

## Map 11 – Sharon, Easton, - BAY CIRCUIT

### TRAIL route Draft 3/08

#### BCT north to southeast

*Sharon:* (continued from map 10) Trail marking: white rectangular blazes. At turns 2 offset blazes are used; turn in direction of upper blaze. Sharon mileage shown is cumulative from the Walpole-Sharon town line, and Map 10 point L is the same as Map 11 point A.

A 42°05'48" 71°10'12"

4.1 At jct of Massapoag Ave and Capen Hill Rd, road to right under arch leads to the Community Center (parking). BCT continues south on Massapoag Ave toward jct with Gorwin Dr.

B 42°05'18" 71°10'15"

4.7 Left onto Gorwin Dr, and at the end of road, enter left trail to Borderland State Park.

Turn right onto Morse Loop Trail, right onto Ridge Trail, and left onto Northwest Trail.

6.2 Turn right onto the French Trail, left onto the West Side Trail, and turn right onto the Pond Walk and follow to the Visitors Center.

7.2 Borderland State Park Visitors Center (restrooms and visitor center. Free park trail map. Parking small fee).

*Easton:* Trail marking: white rectangular blazes. At turns 2 offset blazes are used: turn in direction of upper blaze

*The BCT in Easton travels from the northwest corner of the town to the southeast corner; is 10.9 miles long; and is 68% off-road. The trail passes through State owned*

*properties, several properties managed and controlled by the Town of Easton Conservation Commission, a piece of property owned by the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, private property, portions of two National Historic Districts, two Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and a portion of the Hockomock Swamp.*

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C 42°03'44" 71°09'51"

0.0 From the **Borderland State Park** Visitor Center at the Sharon town line (which has restrooms and parking for a small fee) proceed southerly to the **Pond Walk**. Follow the Pond Walk, an unpaved carriage road, across the Poquanticut Brook to the **Rockland Street Trail**.

0.6 Turn right onto **Rockland Street Trail** and continue on a woodland trail to Rockland Street.

D 42°03'01" 71°09'07"

1.5 Turn left (east) and walk along Rockland Street a short distance.

1.6 Turn right off Rockland Street and proceed into the woods (southerly) on newly cut wooded trail which ends at the power line maintenance road.

1.8 Turn left (east) and continue along power line; cross Poquanticut Avenue.

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Continue a short distance further (to the 2nd steel utility tower #249) where trail exits the power line to the right (southerly) into **Fox Mountain Lot**.

2.5 The **Fox Mountain** trail, a wooded trail that contains a number of stands of beech trees, leads into the abutting **Beaver Brook Woods** (owned by the Natural Resources Trust of Easton) and after crossing two wooden bridges over the Beaver Brook, exits into a grassy parking lot between two residential dwellings at Poquanticut Avenue.

3.4 Turn left (south) out of the parking lot and walk along Poquanticut Avenue, passing Beaver Dam Road on the left, to Roundtable Road (on the right).

3.8 Turn right and continue a short distance on Roundtable Road

4.0 Turn left (south) into a wooded trail on the **Old Pond** property. A short distance after entering this wooded trail an overgrown earthen berm is visible to the right. This berm was constructed long ago as a final barrier to cannon balls test fired from the south end of this property by the foundry which abuts this property to the south. The trail winds through woodlands, through a small marshy area, along old stone walls, through a pine grove along the western shore of **Old Pond**, and ends at the dam/parking lot at the south end of the **Old Pond**.

E 42°01'49" 71 °07'56"

4.5 Leaving the **Old Pond Dam** parking lot (P=20), turn left (east) and hike along Foundry Street (Rte. 106) to South Street. This area is the heart of the Furnace Village Historic District.

4.7 Turn right (south) at South Street, crossing the Mulberry and Beaver Brooks to Highland Street.

5.1 Turn left and walk westerly along Highland Street, crossing Mulberry Brook, to Bay Road

5.4 Turn right and walk southerly along Bay Road to the **Wheaton Farm** access road on the right onto the **Samuel Wright** property.

F 42°01'01" 71°07'15"

5.6 Turn right onto **Wheaton Farm** access road. This road is covered with crushed shells. Continue down the shell roadway heading westerly to parking area (P=5), crossing the **Mulberry Brook** and proceed along the northern side of the open field to an old farm gate at the Northwest corner. Proceed through gate for a short distance and connect with the north/south "**100 year old cart path**".

6.0 Turn left and follow this cart path south. This trail meanders through a mixed woodland, passing a small kettle hole pond on the right, past a number of old stone walls and finally through a pitch pine grove where it intersects an east west trail coming from the main Wheaton Farm parking area. This trail intersection has a pole marker showing a turn to the left. Follow this intersecting trail through another trail intersection and cross the **Ward's Pond/Fuller Hammond Reservoir** dike and enter into the parking lot (P=20) at the end on the left.

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(The original farm home, known as the Daniel B. Wheaton homestead, is privately owned and is in front of the parking lot.) Then follow driveway to Bay Road (The **Wheaton Farm** Barn will be diagonally across on the west side of Bay Road).

7.1 Turn left (north) and hike along Bay Road to Prospect Street on the right.

**G** 42°00'24" 71°07'13"

7.2 Turn right onto Prospect Street and continue easterly through a residential area to power line.

**H** 42°00'47" 71°05'50"

8.5 Turn right onto power line maintenance road (P=5). Hike southeasterly to intersecting abandoned railroad bed.

9.5 Cross abandoned railroad bed, and continue to hike southeasterly to Rte. 138.

**J** 41°59'52" 71°04'02"

10.4 Cross Rte. 138 (P=5), and continue on power line southeasterly

10.9 Cross town line into West Bridgewater. Trail continues on the power line.

*(continued on map 12)*