent website at <http://www.baycircuit.org/>. Click the "Maps & Guides" link, and then click the "Maps & Trail Description" link. The descriptions are detailed and informative. Walpole is in Section 10 along with Medfield & Sharon. I have split the BCT into 3 sections in order to provide sufficient detail on each part. Section 1 is from the Medfield line to Robbins Road. Trail markers on the BCT are WHITE, with occasional square, colored BCT markers.

Terrain:

The northern end of the BCT under the power line is steep, as are the eskers (look it up!) in this section. There are wonderful views of Mine Brook, which provides a third of Walpole's water. This may be the prettiest trail in town.

Length:

The total length of this section of the BCT is 3.2 miles. Scale as shown in the photo: 1"=2000 ft

Parking:

North End: There is a small lot under the power line at the Walpole-Medfield line. See photo.

Mid-point: Park outside gate of water treatment facility on Leonard Rd-do not impede vehicle access.

The trailhead is behind building, see photo.

South End: Park at Johnson Middle School and walk to the trailhead at the east end of the VFW parking lot.



High St Parking Area



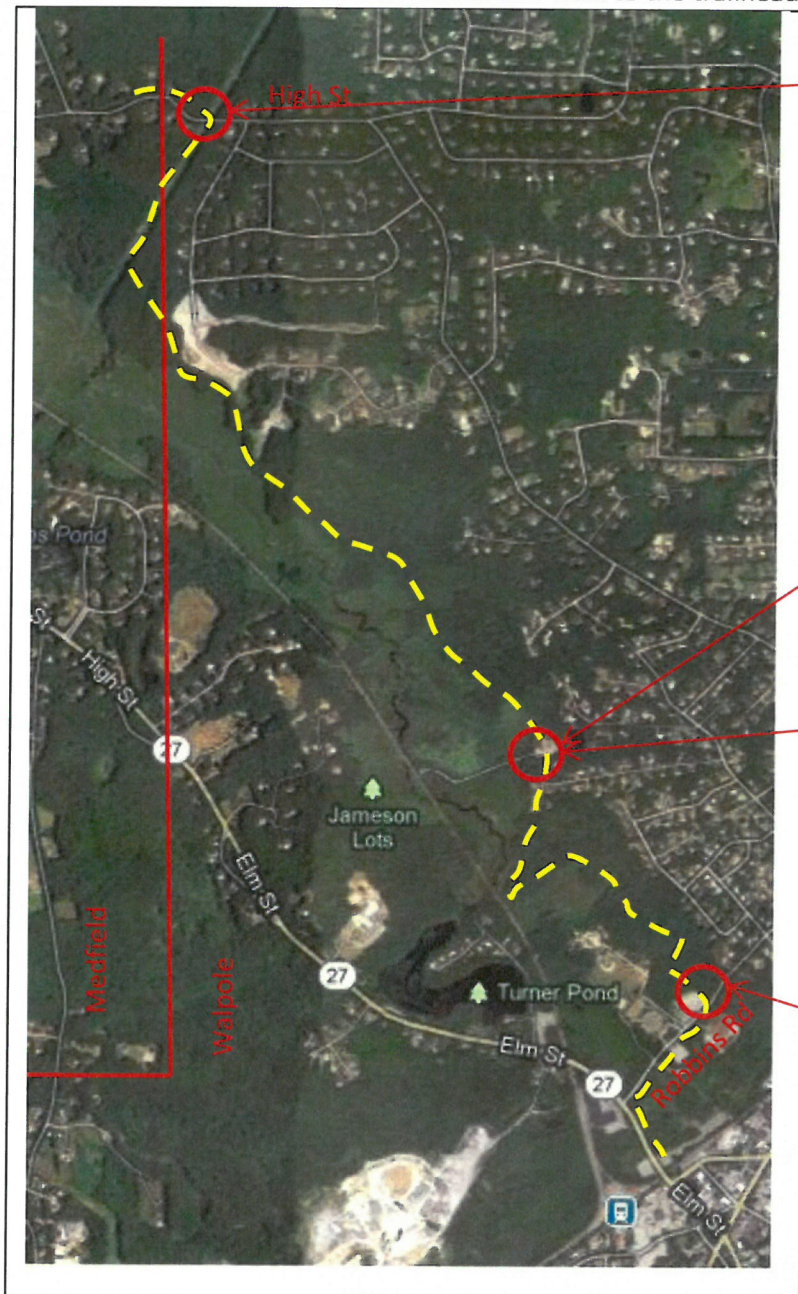
Leonard Rd Water Plant



Leonard Rd Trailhead



Robbins Rd Trailhead



The Bay Circuit Trail-Section 2

Description:

Section 2 of the BCT in Walpole is from Robbins Road to the High School. Trail markers on the BCT are WHITE, with occasional square, colored BCT markers. For a detailed trail description, see the BCT website.

Terrain:

This middle section of the BCT is flat with about one-eighth of the length in woods and two-thirds on roads.

Length:

The total length of this section of the BCT is 2.0 miles. Scale as shown in photo: 1"=1000 ft

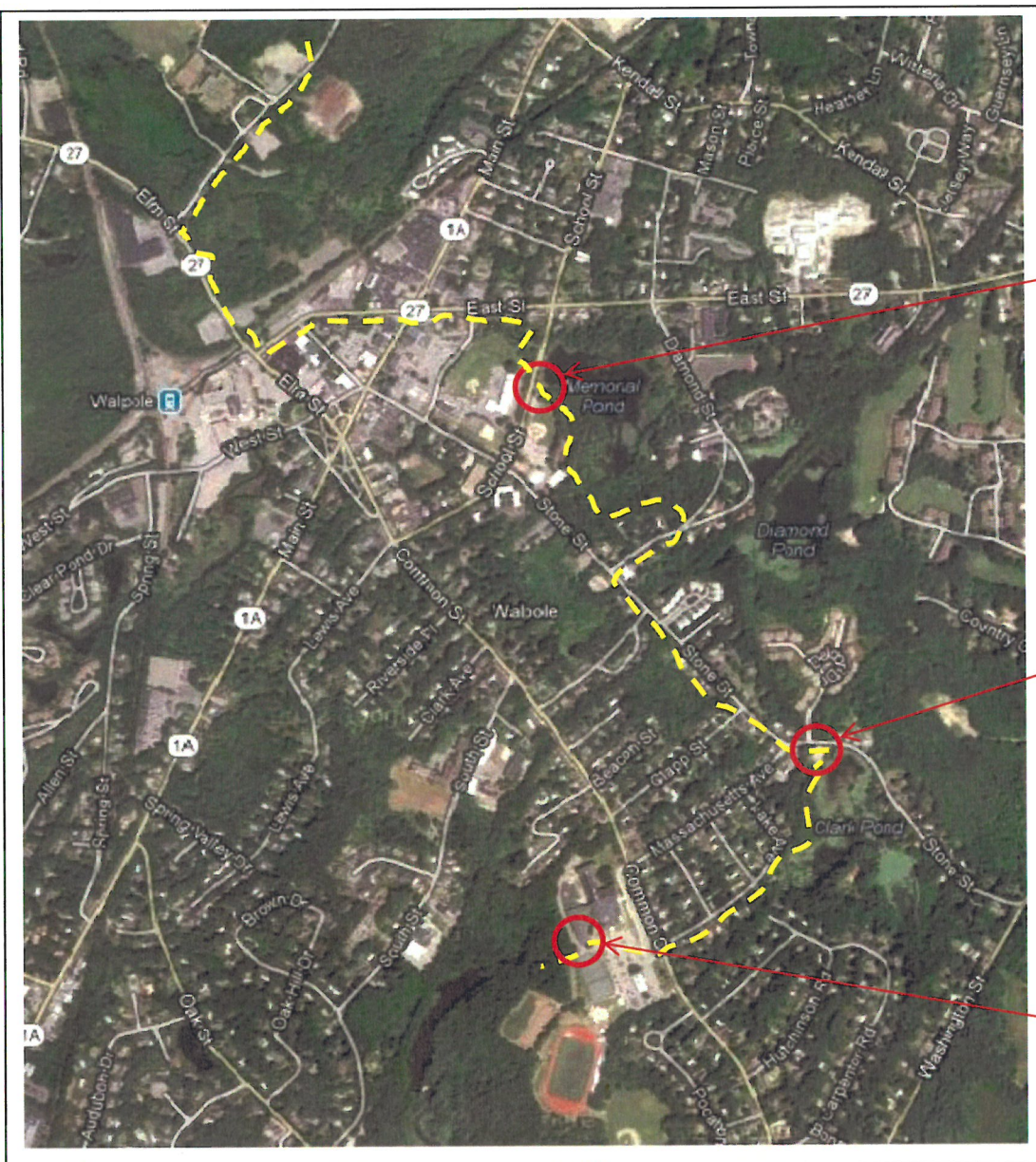
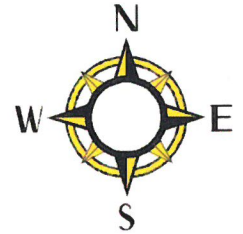
Parking:

North End: Again, park at Johnson Middle School.

Mid-point 1: There is a parking area next to Memorial Pond, across from Town Hall.

Mid-point 2: There is a parking area at Clark's Pond

South End: Park in the lot behind the high school. The trailhead is near the basketball court.



Memorial Pond Parking Area



Clark's Pond Parking Area



High School Parking



The Bay Circuit Trail-Section 3

Description:

Section 3 of the BCT in Walpole is from the High School to Pine St, where the BCT continues into Sharon. Trail markers on the BCT are WHITE, with occasional square, colored BCT markers. The short trail from the South St parking area to the BCT has blue markers. For a detailed trail description, see the BCT website.

Terrain:

This section of the BCT is mostly flat and almost entirely wooded.

Length:

The total length of this section of the BCT is 3.1 miles. Scale as shown in photo: 1"=1300 ft

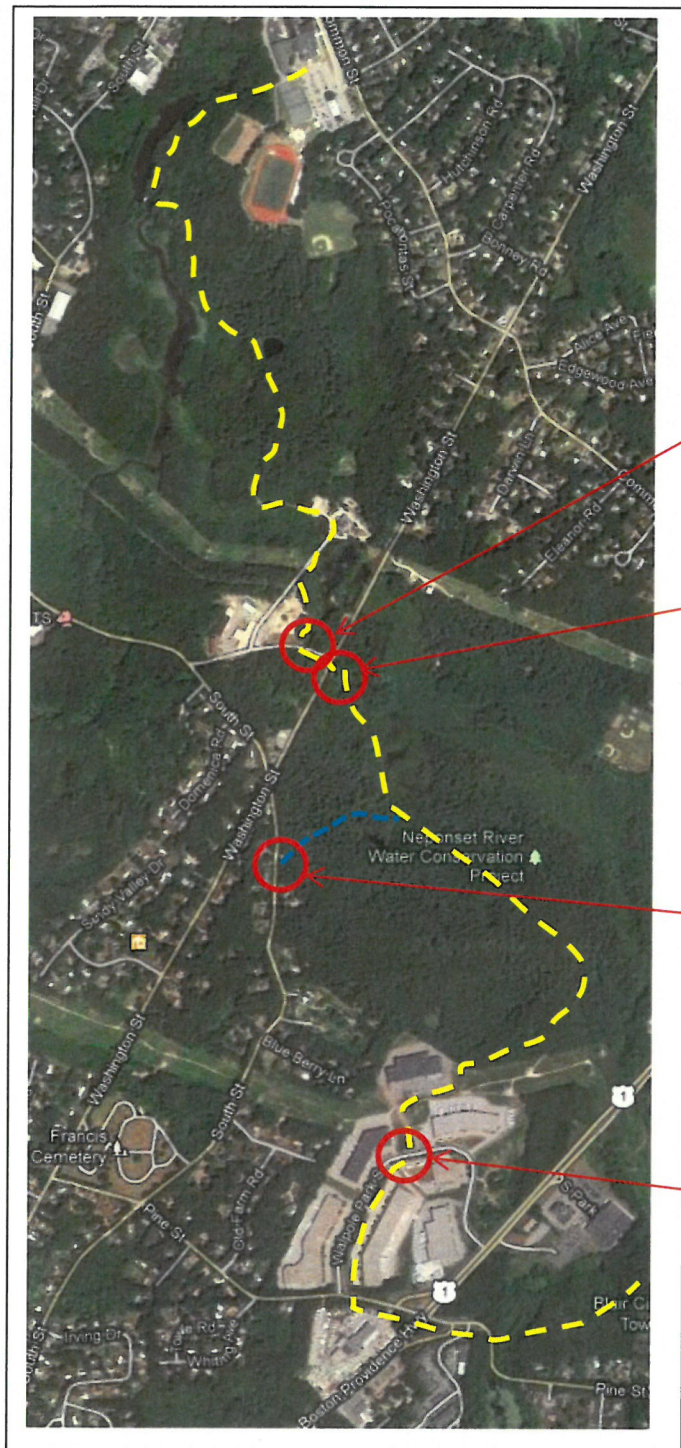
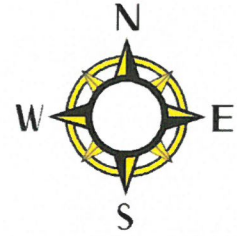
Parking:

North End: Park at the lot near the basketball hoop behind the high school.

Mid-point 1: Park on the side of the access road to the Town Garage.

Mid-point 2: Park in the small lot across from 673 South St.

South End: Park off the side of the road in Walpole Park South (WPS).



Trail Access at DPW



Trail Access Opposite DPW



South St Parking Lot



Walpole Park South place where BCT meets road



Walpole Park South looking toward Pine St



The Endean Trail

Description:

The Endean Trail was initially established many years ago, and then fell into disrepair. In 2007 an Eagle Scout re-established the trail and put up trail markers. The trail offers beautiful views of Plimpton Pond, the Neponset River and Bird Pond. The trail has been the site of 3 other sets of improvements by other Eagle Scouts since it was reestablished. Trail markers are orange.

Terrain:

The section of trail at the north edge of Plimpton Pond is challenging. The trail traverses a steep slope. The balance of the trail is flat.

Length:

The Endean Trail is approximately one mile long. Scale as shown is: 1"=650 ft

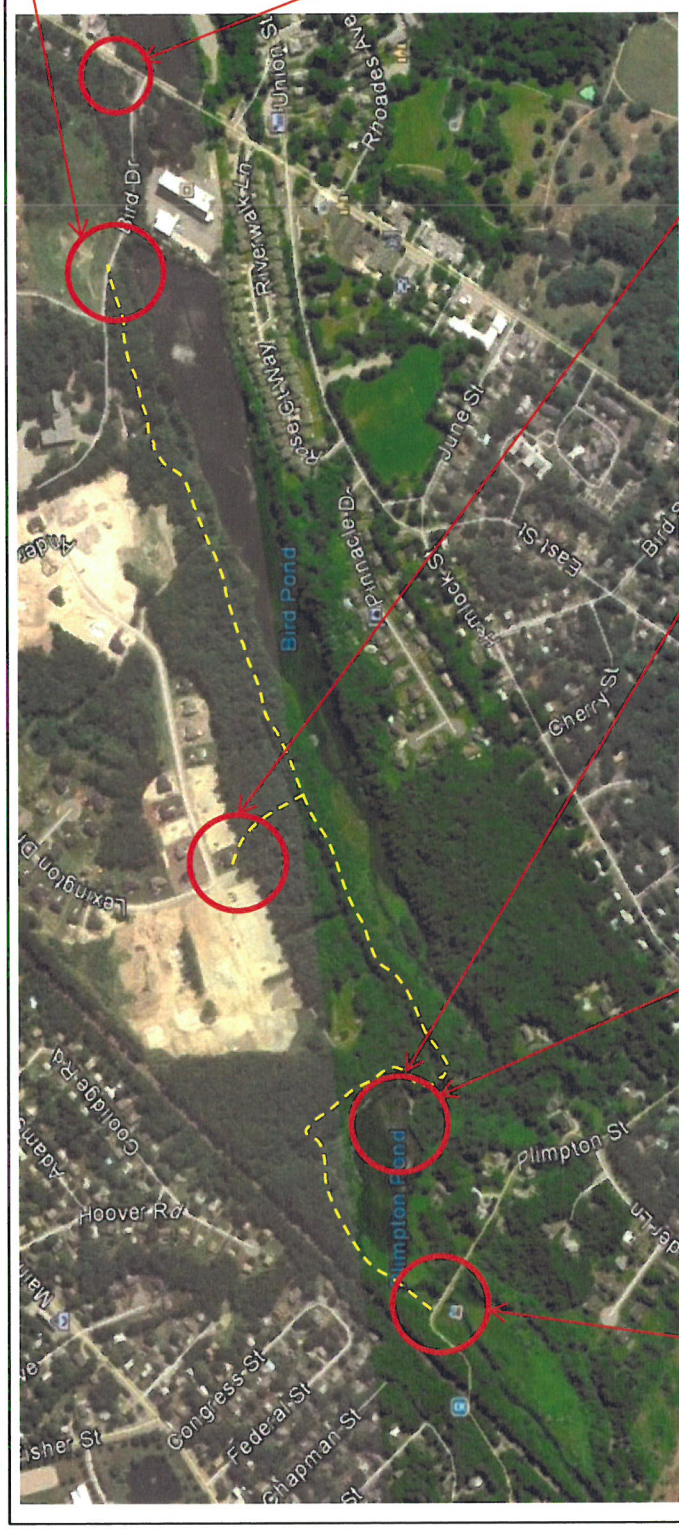
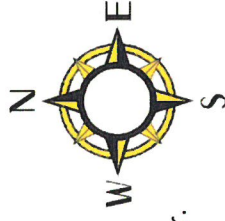
Parking:

East End- Trailhead is half-way up Bird Dr (or Mansion Dr or Endean Dr). Park at the small lot next to Washington St on north side of Mansion Dr.

West End- There are a few parking spaces on the gravel area near Dog Rock on Plimpton St.

Mid-point Access-There is a public lot at the intersection of Lexington Dr and Anderson Way within the Endean Estates development.

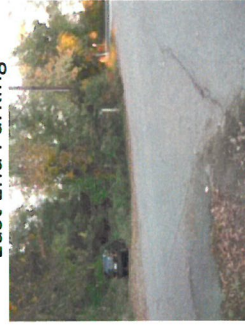
Trail Highlights are shown.



East End Trailhead



East End Parking



Mid-Point Access



View of Plimpton Dam



View from Plimpton Dam



West End Trailhead

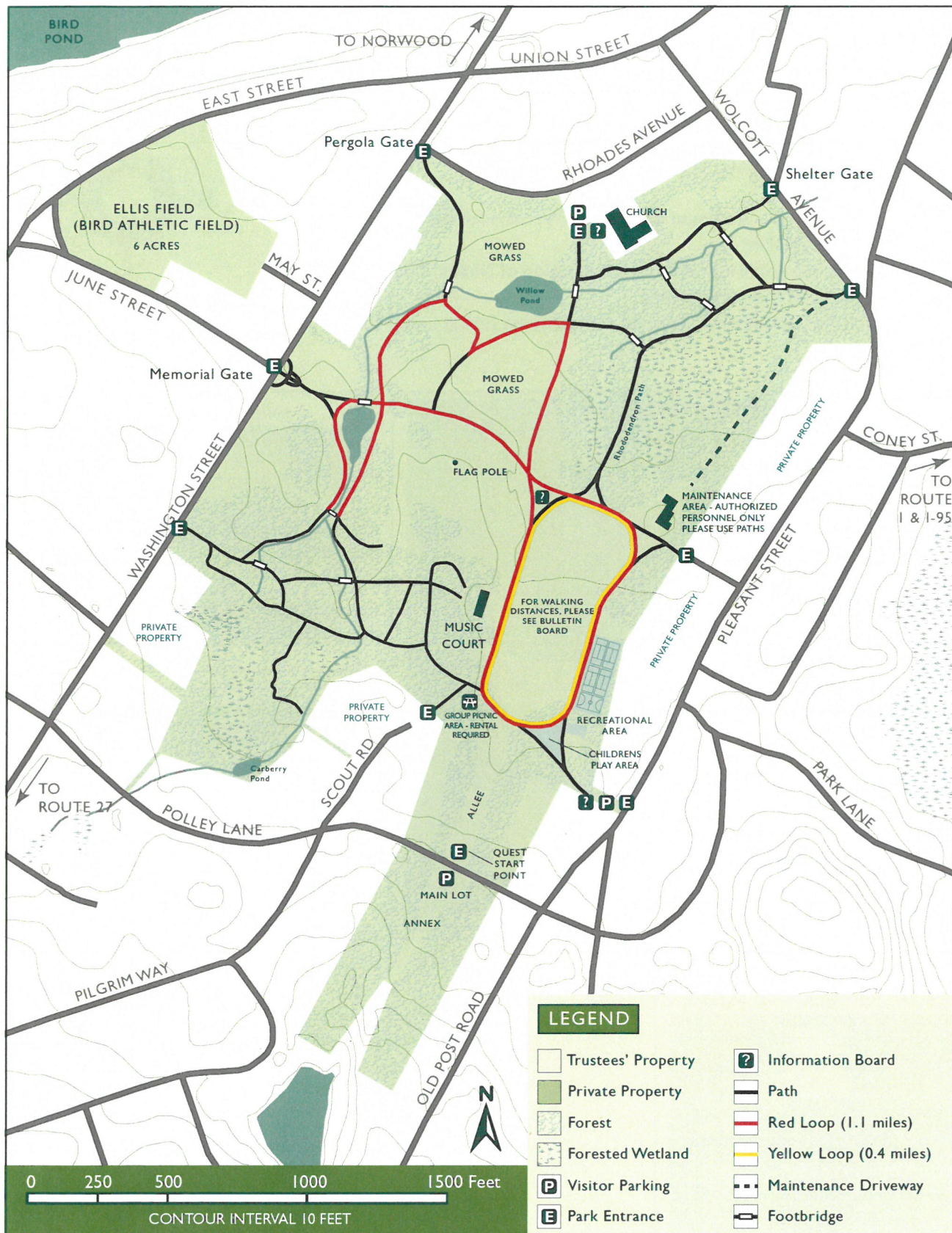




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LEGEND

Trustees' Property

Private Property

Forest

Forested Wetland

Visitor Parking

Park Entrance

Information Board

Path

Red Loop (1.1 miles)

Yellow Loop (0.4 miles)

Maintenance Driveway

Footbridge

This map is a product of the Geographic Information System of The Trustees of Reservations. Source data obtained from 1:25,000 scale USGS topographic maps, field surveys, Global Positioning System (GPS), and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, MassGIS. Boundary lines and trail locations are approximate. December 2011

The Goetz Trail

Description:

The Goetz Trail was dedicated in October 2007 and named for Al Goetz, a long-time member of the Walpole Conservation Commission, a founding member of the Walpole Trails Committee and active member of many other town entities. Trail markers on this trail are WHITE.

Terrain:

This trail is as flat as can be. There can be some muddy areas after rainy periods.

Length:

The trail is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long from Elm St to Lincoln Rd. The Granite St spur is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long. Scale as shown in photo: 1"=800 ft

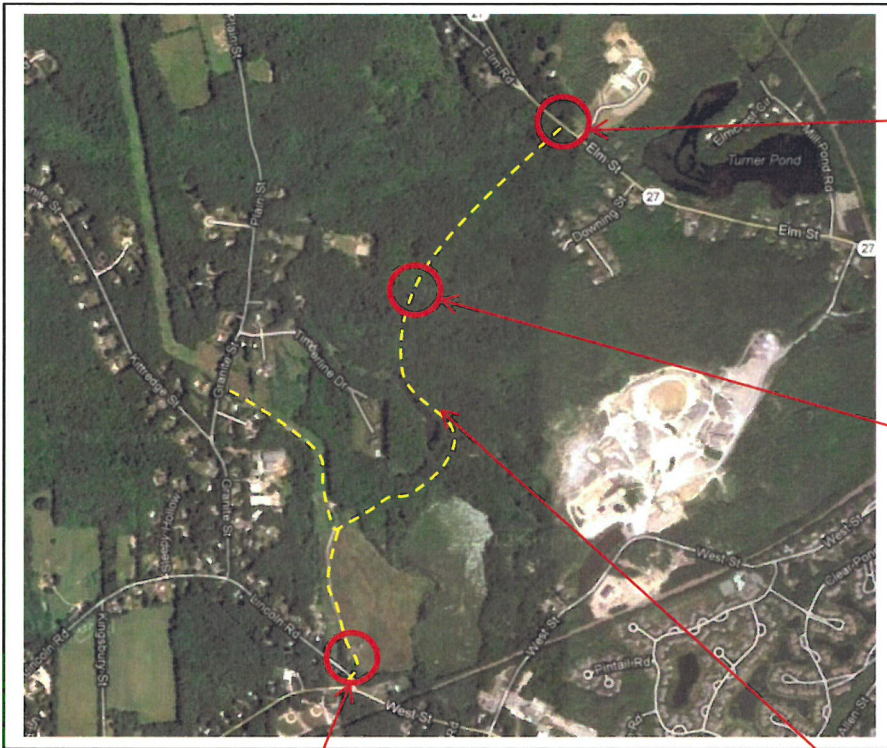
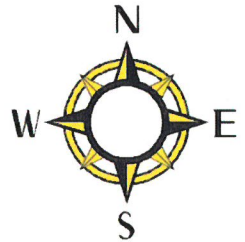
Parking:

North End-Park at Elm St School. Trailhead is about 100 yards north of the entrance of Elm St School, across from 435 Elm St.

Lincoln Road End- Park at the small lot near the intersection of Lincoln Road and West St.

The trailhead is at the right of the parking area.

Granite St End- There is no parking here, but you can continue hiking under the power line visible on the map below.



North End Trailhead



Walpole-Medfield Benchmark



South End Trailhead & Parking



Pretty Pond



A great place for a picnic!

The South Street Trail

Description:

The South Street Trail is on town-owned property, as are most trails in town. The area is mostly pine forest and offers views of the Neponset River. The unique feature of the trail is its close proximity to the Neponset. Shertick Point is a lovely spot on the riverbank. From there, you can look north across the river and see Duffy Point in the Town Forest. The south section of trail follows an old fire road which makes it hard to get lost. The north section splits, but both paths reconnect under the power lines. Trail markers are YELLOW.

Terrain: This trail is mostly flat.

Length:

Southern loop is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. South St-Shertick Point is about $\frac{3}{8}$ mi. Shertick Point-Water Dept is about $\frac{3}{8}$ mi.

The small dashed trail is $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. Scale as shown: 1"= $\frac{1}{4}$ mi

Parking:

South End-The Trailhead shown in the photo is about 50 yards south of the sign for the Neponset River where the river crosses South St. Park on either side of South St near the trailhead. Be sure to pull your car well off the road. North End-Park at the Water Department, 1303 Washington St.



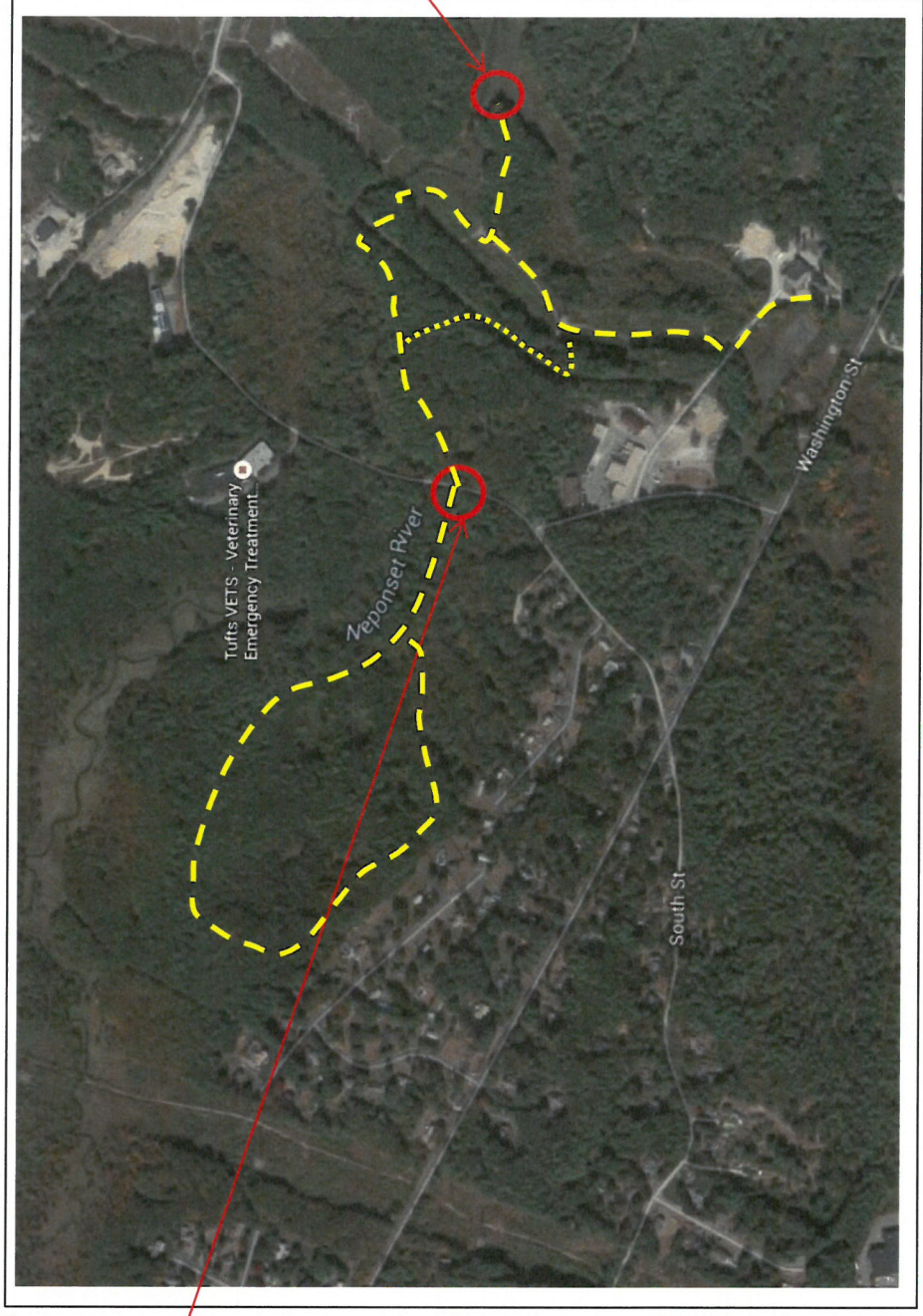
South St. Trailhead-looking south



South St. Trailhead-looking north



View from Shertick Point



The Pinnacle

Description:

The Pinnacle is an 18 acre parcel of town-owned land in East Walpole bounded by the Neponset River to the north, Pinnacle Drive to the east, Hemlock Drive to the south and Plimpton Street to the west. "The Pinnacle" itself is a 200 foot high precipice overlooking the Neponset River. A fascinating historical essay on The Pinnacle exists on the Trails Committee website. The trails are marked by BLUE and RED markers.

Terrain:

The eastern and western trails on The Pinnacle property are flat. A chronically wet and treacherous stretch of trail near the Neponset has been rendered safe by the construction of a 100 foot long bog bridge in October 2011. The interior (red) loop trail can be challenging due to the steep terrain.

Length:

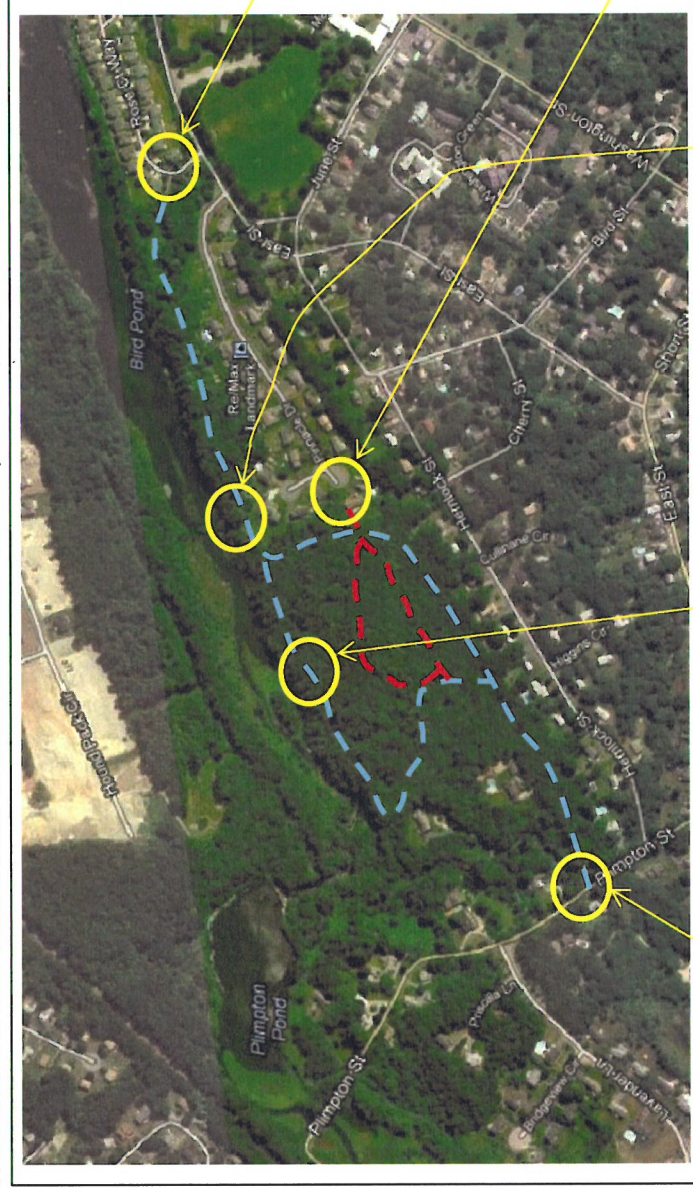
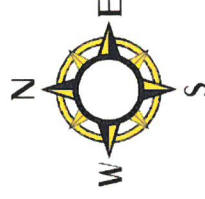
The total length of trails in The Pinnacle is about 2 miles. Scale as shown in the photo: 1"=650 ft

Parking:

East End: Park in the Ellis Soccer Field parking lot and walk to the trailhead off Rose Court in the Riverwalk Condominiums.

Pinnacle Drive: A 22 foot wide town-owned access path can be identified by a Trail Kiosk at the intersection of Pinnacle Drive and Misty Lane. There is no parking in this neighborhood. Park at Ellis Field and walk to this trailhead.

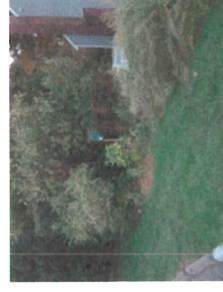
West End: Park on the shoulder of Hemlock St near the Plimpton Street end and climb the steps next to the trail kiosk on Plimpton Street.



Rose Court Trail Access



Pinnacle Drive Kiosk



Trail Bridge



Bog Bridge



Plimpton St Kiosk



Walpole Town Forest

The Walpole Town Forest is approximately 365 acres of managed forest. Approximately 150 acres lie east of Washington St, the remaining 200+ acres are west of Washington St.

It is traversed by 9.3 miles of hiking trails.

A trail map was updated in May 2017. Other information can be found at the Town Forest website.

<http://www.walpole-ma.gov/TownForest.htm>



