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## Map 8 - Sudbury, Framingham, Marlborough, Southborough, Ashland, Sherborn - BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route

(as shown on map 8 dated February 2020)

(text updated February 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](http://www.baycircuit.org) under the Explore tab. Please review them for updates to the trail guide and maps.

**Sudbury proposed BCT:** A proposal for connecting Wayland to Sudbury uses an abandoned RR that parallels Rte 20 and is part of the proposed Mass Central Rail Trail to eliminate most of the travel on Rte 20 to reach Weissblatt Conservation Land.

**Sudbury Temporary Trail:** From Wayland town line (see Map 7), continue on 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 100 yds past Horse Pond Rd, turn left into driveway of Weissblatt Conservation Land (Tippling Rock Trail) (P=10).

Map 8 section winds through these six towns, sometimes crossing back and forth between towns.

### Sudbury, Framingham, Marlborough:

*Trail markings: white rectangular blazes. Double offset blazes indicate a turn in the direction of the upper blaze*



### Bike Route:

**At Jct. Pelham Island Road Landham Rd.**

42.35215, -71.40206

0.0 Turn Left on Landham Road and turn right on Woodside Rd.

1.0 Turn Right on Eaton Rd.

1.2 Turn Left on Eisenhower Road

1.7 Eisenhower turns into Hemenway Rd. near Garden in the Woods.

2.4 Turn right on Water St.

2.7 Turn Left on Edgell Road.

3.0 Turn Right onto the Aqueduct trail, which can be accessed through a small section of drive-way. Metal gates block motorized vehicles from the aqueduct, but bikes can be walk around.

3.4 Turn Left briefly at Lyman Road, then a quick right down an access road onto another aqueduct trail.

4.8 Turn right Major Hale Drive

5.0 Enter through a trail easement near the fire hydrant at the end of the cul-de-sac and enter the Southern property of Callahan State Park

5.8 Exit the Park on Briarwood Rd

6.2 Turn Left on Lanewood Ave. then turn right on Waveney Rd.

6.5 Turn Left on Pine Hill Rd.

6.9 Turn Right on Pleasant Rd. which becomes Boston Rd. (Route 30)

7.6 Continue straight on Willow Street

7.8 Turn Right on Rt. 9 (Heavily trafficked road)

8.1 Turn Right on Oak Hill Road

8.8 Just before passing under I-90, meet up back with the main BCT just before point "N"



### Hiking Only Section

**E** N42 21.638 W71 26.436

0.0 Trailhead is at the northwestern edge of **Weissblatt Conservation Land**, (skiing is not permitted) and is marked with large wooden sign on Rte 20, "Town of Sudbury, Tippling Rock Trail, Conservation Land" (sign is visible only going eastbound). Parking for 10+ cars is up dirt driveway on south side of Rte 20, about 100 yds west of jct with Horse Pond Rd. Follow the Salamander Trail markers (here the BCT overlaps with the Salamander Trail). The Salamander trail makes a sharp turn to left and returns to parking lot.

0.5 Continue straight, entering the **Nobscot Boy Scout Reservation** (no horses, dogs must be on leash), and turn right in about 20 yds. Bear right and follow trail along base of ledge, climbing NW to ascend ridge. Turn left at T jct at ridge line.

Follow ridge to ledge, bear right at fork just north of

ledge for more gradual ascent, and ascend to **Tippling Rock** (426-ft elevation) with good views to east from north of Boston to the Blue Hills and west to Mt. Wachusett (through limited clearing for sight line).

- 0.8 **Tippling Rock** is the split rock at the south end of the ledge. Rumor has it that the rock could be tipped when whole and a farmer split it to prevent it from injuring his cattle. BCT continues down the west side of the ledge, turns left at the jct with Tippling Rock Trail and turns right up ridge line in about 30 yds. (Note: other trails in this area use painted white blazes; do not confuse for plastic BCT blazes; a steeper scramble goes south past Tippling Rock to the same ridge trail)

Follow the white blazed trail as it bears right at fork in about 50 yds, winds up some ledge, and past a stone chimney, the remnant of a former cabin.

Turn right at jct, downhill and left at next jct. BCT enters **Nobscot Conservation Land** (dogs on leash) at a stone wall.

- 1.5 Left at next jct (or go 0.3 mi straight ahead to Brimstone Lane parking area adjacent to map Point-F to bypass climb to Nobscot Hill summit). Enter Nobscot Reservation, right at next jct, descend to and cross intermittent stream, and start ascent of Nobscot Hill. Follow steep trail up fall-line entering DCR property (called Callahan State Park on some maps) in Framingham to summit (602' elevation).
- 1.9 At summit fire and communications towers (no view unless manned with a friendly ranger), left and descend slightly 125 yds to eastern outlook (peek-a-boo view of Boston and the Blue Hills – mostly obstructed by leafed trees). Take trail skirting summit to the south, enter Brimstone Estates descent to western outlook (views of Mt. Wachusett and Mt Monadnock)., cross clearing by water tower, branch trail to left before descent on trail. Descend down steep western side of Nobscot Hill on switchback, cross small footbridge, cross paved emergency fire road and rejoin trail north of wooden guard rail.
- 2.6 Re-enter Sudbury's Nobscot Conservation Land, bear right at fork in trail (left fork is a shortcut to the BCT in Framingham's Wittenborg Woods) and when you hit the straight cart path, look right for side trail uphill to Brimstone Lane parking area.

**F** N42 20.979 W71 27.353

- 2.7 Jct with side trail to Brimstone Lane parking area. (P=10, parking area is 0.8 mi south of Rte 20 on Brimstone Lane. Side trail is on west side of road across from the parking and connects in about 100 yds to BCT.)

- 3.0 About 50 yds after stream crossing turn left at T jct (trail right, 0.2 mi, goes to **Ford's Folly**, a massive stone dam that never held water).

Continue up hill and enter Framingham's

**Wittenborg Woods**. Turn left at T jct about 20 yds beyond stone wall and follow stone walls around perimeter of Wittenborg Woods up the hill. (Trail to left where BCT bends south back to Nobscot Hill) Bear right at (houses on left).

Cross stone wall into Sudbury Valley Trustees' (SVT) easement across private property and another stone wall to enter SVT's **Gross Tract** (bicycles are not permitted).

Go downhill to tr jct. Continue straight downhill to, Wayside Inn Rd.

**G** N42 20.314 W71 27.892

- 4.1 Wayside Inn Rd. (P = 3, rough shoulder). Enter SVT's **Henry's Hill** (bicycles are not permitted - bicyclists should take a left at Wayside Inn Rd and then a right onto Edmands Rd). Go uphill through open field bearing to the left and turn left onto trail entering woods. Turn left at three-way trail junction after passing through stone wall and descend hill. Enter private property after field of large boulders on left (stay on BCT and off the private motor vehicle trail). Continue on driveway for 775 Edmands Rd. Turn right on Edmands Rd. (narrow without shoulder) and then left onto SVT's Harrington Field (no bicycles) opposite the lamp post for 795 Edmands Rd. Turn right to parallel Edmands Rd. Continue between wood rail fence and stone wall on private property (do not feed the horses in the paddock).
- 4.6 Leave private property at intersection with Nixon Rd. and continue on Edmands Rd pass Nixon Rd (P = 10) and Friends' Meeting House on right; cross Baiting Brook
- 4.7 Turn left into SVT's **Welch** Reservation (no bicycles) just past brook (P = 8, at Stearns Farm Community Supported Agriculture, limited during growing season). Bear right at fork about 20 yds after stream crossing. Continue uphill along intermittent stream
- 5.1 Turn right on pipeline (DCR parking on Edmands Rd 0.2 mile northwest along pipeline, P=20, cross intermittent stream, turn left within 50 ft and then immediately right at fork. Continue uphill and enter **Callahan State Park** at stone wall. Cross Pioneer Trail, continue straight on Wren Trail. Turn right at T jct with Red Tail Trail



## Multi-Use Section

5.6 Cross Edmands Rd; go up steep and rocky Backpacker Trail on flank of Gibbs Mt. Bear left at fork and straight at next fork. Turn right in about 100 yds, downhill, and turn left at T jct at bottom. Turn left on Pine Tree Trail along stone wall on south side of Beebe Pond, turn right through opening in stone wall. Cross dam at south end of Beebe pond. Cross a wide trail and head NW up the slope past a stone chimney on the Bear Paw Trail. Turn left through stone wall and enter field. Follow tree line to left, left thru tree line and then right across middle of field. Enter woods just south of the east-west tree line, turn right at T jct and go downhill to abandoned road. Turn left on abandoned road and right at tr crossing in about 200 yds. Continue on Bear Paw Trail for about 50 yds and then bear left at the fork. Enter the **Sudbury Reservoir** (bicycles, dogs, and horses are not permitted) at the stone wall. Trail winds thru woods, jog left and then right on skidder trail, and low lands to Parmenter St in Marlborough.

7.6 Parmenter St.



## Bike Route:

*(mileage continues from Bike Route)*

**K** N42 19.995 W71 30.109  
 4.85 Turn Left on Parmenter Rd.  
 5.63 Turn Right on Pine Hill Rd.  
 7.3 Turn Right on Pleasant Street  
 8.12 Continue straight onto Willow Street  
 8.33 Turn Right on Rt. 9. (use sidewalk)  
 8.65 Turn Left on Oak Hill Road

**N** N42 17.141 W71 29.909  
 9.58 Turn Left on Oregon Road, where the Bike route follows the official BCT.

## Southborough, Framingham, Ashland, Sherborn:

*Trail markings: white rectangular blazes. Double offset blazes indicate a turn in the direction of the upper blaze*

**K** N42 19.995 W71 30.109  
 0.0 Parmenter St (P = 1). Cross Parmenter St. Re-enter **Sudbury Reservoir** land (bicycles, dogs, and horses are not permitted). Go up hill. Bear right at fork and

go through hemlock and pine forests to logging/service rd along reservoir. (DCR parking lot 0.1 mi to right on Parmenter St, P=5)

0.3 Turn left; go 2.1 miles along old logging/service rd, with reservoir on the right. Note: This is a backup water supply, so trail users must abide by posted regulations (all water and ice uses are prohibited except for shore fishing everywhere except the vicinity of the dam, no smoking, horses, dogs, bicycles, picnicking, alcohol, fires or motorized vehicles.

**L** N42 18.665 W71 29.519  
 2.2 Logging/service road bears right at gate at jct of Nichols St. and Clemmons St., and the BCT bears left onto Clemmons St, as the MWRA does not permit access to their property that begins at the dam. Parking is allowed on the shoulder of the streets except where posted at the corner. Follow Clemmons St to the right.

2.5 Right on Pine Hill Rd (for the next 1.7 miles the BCT zig-zags along Framingham, Southborough, and Ashland borders). Right on MA Rte 30 (aka Pleasant St in Framingham and Boston Rd in Southborough) *(sidewalk along some of this residential then commercial stretch)*. Go west ½ mile on MA Rte 30, past the entrance to MWRA's facility. (**CAUTION: heavy traffic constricted by guardrails, no shoulders**). Pass New York Ave, and continue 100 yds on MA Rte 30 to asphalt parking lot (no parking!) adjacent to abandoned store on left (#231 Boston Rd.).

**M** N42 17.995 W71 29.602  
 3.5 Enter woods on the far right-hand side of out buildings (behind dirt pile) - no parking in parking lot - and follow abandoned Lamb Hill Rd to Firmin Ave. Left on Firmin, that changes to Pleasant St. Connector in Framingham then right at traffic signal on Crossing Boulevard to cross over MA Rte 9, and enter office park.

*(Note: above route between Rte 30 and Lamb Hill Rd has a poison ivy problem that volunteers are trying to remedy. If you wish, use the following route to reach the Staples office park: Stay on Rte 30 for an additional 300 yds past #231. At traffic light, turn left onto Firmin Ave, (aka Pleasant St Connector in Framingham) then right to cross Rte 9 via the overpass. Enter officepark on Crossing Blvd)*

About 200 yds from MA Rte 9 overpass, turn right thru landscaping just before office bldg at 175

Crossing Blvd.

- 3.8 Tr goes left down an embankment along retaining wall, then right across a small stream over footbridge (Eagle Scout project). Here begins the Staples Headquarters nature/exercise trail. Trail follows the western bank of the stream thru woods until it reaches a road bridge (bridge crosses stream from existing Staples headquarters building in anticipation of future facility expansion).
- 4.2 Cross gravel road, continue along western bank, and follow trail paralleling Mass Tpke to Oak St in Ashland.
- 4.7 Left on Oak St.



### Multi-Use Section

**Ashland:** Town Forest trail is blazed with white markers. Town Forest map available at town hall.

**N** N42 17.141 W71 29.909

- 0.0 Cross Mass Tpke Oak St overpass, turn left at blinker onto Oregon Rd. Continue 0.7 mile, passing restaurant on left and fields on right, bear right at rd fork, to **Ashland Town Forest**.

**P** N42 17.079 W71 28.984

- 0.9 Enter **Ashland Town Forest** on trail on right. Parking (P=3) on shoulder of Oregon Rd.  
Follow white blazes south on White Tr for 1.2 miles to sharp left turn; 0.4 mile to sharp right turn; 0.6 mile to Winter St parking lot.

**R** N42 16.221 W71 28.569

- 3.1 Town Forest Winter St parking lot (P=12). Go right (west) on Winter St.
- 3.3 Left on Brensnick Ln and follow to cul-de-sac. Take path along left edge of retention-basin fence line, descend hill, and enter woods to DPW yard.
- 3.6 Enter DPW yard behind salt shed and stay to right of shed. Follow the pavement through the "S" turn on Ponderosa Road. Before the gate take a hard left onto the Riverwalk along Sudbury River. There are 4 new parking places (2 handicap) next to the Animal Control kennel at the Riverwalk.
- 3.8 Left at the first fork. The path to the right continues .2 miles to a platform overlooking the Sudbury River and Mill Pond. It is handicap accessible.

*(Note: When going south to north, take a hard right onto the pavement, go left of the two buildings, then stay behind the left building (salt shed).)*

*(Note: To reach Ashland Commuter Rail Station,*

*follow Ponderosa Rd west thru the gate to Cordaville Rd, left and cross bridge over river.. Parking lot is just past the High St intersection)*

Follow the **Riverwalk** downstream for 0.5 mile, crossing a large foot bridge into Mill Pond Park P=6.

- 4.3 Cross Myrtle Street and enter woods between large rock and guardrail; continue downstream on the Riverwalk for 950 ft

**S** N42 15.763 W71 27.868

- 4.5 Straight onto Concord Court; right onto Concord Street; right onto Front Street to traffic light. (Parking across Front St at Montenegro Square. Restrooms across Main St at Police Station. Food in downtown area)
- 4.7 At traffic light go left (south) on Main St 100 yds (**CAUTION: cross RR tracks at gated crossing**); at traffic light cross and go left onto Homer Ave (using sidewalk on south side) for 0.4 mile to traffic light. Chinese restaurant and convenience nearby.
- 5.2 Cross Route 135 onto Chestnut St

**T** N42 15.379 W71 27.230

- 5.4 Enter **Wildwood Cemetery** on left. In the cemetery stay left along Fountain Ave, part of which is closed to car traffic, to NE corner of cemetery. At NE corner, turn right on Ash Ave and go uphill. Left on service road along property line, continue straight on woods trail to chain-link fence, and follow pathway overlooking playing fields to woods trail ending at the cul-de-sac on Cadorette Rd (*Note: Going south to north, enter the woods at fire hydrant at the end of Cadorette Rd*)
- 6.2 Follow Cadorette Rd downhill to end.
- 6.3 Left onto Grover Rd 0.6 mile to stop sign.
- 6.7 Cross Cedar St onto Mulhall Dr, proceed 600 ft to cul-de-sac; continue straight ahead into woods, over foot bridge and emerging onto Wenzell Rd.; Continue along Wenzell to cross Williams Rd and into woods. Follow blazes to right, (or stay left to see Washakum Pond). Exit woods at the back of the parking lot at Market Basket Plaza (food and parking. Dunkin Donuts in Pond Plaza). Go straight out to main road.

**U** N42 15.352 W71 25.626

- 7.3 Go right (south) on Pond St (Rte 126) using wide east shoulder for 0.7 mi, left on Tri St, left on Eliot St
- 8.7 Sherborn town line

**Sherborn:** BCT logos at trailheads; white rectangular blazes elsewhere. Double offset blazes indicate turn in the direction of the upper blaze

- 0.0 Where the sidewalk ends, enter Sherborn and continue on Whitney St (name change). Cross CSX railroad bridge and uphill to power line (*CAUTION: Narrow section of road with fast traffic*).
- 0.8 At power line crossing Whitney St turn left on trail that runs under the power line. Parking is available (P=10) on Curve St cul-de-sac (adjacent to, but not accessible from Whitney St, but from Western Ave). Follow Curve Street to Western Ave, left on trail offset from Western Ave roadway to Barber Reservation parking lot,
- 0.9 Enter Barber Reservation where trail bends right off power line and enters woods. Turn right at first field, through field to far right (SE) corner to re-enter woods, and right at T trail intersection to parking lot on Western Ave.
- V N42 14.691 W71 24.424
- 1.4 From Barber Reservation entrance, cross Western Ave. Walk along Stevens St to jct; right on Harrington Ridge Rd; left on Oldfield Dr; left on Dexter Dr. Right after #20 Dexter Dr onto trail into woods to a farm (private property), and right turn along edge of field. At field corner, turn left along edge, bear right about 200 ft before end of field into a White Pine Grove on equestrian trail, go over "Harley's Hollow" horse bridge, then thru gap in stone walls and enter Brush Hill Reservation on other side of stone wall. Head north thru woods, emerging next to but staying east of farm; continue uphill to Brush Hill Rd. Cross road to trail thru woods 0.4 mile to Perry St.

## **Map 8 - Sudbury, Framingham, Marlborough, Southborough, Ashland, Sherborn - THE JEWELS**

**Nobscot Boy Scout Reservation** (Knox Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America; 600 acres) - BCT traverses this hilly wooded property with permission of Council; access thru adjacent conservation land from Brimstone Ln and from Weisblatt land on US 20. Map online: [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/sites/default/files/Nobscot.pdf](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/sites/default/files/Nobscot.pdf)

**Sudbury:** maps of Conservation Commission properties available at Cons.Com office, Sudbury Library, Fairbanks Senior Center, and town clerk's office. Also

on website at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~sudbury.concom/conserva.htm>

**Nobscot Cons. land** (Cons.Com; 118 acres) - woodlands, meadows, historic sites, and abandoned apple orchard. Parcel on west side of Brimstone Lane includes Henry Ford's famous dam, called "Ford's Folly" for its failure to hold water. Side Tr crosses top of dam (between fences). South tr leads to Nobscot Hill summit. North tr leads to Tippling Rock, with great views along the way. Parking lot=10 on Brimstone Lane, 0.8 miles S of Rte 20

**Nobscot Hill Parcel** (Mass.DCR, supervised by Cochituate State Park; 124 acres) - South side of Nobscot Hill, highest point on BCT (602'). Fire tower may be open for visitors if manned.

**Weisblatt property** (Cons.Com; about 40 acres) - Purchased by town in 1998 to protect the viewscape from Tippling Rock. Access off US 20 at 641 Boston Post Rd, 1/4 mile w of Star Market (near Horse Pond Rd). Parking=several

**Lyons-Cutler Reservation** (Sudbury Valley Trustees; 72.2 acres) - Landlocked by wetlands, rich bird and wildlife habitat. Access by trails over adjacent land. From Wright Rd, park in cul-de-sac and follow trail north thru water dept land. Or park on Raymond Rd, skirt earthen mound blocking vehicular access, follow mown path across town land

### **Framingham and Marlborough:**

**Callahan State Park** (Massachusetts DCR; 800 acres) - Trails for hiking, skiing, horses, mountain bikes. Two parcels owned by Marlborough (20 acres) adjoin the state lands. Parking off Millwood St, Parmenter St., Broad Meadow Rd. Map online: [www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/callahan.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/callahan.pdf)

### **Framingham:**

**Brimstone Estates** (Property Owners' Association) - trail thru woodlands on Nobscot Hill, side trail to view of Wachusett and Monadnock Mountains

**Gross Tract and Henry's Hill** (Sudbury Valley Trustees; 57 acres) - trails thru woodlands and meadows, with views toward south. P=2 off Wayside Inn Rd at either end of Henry's Hill tr. SVT map.

**Wittenborg Woods** (Cons.Com; about 84 acres) - purchased by town in 1999 from Dr. Harriet Wittenborg,



this woodland preserves a link to Sudbury Cons. Com lands and Nobscot Hill. Map online; link from SVT website

**Welch Reservation, Stearns Farm, and Baiting Brook Woods** (SVT; 114 acres) - Abuts Callahan S.P. Fields, woodlands, rolling hills; former carriage roads. Parking=4 at corner of Edmands Rd and Nixon Rd, or park at Callahan lot and take linked trails

**Garden in the Woods** (New England Wild Flower Society; 45 acres) - Pleasant trails meander past rock gardens, lilypond, bog, meadows, woodland groves of wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, trees. A living museum devoted to the conservation of temperate No. American plants with over 1500 varieties. Open daily except Mon, mid April to late October. Fee. Also guided tours, courses, special events, annual plant sale, gift shop. 508-877-6574

#### **Marlborough/Southborough:**

**Sudbury Reservoir** (Mass. DCR) - important watershed area protects drinking water source, so trail users must abide by posted regulations. All water and ice uses are prohibited except for shore fishing anywhere except by the dam. Smoking, pets, picnicking, alcohol, fires, and motorized vehicles prohibited. A wide logging/service road follows eastern shore of reservoir thru woodlands for 2.1 miles.

*Southborough: brochure with trail maps and info available from Southborough Open Land Foundation*

**Breakneck Hill Cons. Land** (Cons.Com; 80 acres, 1/3 used for grazing cattle) - network of trails, meadow, orchard. Good birding. Views north from meadow at summit of hill. Parking=10 at sw corner, on Breakneck Hill Rd

**Town Forest** (Cons. Com) and **Turenne Wildlife Habitat** (SVT) (18 acres) East of Breakneck Hill - walking & snow-shoeing along woodland trails marked by large boulders, ledge outcroppings, vernal pools. Oak Hill offers good views from open meadow at NE corner. Turenne Wildlife Habitat within the forest is a low maintenance, "tennis court sized" area with bird feeders and many plants (labeled) that attract birds and are colorful all year, such as winterberry, inkberry, bayberry. 78 species of bird sighted. Brochure available. Parking at end of Walnut Dr and for 3 cars on Bay Path (old dirt rd) at tr entrance

#### **Ashland:**

**Ashland Town Forest** (Cons.Com; 524 acres) and

**Cowassock Woods** (Sudbury Valley Trustees; 51 acres) - Color-coded trails; BCT follows white rectangles. Marked trail access is between #886 and #890 Salem End Rd in Framingham (P=4) and from Oregon Road and Winter St in Ashland (P=4). Town Forest was previously a hunt club for riding clubs of the Salem End Rd section of Framingham.

"Cowassock" means "the place of pines"; this was the spring and summer campground of the Magunkook Indians, documented by anecdote, artifacts, and deeds transferring property to the first Colonists. Strong evidence of prehistoric habitation as well.

Colonial history: the families of the Towne Children (Rebecca Nurse, Sara Clayes, Mary Esty, & Edmund Towne) fled the Salem witch hunt and established the Salem End settlement of Framingham in 1693 (Salem End Rd follows original 17th century Indian trail).

Legend has it that the now-collapsed caves south of the water tower were the first refuge for the families. Map:

[www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/sites/default/files/Cowassock.pdf](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org/sites/default/files/Cowassock.pdf)

**Ashland State Park** (Mass.DCR; 470 acres) - pond for swimming, boating, fishing. Picnic tables and restrooms. X-country skiing and walking trail around reservoir. Access from Union St 508-435-4303. Map online: [www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/ashland.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/ashland.pdf)

**Hopkinton State Park** (MassDCR; 1414 acres) - pond for swimming, canoeing, fishing. Picnic tables and restrooms. Trail network for hiking, x-country skiing, equestrians. Access from Cedar St, Hopkinton 508-435-4303 Map online [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) Click on "trails"

**Devil's Den** (town) - recent town land purchase protects this his-toric cave about 100 yds from BCT. Locals thought this was a hideout during witchcraft hysteria, a stop on the underground railroad, or Indian grain storage. New research concludes it was a males-only hideout for men who wanted to play cards without wives finding out. Between E. Union St and Wildwood Cemetery

**Ashland Millpond** - Canoe launch dedicated 2006. cartop boat access site.

#### **Sherborn:**

**Barber Reservation** (Cons.Com; 189 acres) - Variety of landscapes and habitats; open meadows and easy paths fun for children. Equestrians. Parking on Western Ave behind rail fence

**Brush Hill Trail** (Cons.Com) - Seldom used trails

because parking on adjacent narrow streets is difficult. However the sense of wildness it offers should appeal to those who walk to it

### **Map 8 Sudbury, Framingham, Marlborough, Southborough, Ashland, Sherborn - FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Maps and trailguides:

- Relevant USGS **topo maps** are 7.5 x 15 Framingham, Marlborough, and Medfield
- **Callahan State Park** map available at DCR park headquarters, Rte 30 in Wayland east of Rte 90 overpass and [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm)
- **Hopkinson State Park** map online [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm)
- **Sudbury Valley Trustees** sell individual maps of many of their properties. *Out & About in the SuAsCo watershed* large scale map of protected open space includes canoe info. Order maps on website: [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org) 978-443-5588
- *Concord, Sudbury, Assabet Rivers Canoe Guide* (2nd edition) by Ron McAdow, \$22 from SVT (see above)
- *Hiking the SuAsCo Watershed* (2004) by Jill Phelps Kern, available from SVT for \$16 (see above)
- **Sudbury Conservation Commission** has free maps of its properties with trails; cultural and natural history details on back. Available at Conservation Commission office, Sudbury library, Fairbanks Senior Center, and town clerk's office. Maps also on website [www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp](http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp)
- **Marlborough** open space map shows protected land but not trails. Cons.Com. is making some trail maps for various parcels. City hall, conservation office, 140 Main St. 508-460-3768
- **Southborough Open Land Foundation** offers a map showing trails thru several properties as well as on-road bicycling routes. Includes history and naturalist info. Free. Some maps on website: [www.solf.org/trails.html](http://www.solf.org/trails.html)
- **Ashland Town Forest** map and other properties: [www.ashlandopenspace.org/trails.html](http://www.ashlandopenspace.org/trails.html)
- **Ashland Open Space** map: [www.ashlandopenspace.org](http://www.ashlandopenspace.org)
- **Sherborn** maps online: [www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/](http://www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/)

**Trail and land/water protection organizations:**  
**Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation**

- Manages Callahan State Park. Headquarters at Cochituate State Park in Wayland, off Rte 30 just east of Rte 90 overpass. 508-653-9641. Also manages Hopkinton and Ashland State Parks from headquarters in Hopkinton 508-435-4303. Many forest & park maps online [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails.htm)

**Ashland Open Space Committee** is working to secure permanent Bay Circuit route. Appointed committee. Excellent website [www.ashlandopenspace.org](http://www.ashlandopenspace.org)

**Framingham Conservation Commission** 508-628-1302

**Sherborn Rural Land Foundation**, established in 1974, has acquired land and buildings of particular aesthetic, environmental, and historical significance [www.sherbornruralland.org/](http://www.sherbornruralland.org/)

**Sherborn Forest and Trail Association** - Equestrians and hikers provide volunteer trail maintenance. New members welcome. PO Box 477, Sherborn MA 01770 Maps online: [www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/](http://www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/)

**Sherborn Open Space and Recreation Plan Implementation Committee** - town appointed group that oversees Sherborn's section of BCT and other projects. Town Hall: 508-651-7850

**Southborough Open Land Foundation** - citizens' group seeking to promote the wise use of land in town by acquiring property, preserving sensitive lands and creating wildlife habitats, educating the public about wise land use. New members welcome: PO Box 345 Southborough 01772. [www.solf.org](http://www.solf.org)

**Sudbury Conservation Commission**, town office bldg in old center. 978-443-8891x371

**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 (some for sale on their website). Member info online. Members receive newsletters, maps, outings and events listings. 18 Wohlbach Rd Sudbury 01776. 978-443-5588 [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org)

**New England Wild Flower Society** owns and manages Garden in the Woods, Framingham. Society promotes the conservation of temperate North American plants thru horticulture, education, research, habitat preservation, and advocacy. 508-877-7630

**Knox Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America** have been good stewards of 600 acre camp near Nobscot Hill

since 1928. They allow the public to use BCT route thru camp. 508-872-6551

**Mass. Dept of Conservation and Recreation** manages Sudbury Reservoir. This water source must be protected; public use of trails contingent on users obeying posted regulations

**SuAsCo Watershed Community Council** - collaboration of businesses, towns, environmental groups, and state, federal and regional govt in the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed. Seek to protect natural resources, restore water quality and flow, coordinate land use and water resource planning, encourage stewardship, and channel financial and technical assistance. Task forces welcome volunteers. Suite 200, 118 Great Rd, Stow 01775  
[www.SuAsCo.org](http://www.SuAsCo.org)

Members of the Boston and Worcester chapters of the **Appalachian Mountain Club** lead guided walks in this area frequently, open to the public. Search activities at: <https://activities.outdoors.org/search/>

**Charles River Wheelmen** - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout Bay Circuit area. Excellent website: rides, other info, membership. [www.crw.org](http://www.crw.org)

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