

**Map 13 – East Bridgewater, Hanson,
Pembroke
BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route (map dated
Feb. 2008)
west to east**

East Bridgewater:

Trail is blazed with occasional white rectangular markers, high on trees or utility poles. Double blazes offset indicate

a turn in the direction of the upper blaze.

A 42°01'40" 70°57'54"

0.0 P=3 or 4 cars. Go northeast on Spring St toward jct with Rte 18

0.6 At traffic light bear left slightly to safe crossing of Rte 18. Use pedestrian walk button. Cross to island and small park with bench and sundial. (Or from traffic light go right onto Rte 18, past a Cumberland Farms, to a cross walk. Cross Rte 18, then left along Rte 18 to the same traffic light)

Go southeast on Central St sidewalk

1.0 At town common bear right onto Plymouth St

B 42°01'16" 70°57'02"

1.5 Immediately after Plymouth St crosses the Satucket River turn left onto Bennett Lane (P=4)

1.6 Tr enters **Satucket River Conservation Area** beside the parking area. BCT more or less follows the river for 0.5 mile. There are many other trails in this area, including the "express route" (an old cart path, probably the original Plymouth St), which leaves Bennett Lane parking area right of the BCT. Benches at intervals offer views of the river

2.2 BCT goes left to brook crossing. Tr to right shortly before brook crossing is the other end of the "express route"

Immediately after brook crossing see sign for **Phillips Wildlife Area** (oldest town conservation property acquired as a gift). Go straight about 1/8 mile.

Bear left in pine grove (detour right for good view of an active cranberry bog).

Shortly bear right onto a smaller tr (look for blaze).

Go thru opening in a chain link fence to a right turn toward Susan Place. Go uphill to exit east, at the guard rail.

2.7 Exit **Satucket River Conservation Area** onto Susan Place. There are no blazes, but a kiosk is planned.

Walk along Susan Place to jct with Rolling Hills Dr

2.8 Right onto Rolling Hills Dr. This road is a loop; where Rolling Hills Dr goes left, continue straight to Bridge St

C 42°01'10" 70°55'55"

3.1 Left onto Bridge St

3.7 Right onto Crescent St

D 41°01'38" 70°55'55"

3.7 Bridge St. and Crescent St. Walk east along Crescent St., cross Washington St, and continue to access road for Water Supply Station #2. Access road is on the right, one house after Deer Run Dr.

E 41°01'47" 70°54'37"

5.2 Turn right onto Water Supply Station #2 access road. Follow to end of road, and continue on trail leading to boardwalk crossing Poor Meadow Brook. Boardwalk ends prematurely after crossing brook (future Scout project), and trail may be blocked by standing water during west conditions. If impassable, return to Crescent St and turn right. Making right turns at each intersection, follow Crescent to Cedar St (becomes Franklin St), to Main St (Rte 27), to Elm St, to the parking area at entrance to Burrage Preserve (this is about a 3 mile detour)

F 42°01'40" 70°54'01"

5.8 Trail crosses town line into Hanson

Hanson

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F 42°01'40"N 70°54' 01" W

0.0 Trail begins at Hanson and East Bridgewater town line along side the Poor Meadow Brook, the trail goes in a north/northeastern direction with the Poor Meadow Brook to the left side. Once at the power transmission line (wooden poles) the trail runs uphill parallel to the transmission line to Elm St. Parking (P=5) is allowed on the Smith Nawazelski property along the cart path. Do not block this road preventing emergency access. Also be aware of any planted farm crops on either side of cart path.

G 42°01'46"N 70°53'23"W

0.6 The trail enters the Burrage Preserve managed by the Division of Fish and Game. The entrance to this section of the trail is directly opposite the entrance onto the Smith Nawazelski property across Elm St. There is parking (P=3) on the asphalt apron before the locked gate. Do not block vehicle access through the gate for emergency and agricultural vehicles. Park on the shoulder of the apron. The BCT runs parallel to the power transmission lines through the preserve property. It skirts

working cranberry bogs and passes over the Indian Crossway to the proposed Light Control section of the trail. Here there is a gap in the dedicated trail at this time. A map of Hanson dated 1870 indicated the "Indian Crossway" which was higher ground through the swamplands., reportedly a place of passage for Native Americans. Today it exists as a remnant of the dike system to control water levels in the growing of cranberries.

H 42°02'14"N 70°52'13" W

2.0 The trail picks up at the Crooker Place Hanson town property, abutting the Light Control Property. This town property had been a tire and auto parts dump, cleaned up by the town in early 2007. There are a few parking spots (P=3) at the gate which must not be blocked to allow emergency vehicles to pass. The BCT continues up Crooker Place turning left onto Main St. (route 27) then turning right onto Robinson St. which turns left onto Pierce Ave.

J 42°02'41"N 70°52'30" W

2.9 At the intersection of Pierce Ave and High St., go right on High St. heading uphill. You will be passing the Hanson owned Plymouth County Hospital property on your right. The Plymouth County Extension Service office is at the entrance of this property. At a future date the extensive fields on this property will host the BCT. Follow the blazes on the utility poles down High St. and right onto Liberty St. (route 58) passing to the rear of the Hanson Town Hall overlooking Wamputuck Pond. Note the BCT kiosk by the boat ramp. Parking (P=10+) for BCT hikers is available at the Town Hall. The BCT turns right onto Liberty St. (route 58) and crosses over to the sidewalk and passes the Nathaniel Thomas Mill, heading up the hill and bearing to the right onto Indian Head St. (route 58).

K 42°03'44" N 70°51'36"W

5.2 Entrance to Hanson Town Forest on Indian Head St., the BCT loops through this property. The exit is a short distance from the entrance.

L 42°03'40"N 70°51'34"W

5.8 Limited parking (P=4) at this site. Parking (P=10+) is also available across the road at the Indian Head School during weekends and after school hours. Exit from Hanson Town Forest and take a right onto Indian Head St. (route 58) cross over to the sidewalk and follow the blazes on the utility poles. The entrance to Camp Kiwanee is on the left.

M 42°03'16"N 70°51'27"W

6.3 Entrance to Camp Kiwanee. Follow the trail down the tree lined drive past the gate house

and access parking at the Cranberry Cove Beach parking area (P=10+). Please park away from the beach fence and closer to the drive as a courtesy to the beachgoers.

N 42°03'23"N 70°51'06"W

6.7 BCT kiosk across from Cranberry Cove parking area at Camp Kiwanee. The BCT passes behind the gate house and through the woods of Camp Kiwanee following old cart paths out onto Maquan St. (route 14)

P 42°03'43"N 70°50'40"W

7.5 Maquan St. This is the end of the dedicated BCT in Hanson.

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Map 13 - FOR MORE INFORMATION

maps and trailguides:

Relevant USGS topo maps are 7.5 x 7.5 Whitman, Bridgewater, Hanover, and Plimpton

trail and land/water protection groups:

Charles River Wheelmen - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout Bay Circuit area. Excellent website lists rides, other information, and membership info. www.crw.org

Map 13 – The JEWELS

East Bridgewater, Hanson, Pembroke - Hanson:

Smith-Nawazelski Conservation Area (Town of Hanson, 101 acres) - This property, named for two local conservationists, abuts the town of East Bridgewater. Diverse habitats include upland forest and fields which continue in active agriculture, and Poor Meadow Brook running along the western edge. Plans for improved trailhead parking are underway.

Burrage Wildlife Management Area (State of Massachusetts, 2000 acres) - Divided equally Hanson and Halifax, this property has it all. Wooded uplands, Atlantic White Cedar swamps, open water, and miles of gravel roads

and paths invite hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. Acres of cranberry bogs are being returned to more natural wetlands, and the remaining working bogs near Elm Street are traversed by the Bay Circuit Trail. Many waterfowl species and an active Osprey nest provide wildlife watching opportunities. The BCT travels over the historic Indian Crossway, or "Tunk", which runs west to east through wetlands that give the hiker unexpected vistas across the landscape of the Great Cedar Swamp.

between the BCT in Hanson and Pembroke.

**Other:
Poor Meadow**

Robbins Pond State-owned landing area on Pond St

Plymouth County Hospital (Town of Hanson, 58 acres) - Northernmost 25 acres of this former tuberculosis hospital are intended to be preserved as the "Bonney Hill Meadows" open space area. Large open meadows are a remnant of the region's agricultural past, surrounded by woods, with Wampatuck Pond, cranberry bogs and wetlands off to the east. In the summer months myriads of butterflies can be found in these meadows. Resident and migratory birds abound - watch for hawks hunting over the fields, and glimpse an occasional Meadowlark.

Town Hall Park (Town of Hanson, 1 acre) - Sited on the northern shore of Wampatuck Pond (a 17th-century mill pond), probably the most scenic back drop for any municipal office on the South Shore of Massachusetts. The reproduction of the historic "Thomas Mill" is located just to the east and across from the parking area.

Hanson Town Forest (Town of Hanson, 35 acres) - Hanson's first conservation area, set aside in the 1930s for forestry, recreation and wildlife. Wampatuck Pond forms its western boundary and provides water views from trails that wind through tall pines, oaks, beeches, maples, yellow birch and tupelo. Two primitive campsites are managed by the Town Forest Committee.

Camp Kiwanee (Town of Hanson, 64 acres) - Rustic cabin/camping facilities, lodge for functions, Cranberry Cove beach, administered by the Hanson Recreation Committee. Originally built as a summer residence for a wealthy industrialist in 1905, Camp Kiwanee was used by the Camp Fire Girls and the American Red Cross from 1923 to the 1970s. Purchased by the town in 1979, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005. Property is mostly wooded, with scenic overlooks of pristine Maquan Pond and working cranberry bogs near Indian Head Pond. Property is the gateway