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Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Weston, Wayland - BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route (as shown on map 7 dated March 2019) (text updated November 2020)

The BCT often follows pre-existing local trails; BCT-specific blazing is a work in progress and may be sparse in segments. We encourage you to review and carry corresponding local maps on your BCT walk.

Trail Notices regarding trail problems and closures are posted on the website at www.baycircuit.org under the Explore tab. Please review them for updates to the trail guide and maps.

North to South: trail is marked with round Bay Circuit Trail signs.



Bike Route:

Bicyclists should note that Walden Pond, some Lincoln properties, and all Wayland-owned conservation lands prohibit bicycles.

*Use the Interactive Map, the .pdf map has yet to be updated with the new bike-route.

- A N42 26.670 W71 20.421
- 0.0 Ride Rt. 126
- 2.0 Turn Left Codman Rd.
- 2.6 Turn Right on Lincoln Rd.
- 3.7 Cross Waltham Rd. and continue on Lincoln Rd.
- 4.7 Turn Left on Hazelbrook Ln
- 5.1 Continue Straight on Draper Rd.
- 6.4 Turn Left on Plain Rd.
- 6.7 Turn Right on Mass Central Rail Trail
- 7.9 Link up with the BCT at point "H"
- 9.0 Bikes are not allowed on the Heard Farm segment. Continue on Pelham Island Road.



Hiking Only Section

Concord and Lincoln: north to south

Trail exits Hapgood-Wright Town and Bristers Hill,

Thoreau Interpretive Path. Left on Walden St. At Rte. 2, first cross Walden St and then cross Rte. 2 to Rte 126 and Walden Pond State Reservation Reservation (CAUTION: Use great care and obey traffic lights at this multi-lane highway jct. Cross Rte. 2 with great caution: this junction has multiple lights, including left turn only lights, and heavy traffic.)

- A N42 26.670 W71 20.421
- 0.0 Jct Rte. 2 and Rte. 126. Enter **Walden Pond State** Reservation: Look for BCT sign and Amble blazes on right (*note: dogs are prohibited from Walden Reservation*). Follow tr about 300 ft to woods rd. Right on woods rd about 800 ft
- 0.2 Trail jct. Take right fork a short distance to another fork. Amble ends at Henry David Thoreau's house site a short distance on the right. He lived here for two years, two months, and two days in 1845-47, a stay recorded in his book Walden). BCT goes straight toward Walden Pond, leaving woods road to follow Pond Path. Ignore side trails to right. Eventually Pond Path parallels active RR tracks. *CAUTION: This is an active MBTA commuter rail line. The commuter trains move at relatively high speeds here from either direction, and winter snows deaden the sound of approaching trains. BCT hikers do not need to cross these tracks. Hikers wishing to explore Adams Woods should use great caution in crossing these tracks at the established trail crossing, or may access Adams Woods from a point farther along the BCT*
- 0.8 At the southern end of the pond the Pond Path turns left. At next trail intersection leave the shoreline, right briefly, then left onto Esker Trail.
- 1.1 Just after Emerson's Cliff Trail, BCT turns right onto fire rd. (Esker Trail continues left to swimming beach, rest rooms, park headquarters, parking lot. Parking fee in summer)
- 1.3 Fire road reaches Rte. 126 and leaves Walden Res.

Lincoln:

B N42 26.128 W71 20.123

0.0 Cross Rte. 126 (*CAUTION: This road is well used and not all drivers observe speed limits*). Post #15 identifies very short trail into woods perpendicular to Rte. 126. At this point new route begins at of July 2017. Trail heads up into the woods to the left and stays in the woods for the next 1.23 miles.

1.23 Grandville Road Trail head. Turn left on Grandville Road and walk to the stop sign at Baker Bridge Road. This is a dangerous crossing! CAREFULLY cross Baker Bridge road and keep walking straight (road name changes to Woods End Road) with the famous Gropius house on your left.

1.49 Private Driveway at Woods End Road cul de sac. Keep to the right and in .08 mi. take the trailhead off to the right. Follow the trail through the woods until you come to the RR bridge.

2.09 Codman Railroad bridge trail junction. (*As a side trip, cross the bridge and go straight. This will take you immediately to the Codman Estate property including the historic Codman House straight in front of you and the gardens to the right.*) Returning to the trail junction on the other side of the railroad bridge:

C N42 25.202 W71 19.784

AT THIS POINT YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES FOR HEADING SOUTH: THE "LINCOLN/WAYLAND" ROUTE OR THE NEW "LINCOLN/WESTON/WAYLAND" ROUTE WHICH WILL BE CALLED THE "DRUMLIN" ROUTE. IT LATER CROSSES MASS AUDUBON'S DRUMLIN FARM WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (*Please note that dogs and bicycles are not allowed on the sanctuary, for the comfort and safety of wildlife.*)

FIRST THE DRUMLIN ROUTE (C-L-M-N-H):

0.00 Codman Railroad bridge trail junction. Before crossing the railroad, bridge turn left and follow the trail parallel to the railroad tracks. The waste disposal plant and a small solar array will be on your left and the tracks on your right. Walk straight on this unimproved road passing the Lincoln Mall parking lot on your left and then the back of the post office also on your

left.

(*To catch the train going west, to Concord and beyond, stand on this side of Lincoln Road, while the stop for going toward Boston is on the other side of Lincoln Road, where there also is a waiting area and a mounted train schedule. The Mall itself is owned by Lincoln's non-profit Rural Land Foundation, which in close coordination with Lincoln's Land Conservation Trust, was able to protect the adjoining conservation land and make possible the adjacent affordable housing project. The Mall has a grocery and coffee shop among other retail establishments.*)

0.45 Crossing Lincoln Road in front of the post office. Cross the road, then turn right and carefully cross the railroad tracks. Proceed straight on the sidewalk, first crossing Codman Road and then arriving at the intersection with Route 117. Carefully cross Route 117. (*For a side trip to visit the animal and nature exhibits at Drumlin Farm, turn left on route 117 and follow the sidewalk path to the main entrance. An admission fee applies for entry into the main farmyard area. Bicyclists can bypass Drumlin Farm by continuing south on Lincoln Road and taking a left onto Old Sudbury Road, rejoining the trail at mile 1.91, the Old Sudbury Road Trail head.*)

0.89 Route 117 Crossing. Continue straight on the sidewalk with the Drumlin Farm fence on your left for approximately .15 mi. until you come to the break in the fence and the sign indicating the entrance on the Bay Circuit Trail into the Mass Audubon property. (*Please note that dogs and bicycles are not allowed on the sanctuary, for the comfort and safety of wildlife.*) Follow the signs along the Drumlin Farm trails for .72 mi. until you come to Old Sudbury Road. Along the way, you will pass by a variety of typical New England habitats, including woodlands, hayfields, crop fields, and wetlands. On your left as you follow the first portion of the trail is the "drumlin" from which the farm takes its name, referring to the elongated, teardrop-shaped hill of rock, sand, and gravel that formed under moving glacier ice. When the trail opens up onto the crop fields, take a hard right to follow along the fence line. After a short jog to the left, the trail takes a right turn to head

straight to Old Sudbury Road. (*As Drumlin Farm depends on crops to fund its nonprofit educational activities, please stay on the trail and refrain from picking vegetables or walking on the hayfields.*)

- 1.76 Old Sudbury Road exit from Drumlin Farm. Turn left on Old Sudbury Road walking on the left side of the road for a short distance, .15 mile, until you come to the trail marker to enter the trail through the gate on the right side of the road.

L N42 24.041 W71 19.770

- 0.0 Old Sudbury Road trail head. Enter chained gate to the right of a large wood sign reading **Van Leer Conservation Area**. A stone bench will be to your left and fenced livestock fields to your right. The narrow trail zig-zags along the fenced (electric fence, beware!) fields leading to the woods. Note that bikes are not allowed on the Lincoln portion of this BCT option but are allowed on Weston trails if the trails are dry.
- 0.2 **MacDowell Woods Boardwalk**. This beautiful wood-slatted trail was a joint effort of the Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Weston Forest & Trail. Follow boardwalk through swampy area--please stay on the boardwalk. Also, be aware that this boardwalk can be extremely slippery if wet.
- 0.4 At boardwalk end, there is a small rise into **Ogilvie Town Forest** (Weston Conservation Land). If you look back, you will see an orange sign warning of quicksand--the original owner of this land, Henry Van Leer, reportedly lost a horse here when dragging logs back to his farm. Continue down the footpath, ignoring spur trails to the right and to the left.
- 0.6 Trail Intersection # 2. Turn left and follow carriage trail uphill. The trail runs through pine and red/black oak, and you may see some signs of the glacial Lake Sudbury to your right as you climb.
- Note that major junctions on Weston trails are marked not only with the Weston green "W" but also with arrows and trail numbers or letters. These will be noted, when available, in this guide.*
- 0.7 Trail Intersection # 1. Turn left and continue uphill towards a "rotary" in the woods at 0.8 mile. This will be the highest elevation you reach in the **Ogilvie Forest**, at 246 feet. Stay

straight at Intersection #5 and shortly after, bear right and slightly downhill, still on carriage trail.

- 0.9 Bear left at Intersection #7 near the end of a long downhill. Trail will start a short rise and then descend again through the pine and oak forest.
- 1.1 Pass a spur trail to your left. You will be on a wide carriage trail with a gradual rise, then a gradual descent.
- 1.2 Continue straight down hill, ignoring a spur trail to the left. You will now pass through a stone wall and see some of the signs of residences again.

M N42 23.140 W71 19.780

- 1.4 Sudbury Road, Weston. This is the only auto road you will cross in the Weston option of the BCT. From the stone wall on the north side, you can see across the road on the south side a matching sign, slightly to the right, for BCT. **Please practice extreme caution crossing road as the corners are blind for drivers.**

The trail now enters Weston Conservation Land known as **Jericho Town Forest**. Follow trail down and slightly to right as you enter a wetlands area. The trail skirts the wetland and curves to the left, crossing a plank bridge.

- 1.5 After crossing another plank bridge, follow the trail straight up the gentle hill, ignoring a spur trail from the right. The trail will soon descend, gently at first, and then becoming steeper. As you descend, a stone wall guides you to the junction with Ripley Lane.
- 1.7 **Ripley Farm**, a privately held property, is certainly, one of the loveliest you will find along the Weston portion of the BCT. The home once belonged to a Civil War veteran who moved to Weston right after the war. At the intersection with Ripley Lane, turn right, and follow the BCT markings. The trail now follows the stone wall bordering the field.
- 1.8 A small bridge leads you over a sometimes-dry stream bed and up a small incline towards **Town Line Field**, a small field near the Wayland Town Line.
- 1.85 You stand now at the northern end of **Town Line Field**, one of the many fields mowed by the Weston Conservation Commission. To your right, you can see a couple of houses which are located in Wayland. Continue south along the

- left edge of the field
- 1.9 A sharp left at this point will lead you away from **Town Line Field**. Note that there is another entrance to Weston Conservation Land to your right from Wayland (Old Weston Road). Continue down the trail where a gradual descent leads you to another view of **Ripley Farm**.
 - 2.0 Turning right, away from **Ripley Farm**, you will enter some of the narrowest and technically difficult (due to roots and mud) parts of Weston's BCT. Please keep to the plank bridges as much as you can while being aware that these could be slippery. The bridges are placed on the edge of the trail here to allow horses to still pass.
 - 2.2 Turn right at this trail junction, gradually ascending a small hill and then continuing straight down the other side. The trail continues through the pine and oak forest. Depending on time of year, many ferns will grace the sides of the trail
 - 2.3 Turn right at this junction and curve around a fern hillside and up through majestic white pines. Continue, bearing right at 2.4 miles and then to the right at the top of the hill at Intersection H, stepping through a stone wall to a widening trail.
 - 2.5 At this triangular junction, make sure you look up at the magnificent white pine titan of the forest. Bear left here down the carriage path.
 - 2.7 **French Field**, named for one of the early Weston Forest & Trail trustees. This field is mowed and maintained by the Weston Conservation Commission. This is a lovely place for a picnic and wide-open views of the sky. Leaving **French Field** by following the path across the meadow, you once again enter the trees and pass by a wetland. You are now following wide fire roads
 - 2.8 Staying to the right at Intersection #6, the carriage road continues through heavy forest, with no residences anywhere in sight.
 - 2.9 Trail Intersection # 7. Stay to the right. Shortly thereafter, you will find yourself at Trail Intersection #8 where you will stay to the left.
 - 3.1 Trail Intersection #9, continue straight.
- N N42 22.102 W71 19.729
- 3.2 Intersection with the **Mass Central Rail Trail – Wayside (MCRT – W)**. Turn right to head west on the paved asphalt trail. You will need to leash up any dog with you, and follow published rail trail rules.

- 3.4 Enter Wayland
- 3.7 Cross Plain Road
- 4.5 Cross Glenn Road
- 4.7 Cross Millbrook Road

H N42 21.868 W71 21.667

4.9 Intersection with Lincoln/Wayland Route at Cochituate Rd (MA 27/126)

OPTION TWO: THE LINCOLN/WAYLAND ROUTE (returning to the trail description beginning at the Codman railroad bridge crossing, (C-D-E-F-G-H)):

- 0.0 Codman Railroad bridge trail junction. Cross the bridge and take an immediate right turn, temporarily taking you parallel to the railroad tracks. Follow this trail until you come to Route 126. Turn right onto the sidewalk and walk a very short distance to the crosswalk which crosses the road and onto Old Concord Road. Follow Old Concord Rd 350 ft, passing "Lincoln Cons. Land" sign and a field on left (parking is allowed except Sunday a.m. at St. Ann's Church on Rte. 126, just south of Old Concord Rd jct)
- 0.6 Left onto dirt farm road that borders field. Bikes are allowed. Map is posted here. Continue along trail (farm house on right) toward woods in distance (trail crosses Beech Tree Trail)
- 0.9 Enter woods of **Mt. Misery**. (*Just before BCT enters woods, trail to right goes toward Fairhaven Rd, goes left briefly along road, and then continues on other side toward Adams Woods*) Go straight onto Kettle Trail, a wide trail thru woods marked by blue bike signs. Ignore intersecting trails. (*At 1.45 trail left climbs up Mt. Misery*)
- 1.1 At jct with post marked "F9" Kettle Trail goes right. BCT goes left on trail marked with blue bike signs. Ignore intersecting trails. Pass small pond on left; continue straight. At end of pond, continue straight on path toward parking lot (P=20) (you will hear sounds of traffic on Rte. 117 to your left thru this area)
(*South to North hikers note: At parking lot, look for trail sign left of tr. Follow trail toward north side of pond; continue straight on Wolf Pine Trail along north side of pond, then left onto trail with blue bike signs. Right onto Kettle Trail*)
Resume trail at signboard, opposite where cars

enter parking lot. Enter woods and bear left (west, do not go up hill) to parallel Rte 117.

D N42 25.137 W71 21.628

- 1.9 Canoe launch parking lot (P=20) marked with large wood sign. Cross Rte. 117 just beyond parking lot to access **Farrar Pond**. Enter a private driveway at mailboxes #17 & #19 & #23. Fire lane is posted. (*Bicycles are not allowed on this part of trail. Bicyclists should turn left onto paved bike path parallel to Rte. 117. Continue to jct with Rte. 126, then right on Rte. 126 into Wayland.*) Continue on driveway to Y near houses. Follow the right fork of the Y toward the closed gate. At end of driveway and entrance to #17, turn left onto trail between fences; continue along fence (pasture on left). At end of fence, tr goes right around end of Farrar Pond, crossing spillway. Follow wider trail uphill. Turn right at top. Trail ends at pavement
- 2.3 Continue straight along pavement (a driveway for #82 Birchwood Lane). Where driveway joins Birchwood Lane turn slightly to the right onto trail into woods. The trail circles around behind Farrar Pond Village. You can see the condos on your left.
- 2.9 Turn right into former Nike missile site in Wayland.

Wayland: *BCT logos at trailheads; blazes along trails (some sections not marked). Follow only the BCT blazes and the orange, diamond-shaped Wayland Conservation signs*
Distances approximate. Bicycles not allowed on conservation land. Bicyclists should follow route described on preceding page.

E N42 24.590 W71 21.527

- 0.0 Turn left and then right to go around housing area to Oxbow Rd.
- 0.1 Turn right on Oxbow Rd. Parking (P=10) (with bench and bike rack) signed as Oxbow Meadows. about 200 ft from Oxbow Rd.
- 0.4 Turn left on Campbell Rd.
- 0.6 At sharp left bend in Campbell Rd, enter gated Water Dept. access rd. on right. Ignore "no trespassing" sign. Trail leaves access road (right) in 180 ft. Enter **Trout Brook** conservation area. Trail crosses wetlands and brook on 120ft long boardwalk, then rises and passes thru mature forest in heavily kettle-holed terrain. Some trail jcts are lettered. At

trail jct A about 700 feet past brook follow "red" trail straight uphill to jct B. Straight on "yellow" trail thru intersections C, N, and D. Right at K onto "red" tr. Join "yellow" trail at G and follow to M. At jct M bear left on "yellow" trail to jct of Sherman's Bridge Rd, Oxbow, and Alpine Rd (main trailhead for Trout Brook Cons.Area)(P=2)

F N42 23.862 W71 21.430

- 1.3 Sherman's Bridge Rd (P=2). More parking (P=20) 400 ft south on Alpine Rd and left along playing fields. Go left (east) 0.3 miles to Rte. 126.
- 1.4 At Rte. 126, turn right and use sidewalk on east side of road.
- 2.4 Right onto Moore Rd
- 2.8 Right on dirt rd just past #52 Moore Rd to parking area for **Sedge Meadow** conservation area. Take trail to left at kiosk thru Sedge Meadow skirting SE side of field, left at junction and enter then head generally SW thru wetlands, woodlands, and around edges of fields. Trail may be very wet in spring.
- 3.8 Trail passes a monument describing Sedge Meadow acquisition, then curves west, south, and east to emerge on Glezen Lane at **Black Cat Farm** conservation area. Parking for several cars (P=5)
- 4.8 Right onto Glezen Lane to Rte. 27. Parking about 0.15 mi to left for **Cow Common** conservation area (P=20)

G N42 22.358 W71 22.284

- 4.8 Cross Rte. 27. Enter **Cow Common** cons. area. Trail goes west along field, then south along same field. As trail turns east, BCT turns right (south) thru wooded area, over a stream. Continue south across field and into another wooded area. Right at trail jct in woods. Left at next trail junction. (Trail straight ahead is the proposed future BCT route) Exit woods, and cross field to Rte. 27.
- 5.6 Cross Old Sudbury Road (MA 27) diagonally to Bow Rd for 0.4 mile, then right on Concord Rd (MA 126) thru 17th century historic district to **Wayland Depot** and **Wayland Library**.

H N42 21.870 W71 21.668

- 6.2 Junction with BCT routes that continue south to Sudbury via **Pelham Island** or east to Weston on the **MCRT – W**. Continuing south, cross Cochituate Road at the traffic signal then

left on sidewalk. The southbound route will be rerouted when the **MCRT – W** is complete into Sudbury.

- 6.3 Cross Boston Post Road (US 20) at traffic signal and turn right. Bear left and go SW on Pelham Island Rd

J N42 21.787 W71 21.734

- 7.3 Left on Heard Rd to end at **Heard Farm** (P=12)

- 7.4 Trail leaves right side of parking lot, enters small clearing in **Heard Farm**, and cuts across field 0.2 mile to Erwin Rd

- 7.6 Right on Erwin Rd (dirt road) about 100 yds; left on Pelham Island Rd, which skirts Heard Pond and enters **Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge**

- 8.0 **Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge Heard Pond** parking area (P=5).

K N42 21.390 W71 22.895

- 8.5 Wayland/Sudbury town line

Continue on temporary trail in Sudbury (3.4 miles) pending completion of the MCRT-W over the Sudbury River and in Sudbury. Take Pelham Island Rd for 0.7 mile to end, turn right on Landham Rd for 0.6 mile to Rte 20 in Sudbury, and then turn left to follow Rte 20 west for 2.1 miles to junction with Horse Pond Rd. Continue about 30 yds past Horse Pond Rd, turn left into driveway of Weissblatt Conservation Land (P=10). See E on Map 8.

Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston - THE JEWELS

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge - Sudbury Unit (US Fish & Wildlife Service; 3,486 acres both units) - wetlands, uplands, bottomland hardwoods along 12 miles of Sudbury River. Established in 1944 primarily as a sanctuary for migratory and wetland birds. Highest public use of all refuges in the wildlife complex. Dogs must be leashed. No horses. Maps of both this unit and the northern (Concord) unit are available at HQ/visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury. 978-443-4661 and online: www.fws.gov/northeast/greatmeadows/

Concord and Lincoln:

Walden Pond State Reservation (MA DCR; 411 acres) - Trails around the historic pond, beach, fishing, replica of Thoreau's cabin. Bicycles and dogs prohibited. Parking lot (fee in summer); access from Rte 126, south of Rte 2 jct. 978-369-3254.

Free map at headquarters and online at: www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/walden.pdf

Adams Woods (Lincoln Cons.Com; 87 acres, and Concord Land Conservation Trust) - Trails link Walden Pond State Res. and Mt. Misery. Interesting glacially formed terrain includes a kame terrace and a string of kettlehole bogs. Thoreau described and named the bogs the Andromeda Ponds in 1855. Parking at Walden Pond (fee in summer), Rte 117 Mt. Misery lot, and limited parking at trail entrance on Old Concord Rd in Lincoln and at Concord Land Conservation Trust entrance off Fairhaven Rd in Concord

Concord:

Hapgood-Wright town forest (Concord Commission on Natural Resources) - Includes **Fairyland Pond** with trails around pond and thru woodlands. Parking. Maps online at: www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/subcomm/Hapgood-Wright%20Map.pdf

Lincoln: *detailed maps and trail descriptions as well as historic and naturalist information on these properties can be found in A Guide to Conservation Land in Lincoln trailguide. Bicycles are allowed on some but not all trails. Obey signs*

DeCordova and Dana Museum and Park (30 acres) - Extensive sculpture garden on beautiful grounds surrounding the museum. Museum closed Mondays. Summer concerts in the amphitheater. Numerous art programs. Gift shop. No fee to enjoy the grounds. Entrance on Sandy Pond Rd. 781-259-8355

Flint's Pond conservation areas (Cons.Com. and Lincoln Land Conservation Trust; about 370 acres among 10 parcels) - extensive varied woodlands and wetlands surrounding Flint Pond (town water supply; swimming, boating, and dogs not allowed in pond). Thoreau's first choice for his cabin; denied permission, he settled at Walden Pond. Access from DeCordova Museum lower parking lot. Additional parking at pull-offs along Sandy Pond Rd and behind Brooks School gym

Pine Hill (Cons.Com; 72 acres) - woodlands east of Walden Pond Res. with views from the Concord reservoir at its summit. Trails also connect with Flint Pond areas and with Baker Bridge north fields. Parking at Walden Pond (fee in summer) and at pull-offs along Sandy Pond Rd. Map online:

http://lincolnconservation.org/files/Map2_WaldenArea.pdf

Mt. Misery (Cons.Com; 227 acres) - agricultural fields, woods, hills, and ponds. Wide well-maintained woods roads offer good walking, x-country skiing, and equestrian opportunities. No swimming in ponds or in adjacent Sudbury River. Canoe launch site parking on Rte 117, but long portage from parking to launch. Main parking lot on Rte 117. Parking also on Rte 126 at jct Codman Rd. Maps online at:
http://lincolnconservation.org/files/Map5_MtMisFarrar.pdf

Farrar Pond - creative zoning decisions allowed preservation of the pond's south shore and a public walking trail with beautiful pond views (no horses or bikes allowed along this fragile shoreline). Trail links to Dean Land (14 acres) on east side of Rte 126. Use canoe launch site parking lot on Rte 117 or small lot on Kettlehole Dr south of pond. Maps online at:
http://lincolnconservation.org/files/Map5_MtMisFarrar.pdf

Codman House "The Grange" and surrounding conservation land (Historic New England and Cons.Com; 165 acres) - Historic house and gardens in a park-like setting. Codman Rd, off Rte 117 or off Rte 126. Open June-Oct. Fee. Adjacent conservation land has good trail network. Parking for trail use at Lincoln Schools lots, in commuter rail lots, behind St. Anne's church on Rte 126 (except Sundays), and on shoulder of Codman Rd 781-259-8843 www.historicnewengland.org

Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary (Mass Audubon; 206 acres) - Working farm with educational programs and exhibits for children and adults. Short woodland trails as well as farm road suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Farm stand in season. Horses, dogs, bicycles prohibited. Closed Mondays except holidays. Fee for non-members. Entrance on Rte 117. 781-259-2000 www.massaudubon.org/drumlin

Beaver Pond, Twin Pond, and Browning Fields (Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Cons. Com; about 72 acres) - this group of woodlands and fields has an extensive trail network, thanks to the generosity of private landowners in the area.

Parking at riding ring at north end of Browning Field North on Weston Rd, along shoulder of Weston Rd (but not on gravel rd off Weston), and at the ice cream stand on Rte 117 at Weston/Lincoln line. Trails also link to LLCT and Cons.Com. land on east side of Weston Rd and Silver Hill Rd

***Sudbury:** individual maps with historic and naturalist information available for Cons.Com land. Some SVT properties also have individual maps available.*

Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area (MA Fisheries and Wildlife; over 400 acres) - Hunting allowed here (no hunting on Sundays). Hikers should use caution. Rough trails.

Round Hill (Sudbury Valley Trustees; 29 acres) and **Lincoln Meadows** (Cons.Com; 78 acres) - Only 100 ft above surrounding terrain but views from Round Hill reach miles across river, meadows, and rolling hills. Excellent birding. Parking at Lincoln Meadows on Lincoln Rd or at Great Meadows HQ on Weir Hill Rd

King Philip Woods (Cons.Com; 81 acres) - trails to viewpoint over Sudbury River marshes and to historic cellar holes. In 1999 beavers were making some trails inaccessible. Map near parking area, Rte 27

Davis Farm Cons. land (Cons.Com; 61 acres) - trails thru wood-lands. Link to Barton Farm Cons. land. Dirt parking lot off Rte 117. Adjacent to playing fields (42 acres) and large parking lot off Rte 117

Frost Farm (Cons.Com, town, private land) - loop trails and connection to White Pond and future rail-trail. Fields and wetlands. Parking at end of access rd off Rte 117 (nearly across from Davis playing fields)

Gray Reservation (SVT; 52 acres) - old woods rd, foot paths, and paved walkways offer a variety of walking routes on the 35 acres south of Hudson Rd. Includes a link to Haynes Meadow. SVT trail map. Parking near jct Old Lancaster Rd and Hudson Rd (west of this map)

Haynes Meadow (Cons.Com; 37 acres) - marshes, swamps, Hop Brook, and eskers. Trail links to Gray Reservation (SVT map) to northeast and to Curtis Middle School on west. Respect privacy of house

on east side near parking area. Limited parking at lot off trail driveway (off Peakham Rd) and at end of Blueberry Hill Lane (west of this map)

Wayland: *please note Wayland Conservation Commission rules:*

Bicycle use on Cons.Com lands requires a special permit. These activities are prohibited: littering, disturbing vegetation or wildlife, swimming, fires, smoking, alcohol, fireworks, guns or other weapons, hunting, trapping, motorized vehicles. Between dawn and dusk trail users may hike, walk pets (under voice or leash control), picnic, snowshoe, ski, and ice skate. Trail markers identify permitted uses: Triangular = footpaths (no horses). Five-sided markers = horse and pedestrian trails. Circular overlay = trails thru private land or sensitive habitat--stay on trail.

Individual maps with historic and naturalist information on these properties available online: www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_Conservation/areas2

Sudbury Valley Trustees offers maps of some of its properties online: www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org

Upper Mill Brook (Cons. Com and SVT; 115 acres) - 3 miles of loop trails thru diverse habitats, brook, ponds, glacial formations. Beaver activity. Horses allowed on marked trails. P at Peace Lutheran Church (except Sunday a.m.) on Rte 126. Map at SVT website: www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org

Trout Brook (SVT, Cons.Com, water dept) - Color-coded trails include section of BCT. Parking at Castle Hill; access from Sherman's Bridge Rd

Castle Hill Cons. Area (SVT, Cons.Com, water dept, school dept; 45 acres) - trails thru woodlands and along an esker. Links Trout Brook cons. area and Sedge Meadow. No horses. Beaver activity may close these trails periodically. Parking on Alpine Rd at ballfield

Sedge Meadow (Cons.Com and SVT; 93 acres) - active and fallow farm fields and woodlands. Good wildlife viewing. Horses allowed on marked trails. Parking off Glezen Lane

Black Cat Farm/Sedge Meadow Access (SVT; .9 acre) - Access on north side of Glezen Lane, 0.4 miles from Rte 27

Cow Common (Cons.Com; 65 acres) - Several loop trails thru hay fields, woodlands, community gardens. Good birdwatching. No horses. Parking off Rte 27

Heard Farm (Cons.Com; 85 acres) - 2.5 miles of trails thru active hay fields and woodlands. Parking at end of Heard Rd

Greenways Cons. Area (Cons.Com and SVT; 98 acres) - part of the former Paine estate. Diverse habitats include field and a wooded knoll with views of Sudbury River. Informal canoe landing slated for improvement. No horses. Temporary parking at St. Ann's Church across Rtes 126 and 27, s of Rte 20. Planned parking at cul-de-sac in development under construction. Cons.Com map and SVT map

Mainstone Cons. Area (Cons.Com, Water Dept, and SVT) - patchwork of several parcels, varied terrain. Parking on Rice Rd north of reservoir. Parking also at Church of the Holy Spirit, except Sun a.m. No on-street parking at trailheads

Weston: *Trails map (about \$10) available at Town Hall. Mountain biking is discouraged on Weston trails.*

Cat Rock Park - trails with view. Parking at end of Drabington Way near ballfield

Town conservation land, woodlands and wetlands, northwest corner of Weston. Extensive trail network thru numerous properties, some numbered jcts. Trails connect to Cherry Brook area and Weston College area

Weston Reservoir - walking trails around the reservoir as well as connection via aquaduct to Doublet Hill and Elliston Woods. Access from Wellesley St and Ash St

Regis College and Sunset Corner - numbered trail jcts; many loop trails possible. Access from Regis College (off Wellesley St), South Ave, Highland St, Audubon St

Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston - FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public transportation: train service from Boston to Lincoln

Maps and trailguides:

- Relevant USGS **topo maps** 7.5 x 15 Maynard & Framingham
- Maps of Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, both the Sudbury unit and the Concord unit, are available free at HQ/visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury 978-443-4661 and online: www.fws.gov/northeast/greatmeadows/
- Wayland Conservation Commission has detailed maps of individual conservation areas, with cultural and natural history info online: www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_Consevation/areas2
- Sudbury Conservation Commission detailed maps of individual conservation areas, with cultural and natural history info on line: www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp
- Large colored open space map of Lincoln with trails in detail, available for small fee at Cons. Com. office in town hall
- Walden Pond State Reservation trail map available free at park headquarters on Rte 126 and online www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm
- Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation website includes information and map of Walden Pond trails as well as numerous other state parks. Includes events such as guided hikes. www.mass.gov/dcr Click on "Trails"
- Large colored open space map of Weston prepared by the Weston Forest and Trail Assn in 1993. Ask in Weston Town Hall conservation office. About \$10. Shows trails.
- Weston Forest and Trails maps available at town hall, about \$10.
- Drumlin Farm map online: www.massaudubon.org
- Sudbury Valley Trustees publish individual maps of many of their properties and large-scale map of open space. Order maps and books on website: www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org
- Concord conservation maps: www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/subcomm/tc

Trail and land/water protection organizations:

Mass. Dept of Conservation and Recreation manages Walden Pond State Reservation. Park

headquarters on Rte 126, south of Rte 2 jct across street from pond 978-369-3254
www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm

Concord Commission on Natural Resources 141 Keyes Rd, Concord 01742 978-318-3285
www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/nrc

Concord Trails Committee maps online: www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/subcomm/tc

Concord Land Conservation Trust is a member-supported non-profit group that protects open space in Concord, 65 properties and over 1000 acres. POBox 141 Concord 01742. Property descriptions online: www.concordland.org/

Lincoln Land Conservation Trust protects 375 acres of open space and 60 miles of trails in Lincoln. Volunteers offer educational programs in schools and maintain all town trails. Non-profit group accepts contributions. 781-259-0199
www.lincoln-ma.com/town_groups/llct.htm

Rural Land Foundation in Lincoln serves as a clearinghouse for acquisition and protection of land slated for development. It seeks to optimize land preservation and develop remaining land sensitively, turning over open space to Lincoln Land Conservation Trust. www.lincoln-ma.com/town_groups/rlf.htm

Lincoln Conservation Commission protects more than 1800 acres of land, wetlands and rivers in town www.lincoln-ma.com/town_government/conservation.htm

Wayland Conservation Commission has acquired over 2000 acres, offers many free programs, including guided hikes and bird walks in spring and fall. Pick up list of seasonal programs at Cons.Com office near jct. Rte 126/27 and 20. 508-358-3669

Sudbury Conservation Commission office is in town office bldg in old center. 978-443-8891 x371. Maps on website www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp

Sudbury Valley Trustees has been protecting the natural resources of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Valleys since 1953. Bicycles are

prohibited on SVT land. They publish trail maps of many of their properties (for sale on their website). Members receive newsletters, maps, outings and events listings. Membership starts at \$40. 18 Wohlbach Rd Sudbury 01776. 978-443-5588 www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org

Weston Forest and Trail Assn was founded in 1955 to foster protection of open space and development of a trail system in Weston. Currently owns over 100 acres in 32 parcels and maintains 65 miles of trails on its land as well as town land. Maps on line. Guided walks. Details and membership info on website www.westonforesttrail.org/

Weston Land Trust. www.westonlandtrust.org

Weston Conservation Commission, town hall 781-893-7320 x322 weston.govoffice.com/index.asp

Massachusetts Audubon, the largest conservation organization in New England, works to preserve the natural world through conservation, education, and environmental advocacy. It protects over 34,000 acres of land in Massachusetts and maintains wildlife sanctuaries in 90 communities that are open to the public. Members receive a beautiful bi-monthly magazine and reduced fees for programs. Frequent programs for individuals and families at Drumlin Farm on Rte 117 in Lincoln, as well as at other sanctuaries. To become a member call 1-800-AUDUBON or visit the web site: www.massaudubon.org Maps online.

Historic New England (formerly The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities) preserves many historic places in New England, including the Codman House in Lincoln. 781-259-8843 www.historicnewengland.org

US Fish and Wildlife Service, administers Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Public welcome at regional headquarters off Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury 978-443-4661 www.fws.gov/northeast/greatmeadows/

MA Dept of Fish and Game, Acton region, administers Pantry Brook State Wildlife Management Area. 978-263-4347 www.mass.gov/dfwele

SuAsCo Watershed Community Council -

collaboration of businesses, towns, environmental organizations, and state, federal and regional government to manage environmental issues in the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed. They seek to protect natural resources, restore water quality and flow, coordinate land use and water resource planning across community boundaries, encourage stewardship of the recreational and historic character of the watershed, promote education on watershed issues, and channel financial and technical assistance to solve problems. Task forces welcome volunteers. Office at Suite 200, 118 Great Rd, Stow 01775 www.SuAsCo.org

Members of the Boston chapter of the **Appalachian Mountain Club** lead guided walks in this area frequently, open to the public. Search activities at: <http://www.outdoors.org/recreation/activities/massachusetts.cfm>

Charles River Wheelmen - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout BC area. Excellent website lists rides, membership & other info. at www.crw.org

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