

A GUIDE
TO
WALKING TRAILS
IN
WAREHAM

SECOND EDITION

INTRODUCTION

A Guide To Walking Trails In Wareham contains maps and descriptions of walking trails in and near Wareham, MA. These trails exist through the efforts of conservation organizations, the towns of Wareham, Marion, and Rochester, and the Community Preservation Act (CPA). CPA funds are instrumental in acquiring open space that significantly increases permanently protected conservation land and the creation of trails.

Some of these trails traverse private property; these trails are available through the generosity of private landowners who value land conservation and choose to share their land with you. Be respectful of the property owners and neighbors; please stay on the trails. Visitors are asked to respect these conservation areas and the people who have worked so hard to ensure that this land is preserved in perpetuity.

All of the areas listed in this guide are open year-round from dawn to dusk. No fees are charged for access to these trails. Most of this protected land is maintained by a land trust or other conservation organization. Conservation organizations rely on charitable contributions; these donations help support land conservation, stewardship of the preserves, trail creation and maintenance, and educational programs. These organizations preserve open space for the benefit and enjoyment of all. Please consider making a donation to a conservation organization today.

Enjoy these trails, but remember that you are a guest on these lands.

Trail Etiquette:

These are walking trails only—No motorized vehicles
Carry out what you carry in—No littering
Do not disturb or remove plants or wildlife
No fires or camping
Do not make new trails
Observe posted rules
Respect the rights of property owners by staying on the trails
Dogs must be under control at all times and **always** remove pet waste
Remember to check yourself and your pets for ticks

Enjoy these trails and share the landscape with others.

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CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

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These are the conservation organizations that maintain the trails listed in this booklet. They do not charge fees for access, but your support is appreciated to help offset the management costs. Please consider making a contribution to a conservation organization today.

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PLACES TO WALK

This guide includes trail maps for: Agawam River Trail, Birch Island Conservation Area and Conant Hill, the Douglas S. Westgate Conservation Area and River Walk, Great Neck Conservation Area, Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, I. C. Hammond Preserve, Minot Forest and Bryant Farm, and Tweedy and Barnes Conservation Area.

The properties listed below are in or near Wareham; trail maps for these areas are not included, but many of the websites offer information and maps for these and other nearby areas to explore.

The Cape Cod Canal Bikeway

Bourne, MA to Sagamore, MA

This flat multi-use paved path follows the Cape Cod Canal through sections of Bourne and Sagamore. It runs approximately 7.5 miles between the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges and is suitable for cyclists, pedestrians, inline skaters, and joggers. The single yellow line down the center designates two-way traffic for non-motorized recreation. A parking lot is provided off Main Street in Buzzards Bay near the Train Bridge. There are other parking areas along the bikeway. For more information visit:

<http://www.capecodbikeguide.com/canal.asp>

East Over Reservation

County Road, Marion, MA

This conservation area, located on County Road in Marion, offers miles of trails through forested uplands and freshwater wetlands. From Wareham, the preserve is approximately 1.5 miles from the four-way stop at the intersection of Fearing Hill Road and County Road and 0.5 miles from the intersection of Blackmore Pond Road and County Road. This area is managed by The Trustees of Reservations. Visit their website at <http://www.thetrustees.org> for information about this and other areas to explore.

Gleason Family YMCA

Charge Pond Road, Wareham, MA

There is a 0.5 mile outdoor walking trail at the Gleason Family YMCA. Membership to the Y is not required to use the trail. Follow Cranberry Highway/RT 28 to Charge Pond Road; the YMCA is 0.25 miles on right.

Lyman Reserve

Red Brook Road and Head of the Bay Road, East Wareham, MA

The Theodore Lyman Reserve is a 210 acre conservation area that straddles parts of Wareham, Bourne, and Plymouth, MA. A 1.5 mile loop winds its way from the parking lot, across Red Brook, and on through wetlands, and forested uplands. A 0.25 mile trail across Head of the Bay Road provides a scenic loop to the beach on Buttermilk Bay. From Wareham, follow Cranberry Highway/28 to Red Brook Road and continue on Head of the Bay Road. The parking area is about 1 mile on the left. This area is managed by The Trustees of Reservations. For a map and more information about this and other areas to explore visit their website at <http://www.thetrustees.org>

Myles Standish State Forest

Cranberry Road, S. Carver, MA

This is the largest publicly owned recreation area in southeastern Massachusetts; it sprawls across the southern sections of Plymouth and Carver and offers 15 miles of bicycle trails, 35 miles of equestrian trails, and 13 miles of hiking trails. The parking area is on Cranberry Road in South Carver. From Wareham, follow Cranberry Highway/RT 28 to Tihonet Road, continue on Farm to Market Road, continue on Federal Road then turn right onto Cranberry Road. For more information and a map of the trails visit: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/mssf.htm>

The Phoenix Rail Trail

Fairhaven, MA to Mattapoisett, MA

This 3.5 mile paved path runs parallel to the south side of Route 6 from South Street in Fairhaven to Mattapoisett Neck Road in Mattapoisett. The portion of the trail between Mattapoisett Neck Road and the Mattapoisett YMCA on Depot Street is unpaved. Parking is available in Mattapoisett 0.5 miles south of the path on Mattapoisett Neck Road at the Old Town Landing; parking in Fairhaven is available at the Fairhaven Recreation Center (aka the Antone "Hawk" Medeiros Recreation Center) at 227 Huttleson Ave/RT 6 or at the end of Alden Road (the road between the Shaw's and Kmart shopping plazas). A list of things to see along the path is available at: <http://www.millicentlibrary.org/biketrail/biketr.htm> For a map of the trail visit: <http://www.scribblemaps.com/maps/view/N54cuokt46>

Rounseville II Preserve

Mary's Pond Road, Rochester

This 48 acre preserve has a loop trail that features woodland, bog, babbling brooks, and a vernal pool. It is a mere 0.5 miles from the Stephen C. L. Delano Memorial Forest mentioned below. The trail enters the pine-oak woodlands from behind the ball fields on Mary's Pond Road. From Wareham, follow Fearing Hill Road to the four-way stop at County Road, continue across the intersection to Mary's Pond Road; the ball fields are about 3.5 miles from the four-way stop. Park off the road at the ball fields or use the small parking area behind the ball fields. This preserve is managed by Wildlands Trust. For a map and more information about this and other areas to explore, visit their website at: <http://www.wildlandstrust.org>

Stephen C. L. Delano Memorial Forest

Mary's Pond Road, Rochester, MA

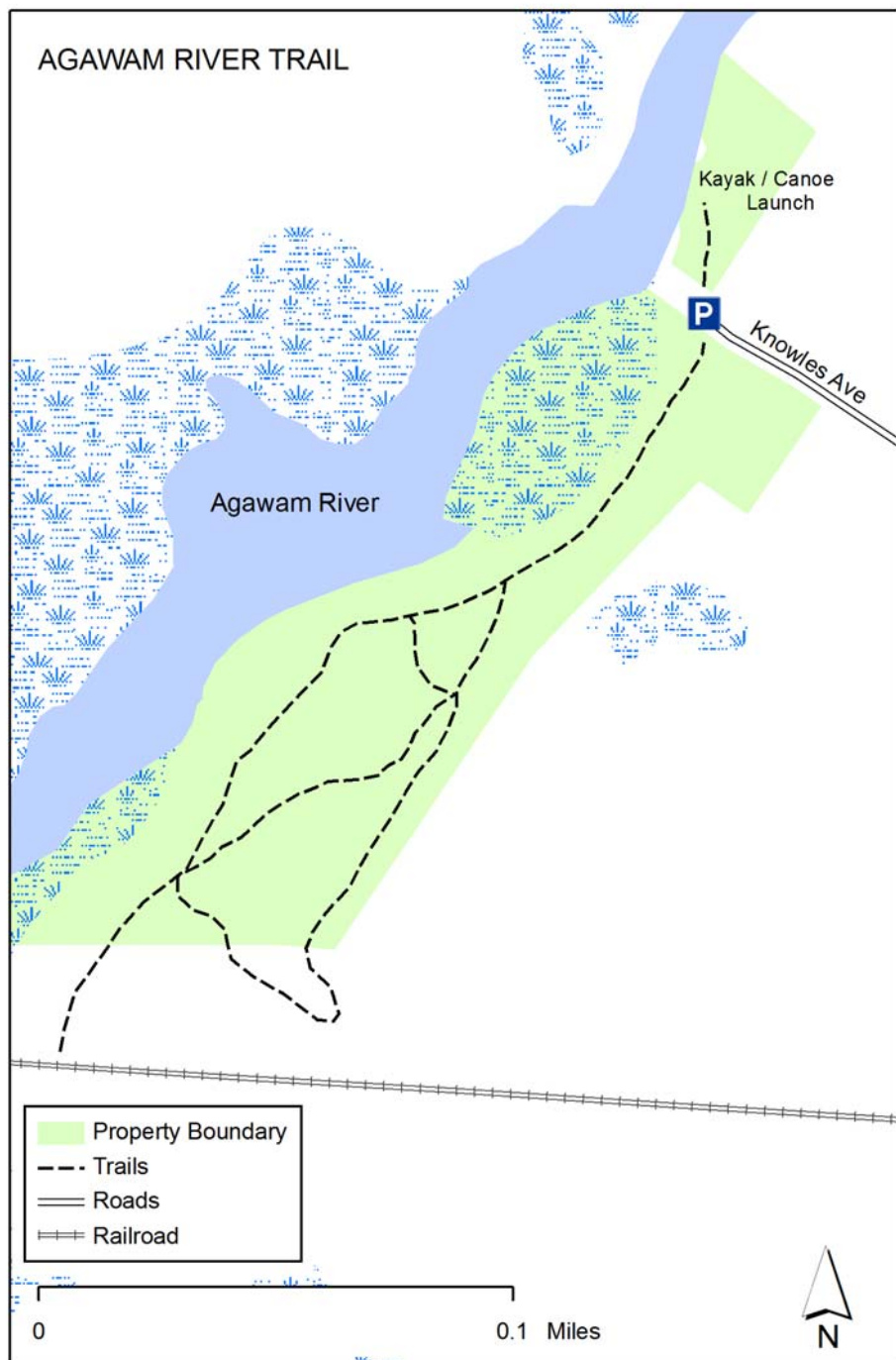
This 110 acre conservation area offers a loop trail of cart paths that wander through uplands and travels along the Sippican River; side trails afford views of the river. The preserve is located near the intersection of Mary's Pond Road and Walnut Plain Road in Rochester. From Wareham, follow Fearing Hill Road to the four-way stop at County Road, continue across the intersection to Mary's Pond Road; Walnut Plain Road is approximately 3 miles from the four-way stop. Park off the pavement on Mary's Pond Road or on Walnut Plain Road. This area is managed by Wildlands Trust. For a map and more information about this and other areas to explore visit <http://www.wildlandstrust.org>

Washburn Park

Washburn Park Drive, Marion, MA

The Charles E. Washburn Memorial Park is dog and horse friendly. The conservation area is provided through a cooperative effort of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission and the Sippican Lands Trust. The woodland trails wander through upland forest and wetlands. Find Washburn Park off Front Street/RT 105 in Marion approximately 0.25 miles from the Interstate 195 interchange. Visit the Sippican Lands Trust website <http://www.sippicanlandstrust.org> for information about other nearby areas to explore.

AGAWAM RIVER TRAIL



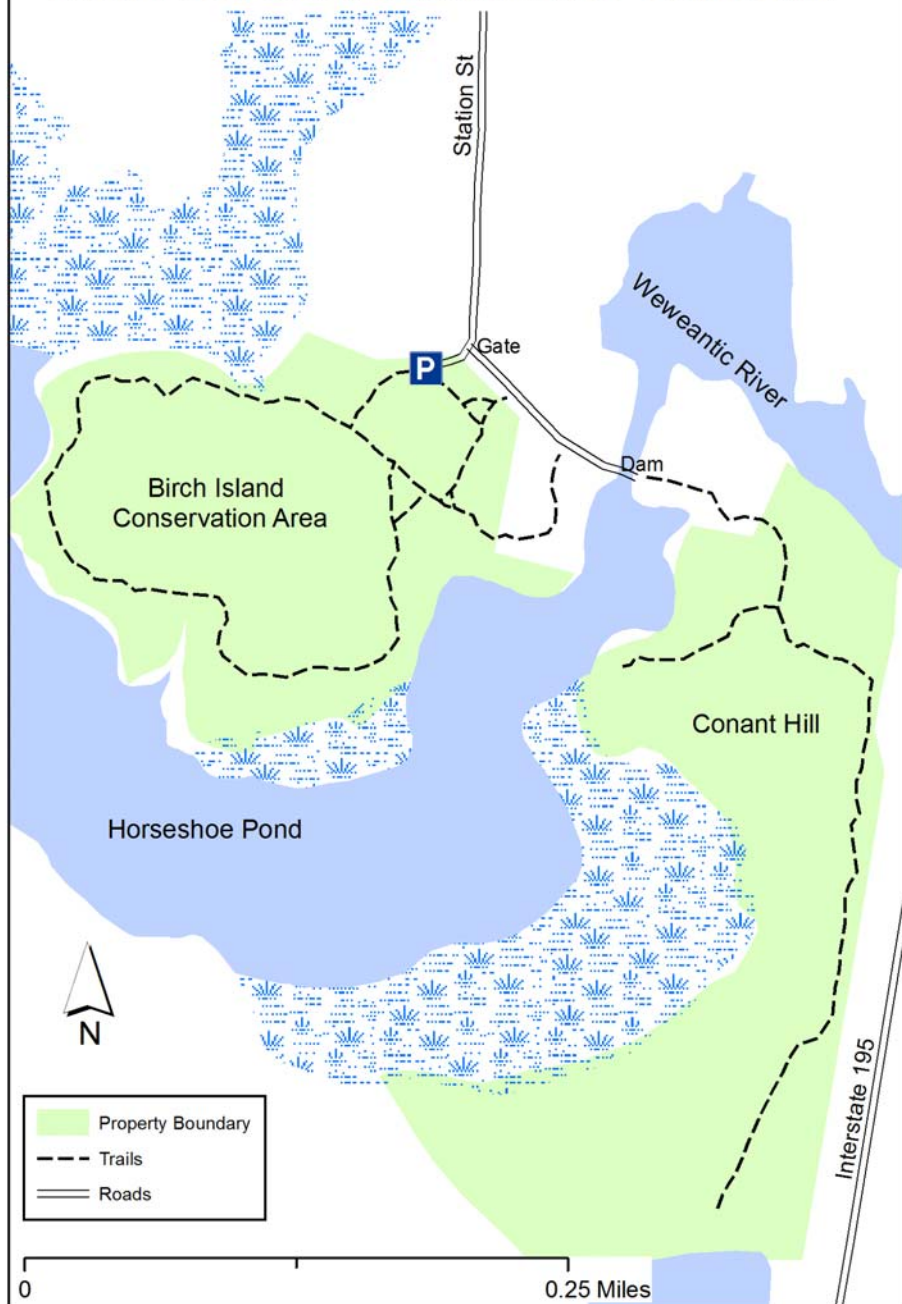
Knowles Avenue, East Wareham, MA -70.6776 41.7595

Follow Cranberry Highway/RT 28 to Depot Street then turn onto Knowles Ave.

Knowles Ave is less than 0.5 miles from the intersection of Cranberry Highway/RT 28 and Depot Street; a parking area is located at the end of Knowles Ave.

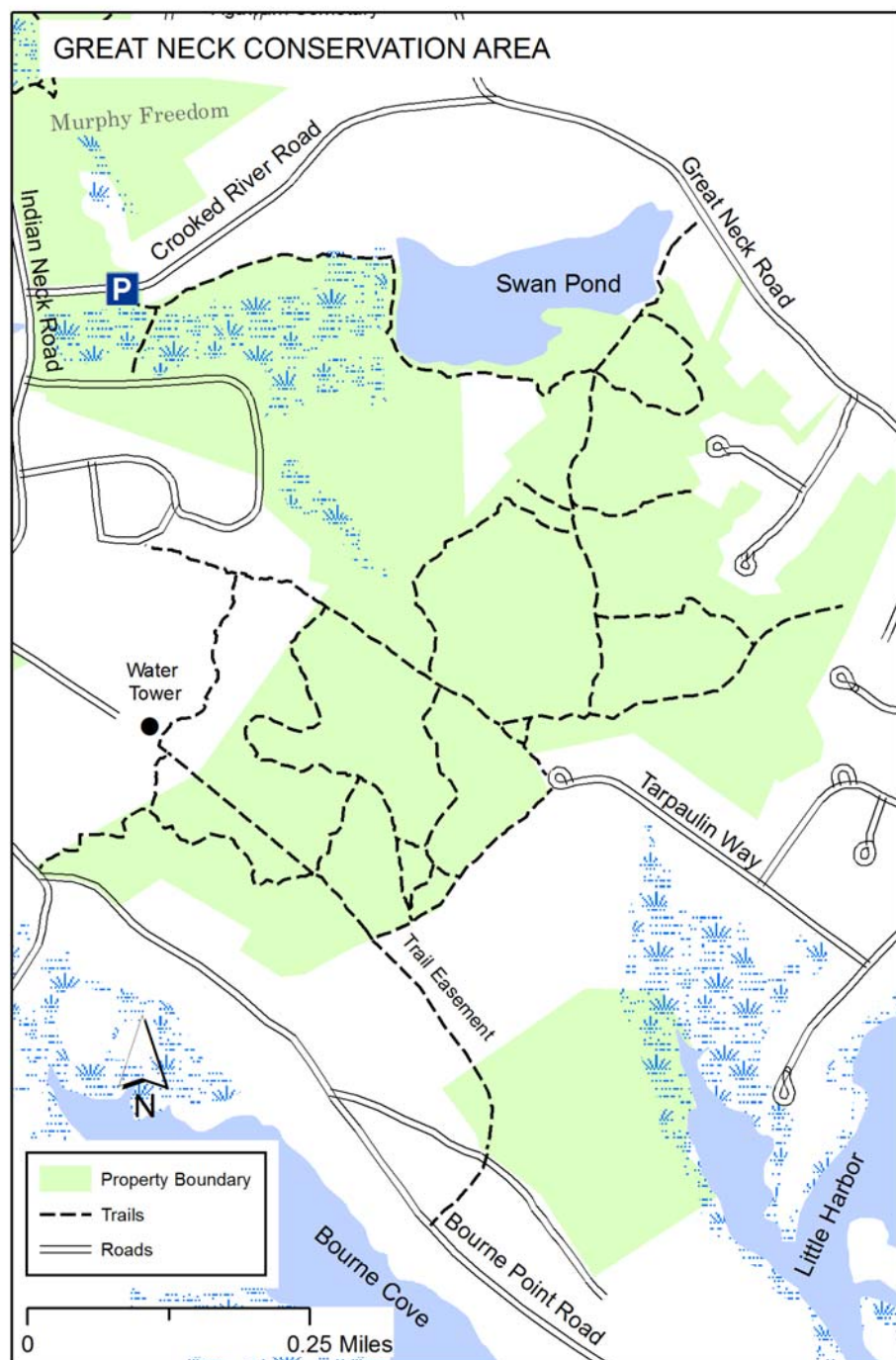
This area is managed by The Wareham Land Trust.

BIRCH ISLAND CONSERVATION AREA AND CONANT HILL



Station Street, West Wareham, MA -70.7493 41.7661

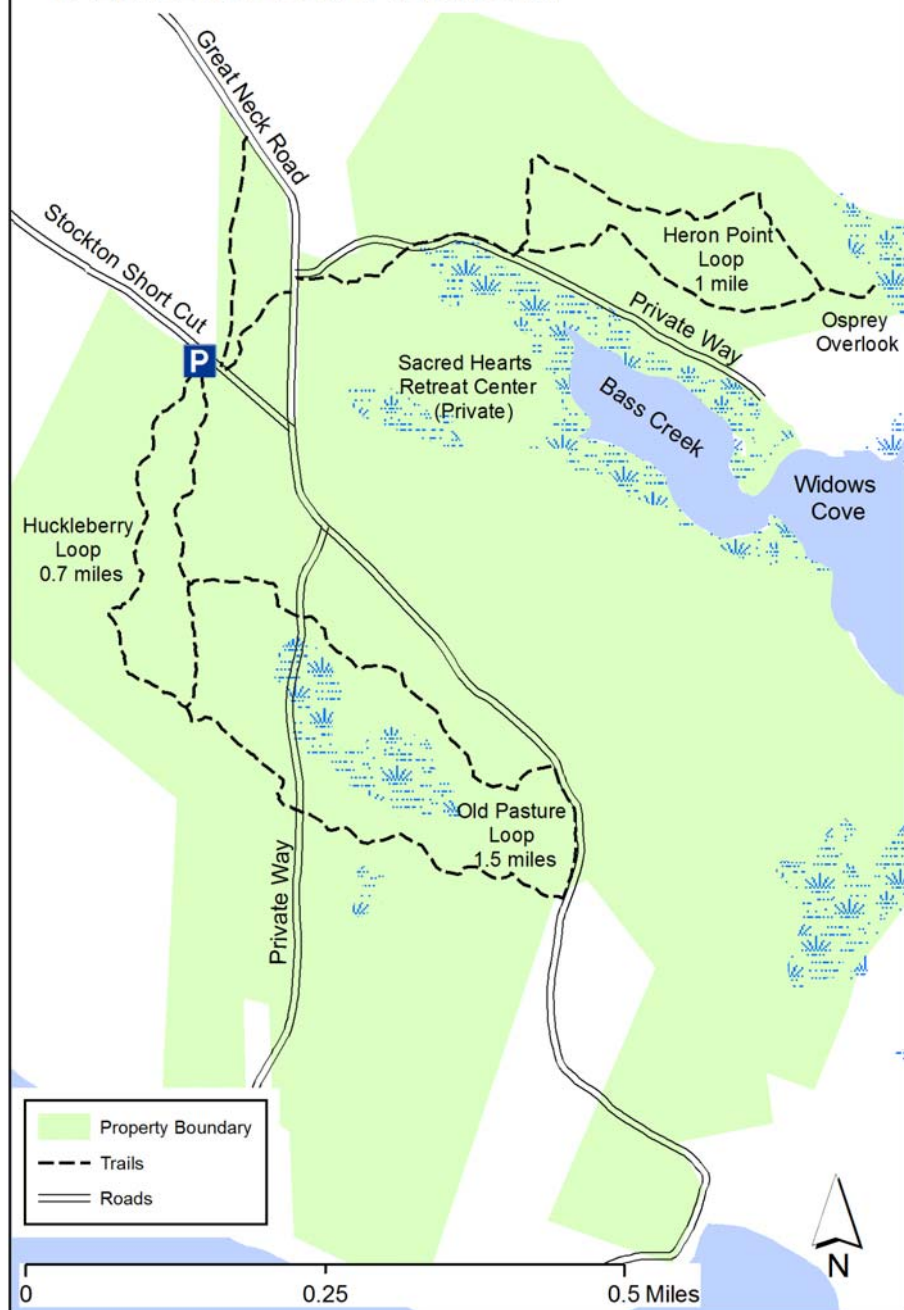
Follow Main Street to Station Street, which is just north of the Decas Elementary School (almost opposite Tobey Road). A parking area is provided to the right of the gate. The Town of Wareham and Wildlands Trust manage this area.



Crooked River Road, Wareham, MA -70.6927 41.7422

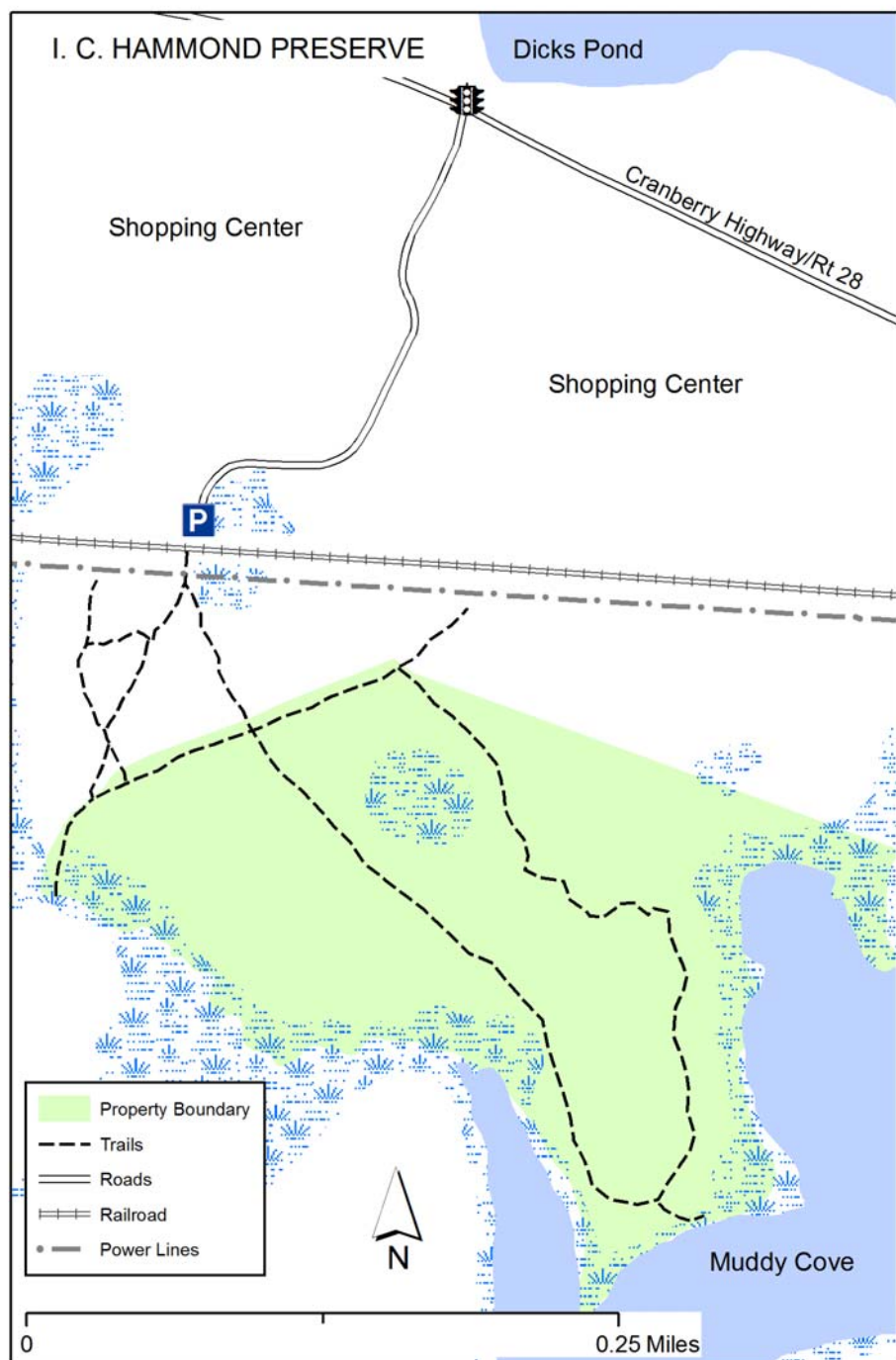
Follow Main Street to Narrows Road, turn onto Indian Neck Road, and then turn onto Crooked River Road. Park on Crooked River Road about 0.1 mile from Indian Neck Road. This area is comprised of several conservation areas and easements; for more information visit Wildlands Trust at www.wildlandstrust.org.

GREAT NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



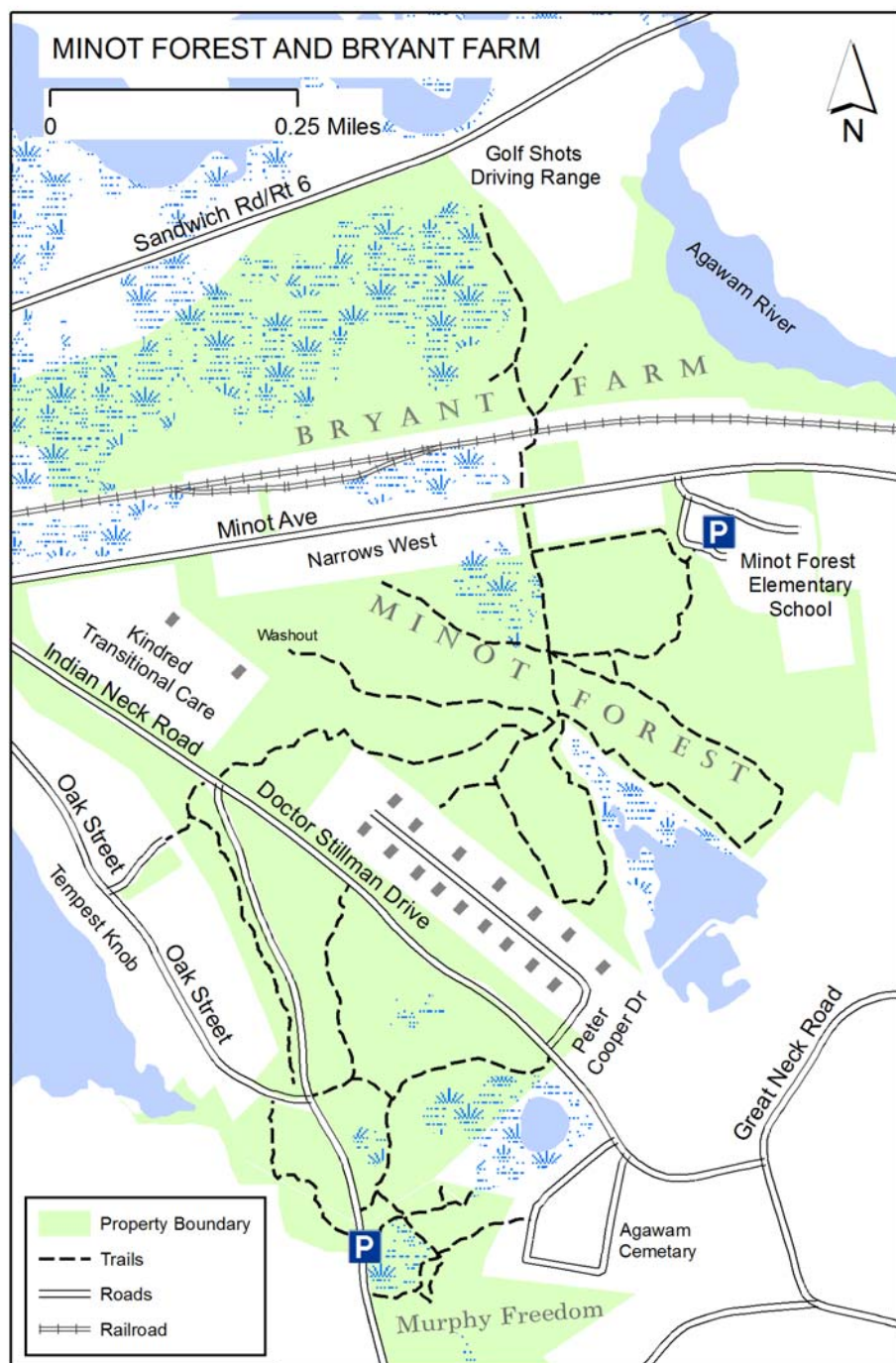
Stockton Short Cut, Wareham, MA -70.6640 41.7268

Follow Cranberry Highway/RT28, turn onto Depot Street, continue over the railroad tracks and through the stop sign onto Great Neck Road, turn right on Stockton Short Cut, which is opposite Sacred Hearts Retreat Center. The parking area is on the left in less than 0.25 miles. This area is managed by Mass Audubon and the Wareham Land Trust.



Cinema Road, East Wareham, MA -70.6642 41.7565

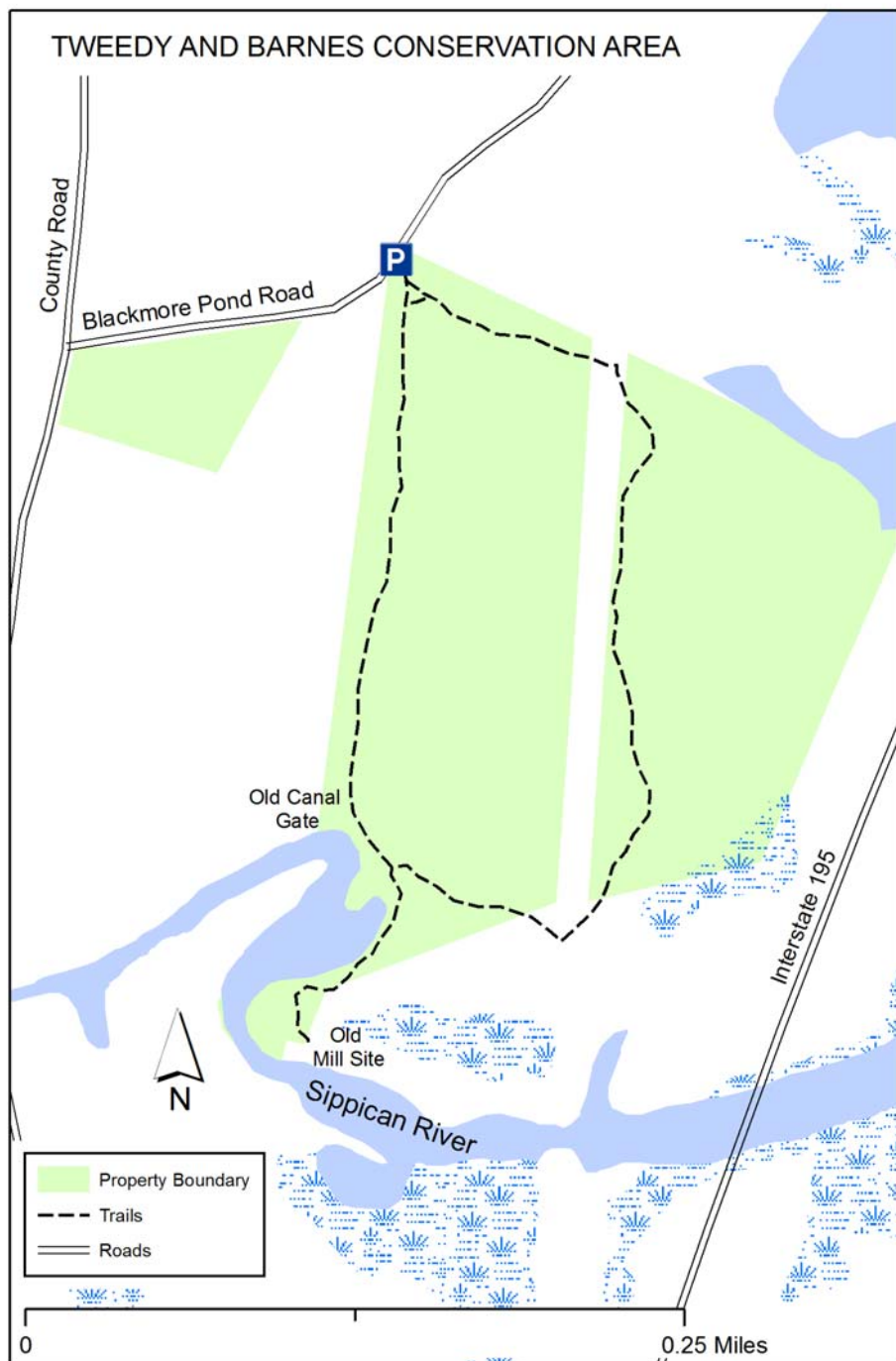
Follow Cranberry Highway/RT 28 to the traffic light for the shopping centers across from Dicks Pond (now or formerly Walmart). Follow the road and go behind the building. Park at the end of the road near the railroad tracks; the trail begins just across the railroad tracks. This area is managed by Wildlands Trust.



Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA -70.6881 41.7560

Follow Main Street over railroad tracks, turn right onto Narrows Road and continue on Minot Ave. Park at the Minot Forest Elementary School. The Town of Wareham and the Minot Forest Committee manage this area.

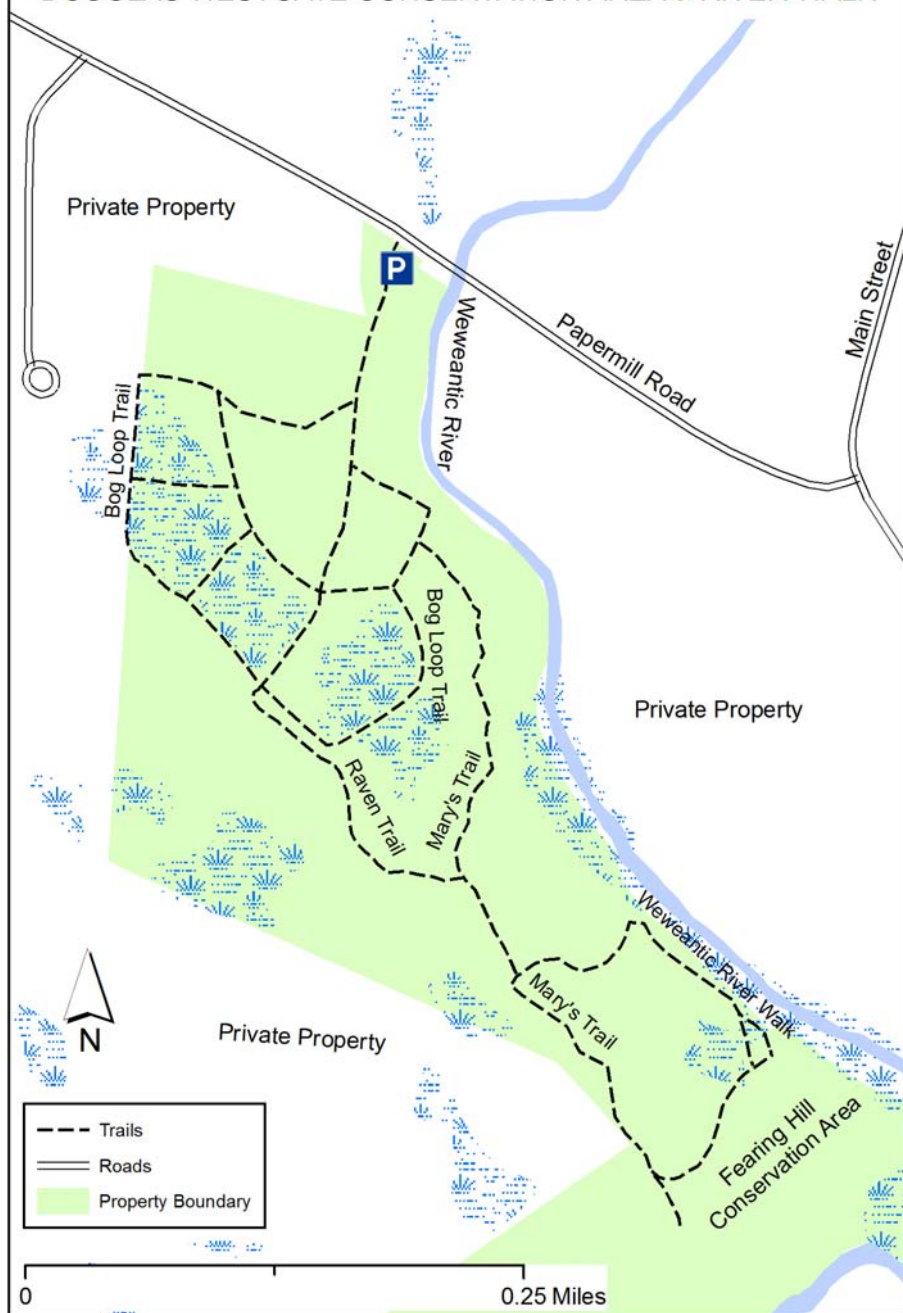
TWEEDY AND BARNES CONSERVATION AREA



Blackmore Pond Road, West Wareham, MA -70.7719 41.7382

Follow Main Street, turn onto Fearing Hill Road to Blackmore Pond Road. Parking is off the pavement on Blackmore Pond Road less than 0.25 miles from County Road. This area is managed by the Wareham Land Trust.

DOUGLAS WESTGATE CONSERVATION AREA & RIVER WALK



Papermill Road, West Wareham, MA -70.7637 41.7800

Follow Main Street to Papermill Road, which is less than a mile from the intersection of Fearing Hill Road. A parking area is provided on the left side of the Papermill Road. The Town of Wareham manages this area.



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