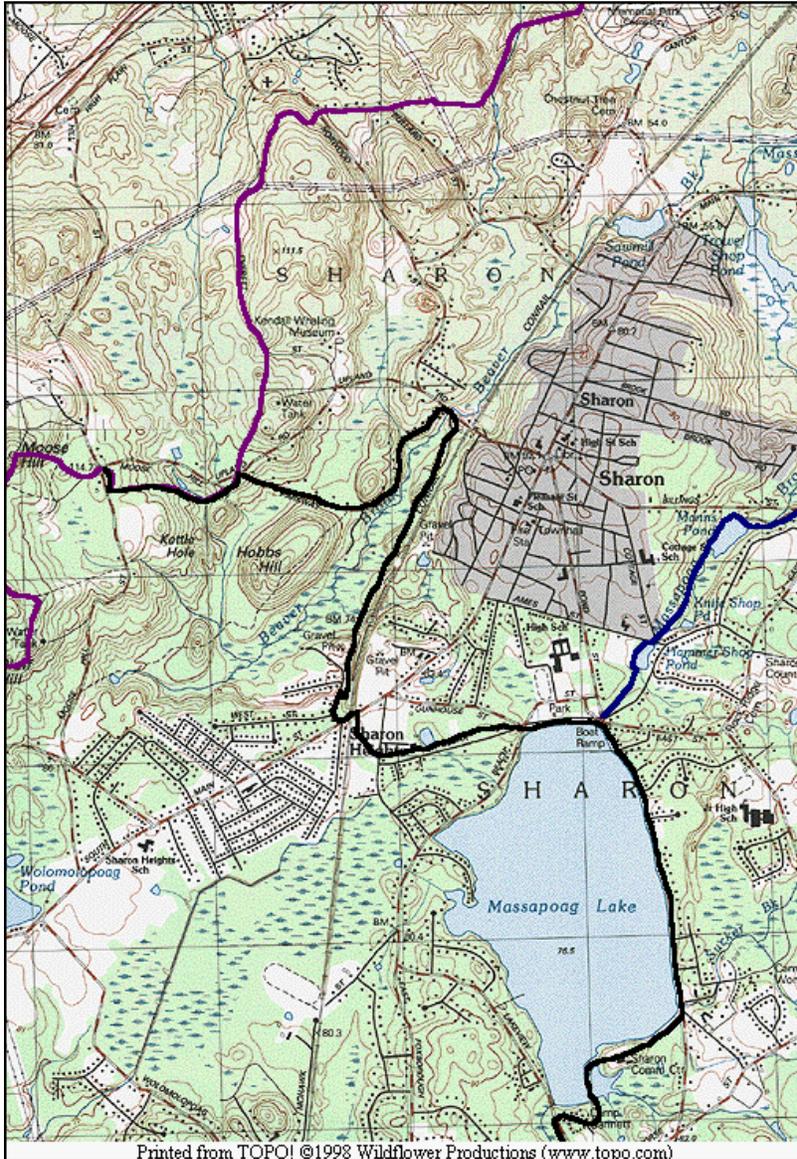


SHARON TRAILS



A Hikers'
Guide to
Sharon,
Mass.

Compiled by Marc Bridgeman

Introduction

This book is the final part of Marc Bridgeman's Eagle Scout project. His goal was to create a simple guide for everyone who wanted to learn about Sharon's hiking trails. In the fall of 1998 he organized more than two hundred people to hike the trails in and around Sharon. All the information gathered was put into this booklet to create one complete guide about the trails in Sharon. Before this project a single list of trails or a standard map for all trails was not available to the residents of Sharon.

Thank You:

Without the help and support of many people this project would not have reached the level of success it did. Thanks everyone who participated in helping me gather information, sort ideas, and complete my book. My special thanks to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Sharon, Kip Roberson, Patrick Dorcus, Charlie Sanchez, Mel Leventhal, Peg Arganbow, and the Scoutmasters of Troop 95.

I would also like to thank my family and friends who were there to help me at every stage of this project. The help that I received made my project a great one.

How to Use This Book

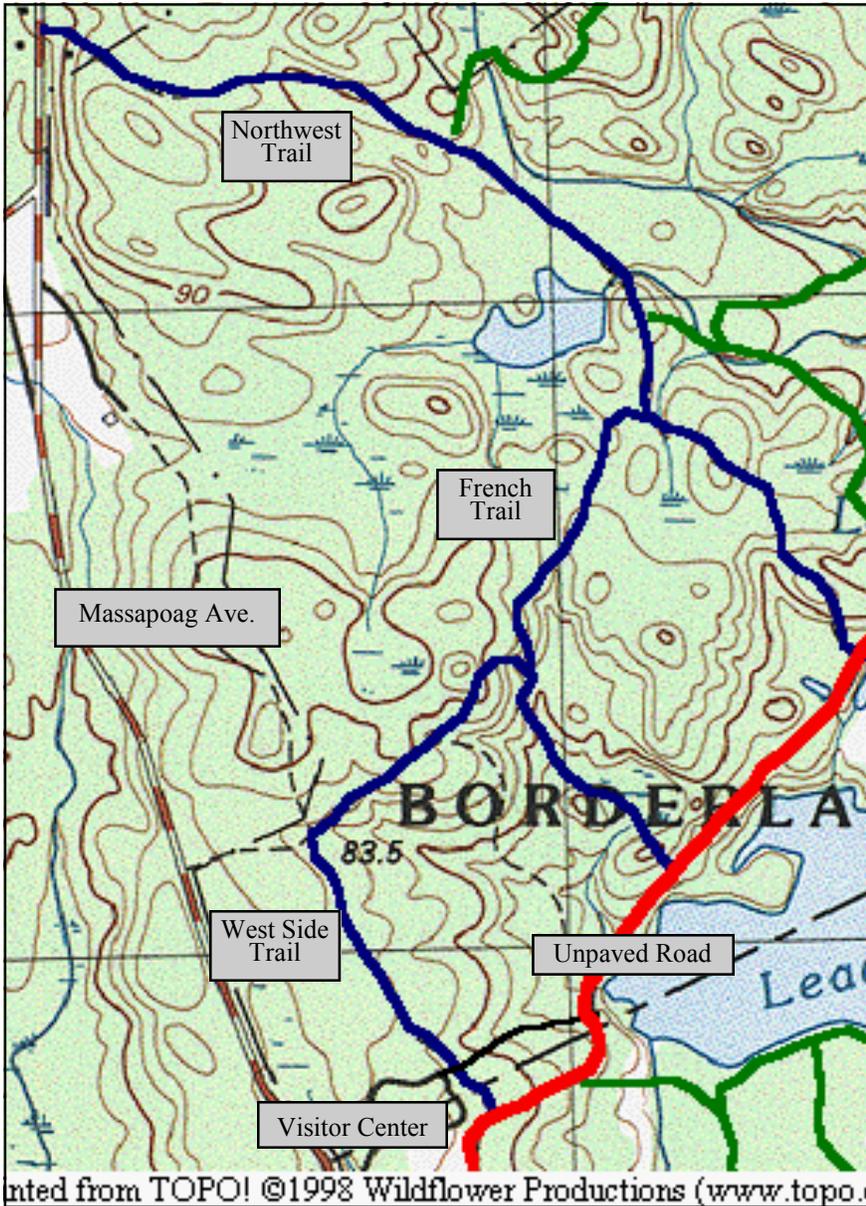
There are three different levels or types of maps in this book. The first is a large overview, for example Moose Hill or Borderland. The second level of map is a regional map, which covers a small number trails within a larger park. These sections will always come after a large overview map. The third type of map is of a single independent trail, for example the Warner Trail or Massapoag Trail. All the maps are oriented to the North.

To the right of the map is a listing of important information about that trail including estimated time, distance, difficulty ratings for kids(K) and adults(A), and trail markings. The difficulty ranges from "easy" to "challenging," and each trail received a rating from various hikers of different skill levels. On regional maps additional, detailed information on each trail is listed on a following page. Some of the more complicated trails are accompanied by hiking directions.

On most pages there is a "Condition and Notes" section; this is for readers to update information about each trail, feel free to photocopy maps and make your own notes on it. Each region on the map is divided into a different color for easy reference. All the maps are from TOPO!, a computer map program, and are used in compliance with their copyright.

Borderland – Mansion Region

This section of trails is closest to the Ames Mansion. They are great for a short little hike, and most of the other trails in the park can be accessed from them. The closest restrooms are in the visitor center.



West Side Trail
0.7 mi.

French Trail
0.9 mi.

Northwest Trail
1.25 mi.

Unpaved Road

Conditions and Notes:

Borderland – Mansion Region

West Side Trail

The West Side Trail is closest to the Visitor Center and is easily accessed from the Visitor Center. The trail loops around and starts and ends on the main road.

Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.7 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: sign at beginning

French Trail

The French Trail is located between the West Side Trail and the Northwest Trail. There are many rock formations that children can climb on.

Time: 1 hour **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: not well marked

Northwest Trail

The Northwest Trail is the longest trail in the Mansion Region. The trail goes from the main road to Mansfield St. in Sharon. The trail is difficult because of rocks and roots on the trail.

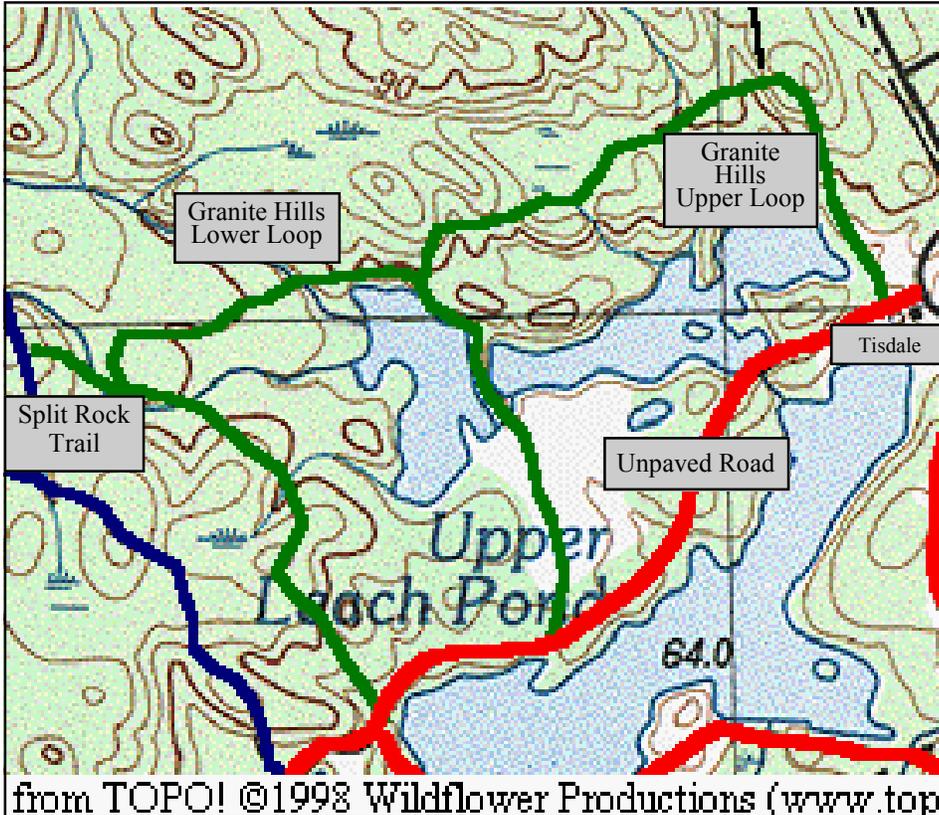
Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 1.2 mi.

Rating: K-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: not well marked

Borderland – Middle Region

This area of trails is located by Upper Leach Pond. The trails in this area are typically difficult because of the rocky terrain. The easiest way to get to the trails in this region is to take the main road. The closest restroom is in the Visitor Center.



Granite Hills

- Lower Loop
1.0 mi.
- Upper Loop
0.75 mi.

Split Rock Trail

0.25 mi.

Unpaved Road

Conditions and Notes:

You can't park at the Tisdale Site since there is no room for cars, but you can be dropped off there.

Borderland – Middle Region

Granite Hills – Lower Loop

The Lower Loop can be reached at two different spots on the unpaved road. The trail is on a slight incline and there are many large boulders along the trail.

Time: 45 min. **Distance:** 1.0 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: blue triangles

Granite Hills – Upper Loop

The Upper Loop can be reached from the unpaved road or from the Lower Loop. The terrain on the Upper Loop is more difficult because of many rocks and roots on the trail.

Time: 40 min. **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: none

Split Rock Trail

The Split Rock Trail connects the Northwest Trail to the Lower Loop. It gets its name from the 20 ft. glacial erratic on the trail that has a crack down the middle.

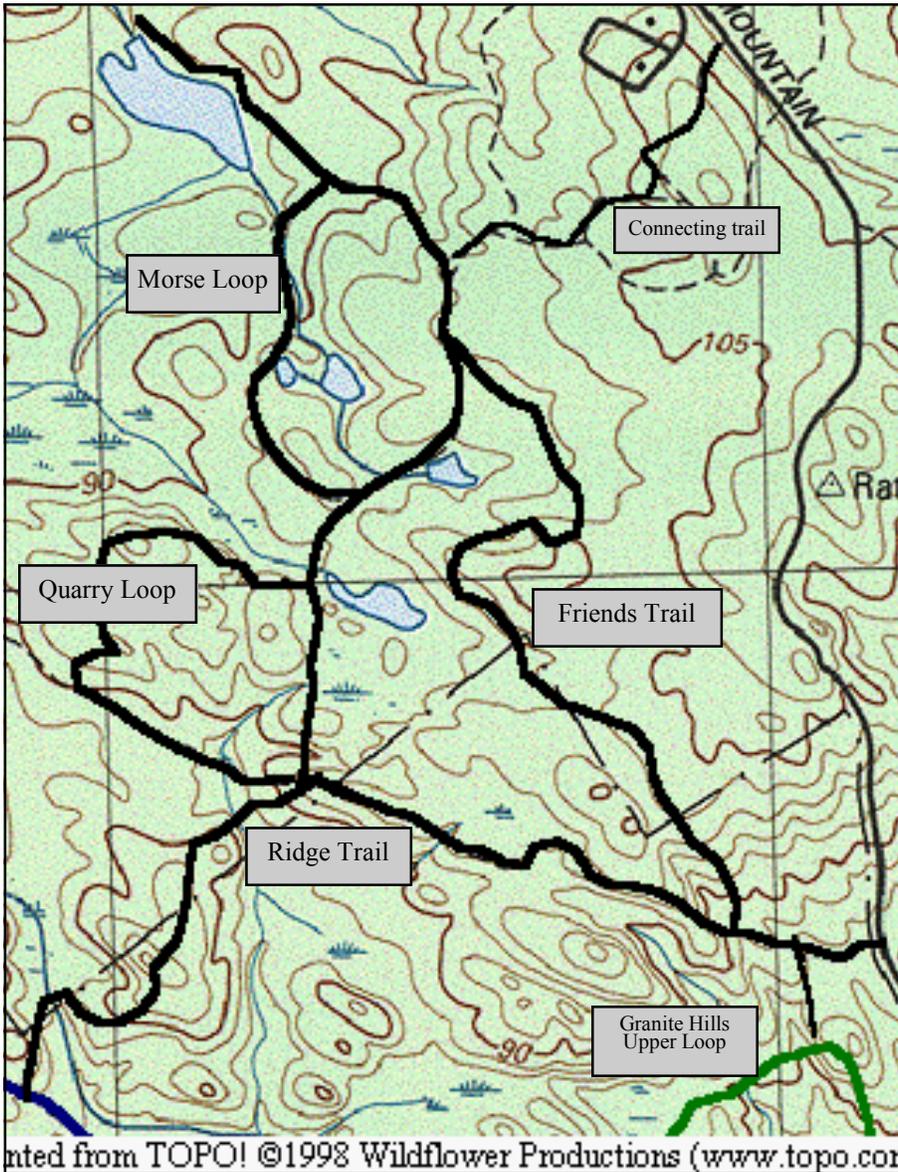
Time: 10 min. **Distance:** 0.25 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: not well marked

Borderland – Northwest Region

This section of trails is the farthest away from the parking lot and mansion. However, you can access the trails at the Tisdale Site on Mountain St. The quickest way to get to this region is to take the Northwest Trail and then the Ridge Trail. The closest restroom is at the Visitor Center.



Ridge Trail

1.2 mi.

Friends Trail

0.9 mi.

Morse Loop

0.9 mi.

Quarry Loop

0.85 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

Borderland – Northwest Region

Ridge Trail

Many hikers will find the Ridge Trail difficult because of its terrain. The Ridge trail runs over many rock formations that can be both fun and challenging. The Ridge Trail runs from Mountain St. to the Northwest Trail. The closest entrance is the Tisdale site, but you can't park there.

Time: 1 hour **Distance:** 1.2 mi.

Rating: K-Hard-Challenging, A-Hard

Markers: blue triangles

Friends Trail

The Friends Trail is a relatively flat but has many rocks and roots on the path. The Trail connects the Ridge Trail to Morse Loop.

Time: 40 min. **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: none

Morse Loop

Morse Loop was used as an old lumber hauling trail because it is wide and flat. Morse Loop is also the farthest trail from the Mansion and Visitors Center.

Time: 40 min. **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Easy- Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: signs at beginning and end

Quarry Loop

The Quarry Loop can be reached from the Ridge Trail. The Loop is named after Moyles' Quarry which is located along the trail. The trail can get confusing, so stay on the trail and follow the map.

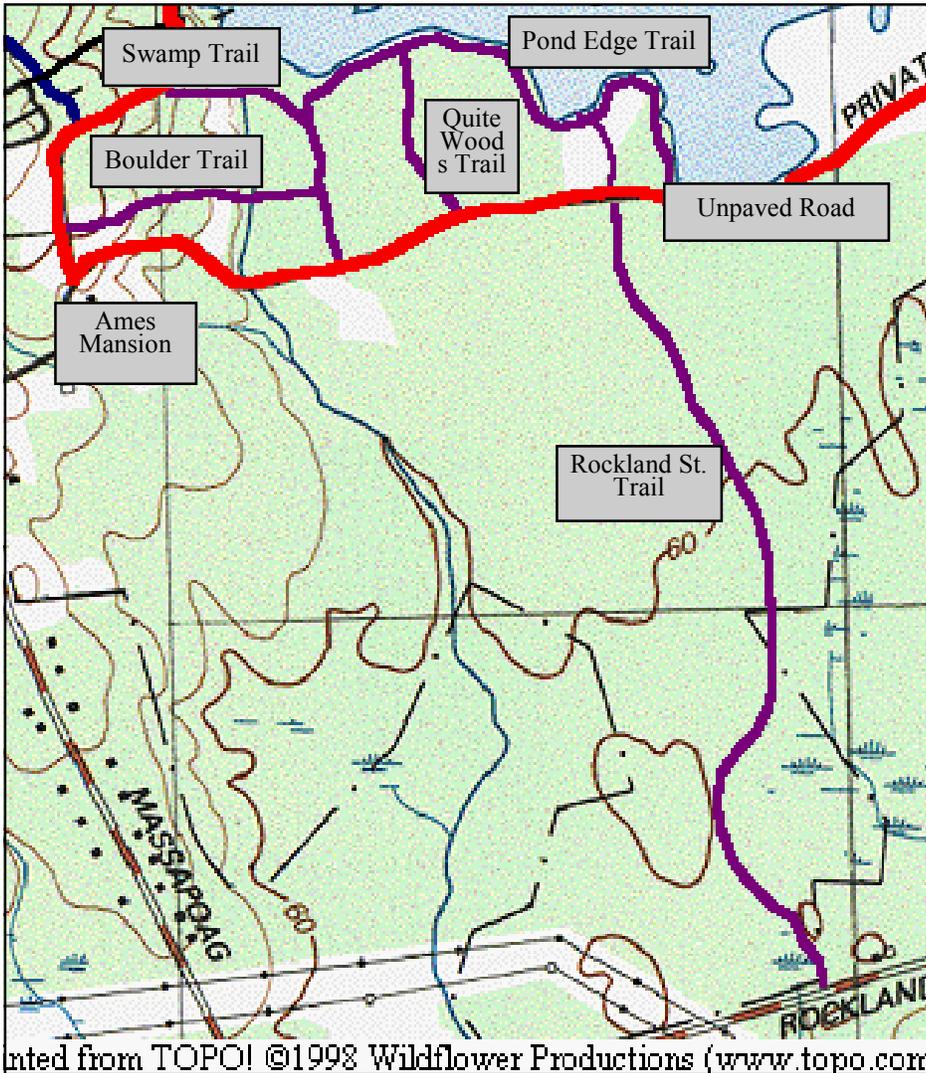
Time: 45 min. **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: signs at intersections

Borderland – Easton Region

This section of trails is located in Easton. Most of the trails are short, easy and are located close to the pond. Leach Pond creates a wonderful scene as you walk the trails.



Boulder Trail
0.25 mi.

Swamp Trail
0.3 mi.

Pond Edge
Trail
0.5 mi.

Quiet Woods
0.25 mi.

Rockland St.
Trail
0.9 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

Borderland – Easton Region

Boulder Trail

The Boulder Trail is a short trail that is the closest trail to the Mansion. The Boulder Trail is connected to the Swamp Trail. All of the trails in the Easton Region can be reached by walking the Boulder Trail.

Time: 15 min. **Distance:** 0.25 mi.

Rating: K-Easy, A-Easy

Markers: none

Swamp Trail

The Swamp Trail is another short trail in the Easton Region. It can be accessed from the unpaved road on both sides and from the Boulder Trail.

Time: 20 min. **Distance:** 0.3 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Moderate

Markers: at beginning and end

Pond Edge Trail

The Pond Edge Trail is one of the most beautiful trails in the park. The trail runs along side Leach Pond, the largest pond in the park.

Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.5 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: at beginning and end

Borderland– Easton Region

(Continued)

Quiet Woods Trail

The Quiet Woods Trail is a short trail that is what its name implies. The trail connects the unpaved road to the Pond Edge Trail.

Time: 15 min. **Distance:** 0.25 mi.

Rating: K-Easy, A-Easy

Markers: none

Rockland Street Trail

Rockland Street is the longest trail in the Easton Region. The trail runs from the main road in Borderland to Rockland St. in Easton. The trail can get very muddy when it is wet.

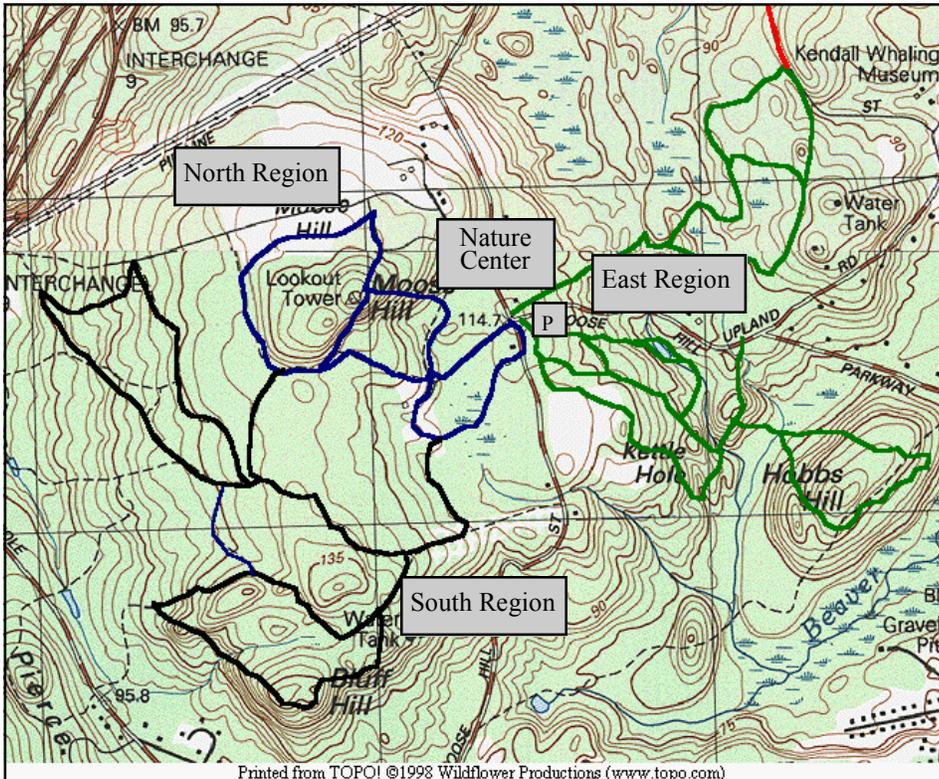
Time: 40 min. **Distance:** 0.9 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Moderate

Markers: none

Moose Hill

Moose Hill is one of Sharon's largest areas for hiking. There is a large Nature Center at Moose Hill that has a wide variety of interesting information about the area's wildlife. The staff also runs many educational programs. Moose Hill is part of the Massachusetts Audubon Society.



North Region

- Billings Loop
- Moose Hill Loop
- Summit Trail

East Region

- Vernal Pool Loop
- Pond Trail
- Trillium Trail
- Kettle Trail
- Hobbs Hill Loop

South Region

- Cistern Trail
- Old Pasture Trail
- Forest Loop
- Bluff Head Loop

Conditions and Notes:

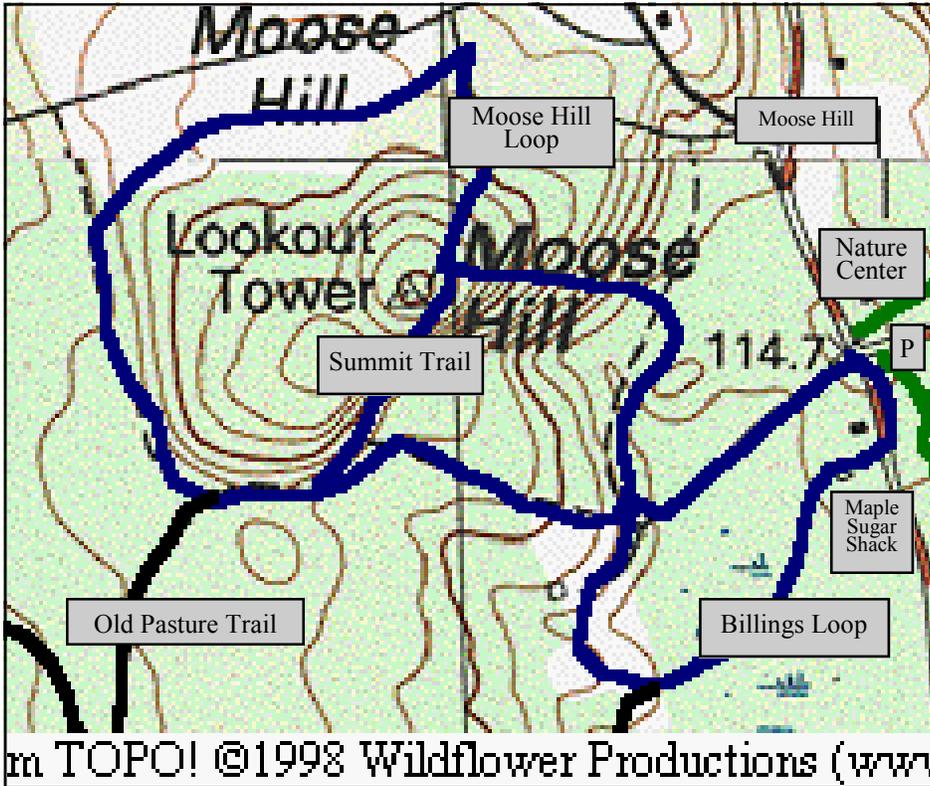
All trails begin at the Nature Center or off other trails.

Directions, Parking and Information:

You can park in the lot next to the Nature Center. Non-Audubon members must pay a trail fee of \$3. No bicycles, dogs, fires, firearms, and horses are allowed on the trails. For more information call (781) 784-5691.

Moose Hill – North Region

All of the trails in this section are very close to the Nature Center. The fire tower, boardwalk, barn, and maple sugar shack are all in this area. It is one of the best places to hike with children. The closest restrooms are in the Nature Center.



Billings Loop
0.65 mi.

Moose Hill
Loop
1.25 mi.

Summit Trail
0.5 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

Moose Hill – North Region

Billings Loop

Billings Loop is one of the closest to the Nature Center and most used trails at Moose Hill. The boardwalk and the maple sugar shack are located on this trail.

Time: 35 min. **Distance:** 0.65 mi.

Rating: K-Easy, A-Easy

Markers: at intersections

Moose Hill Loop

Moose Hill Loop is one of the longest trails in Moose Hill. There are many steep inclines along the trail. The Fire Tower is located along the trail because of its high altitude.

Time: 90 min. **Distance:** 1.25 mi.

Rating: K-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: circles with "A" and signs

Summit Trail

The Summit Trail runs between Moose Hill Loop. It is a short cut that cuts the length of Moose Hill Loop. The Fire Tower can also be reached from the Summit Trail.

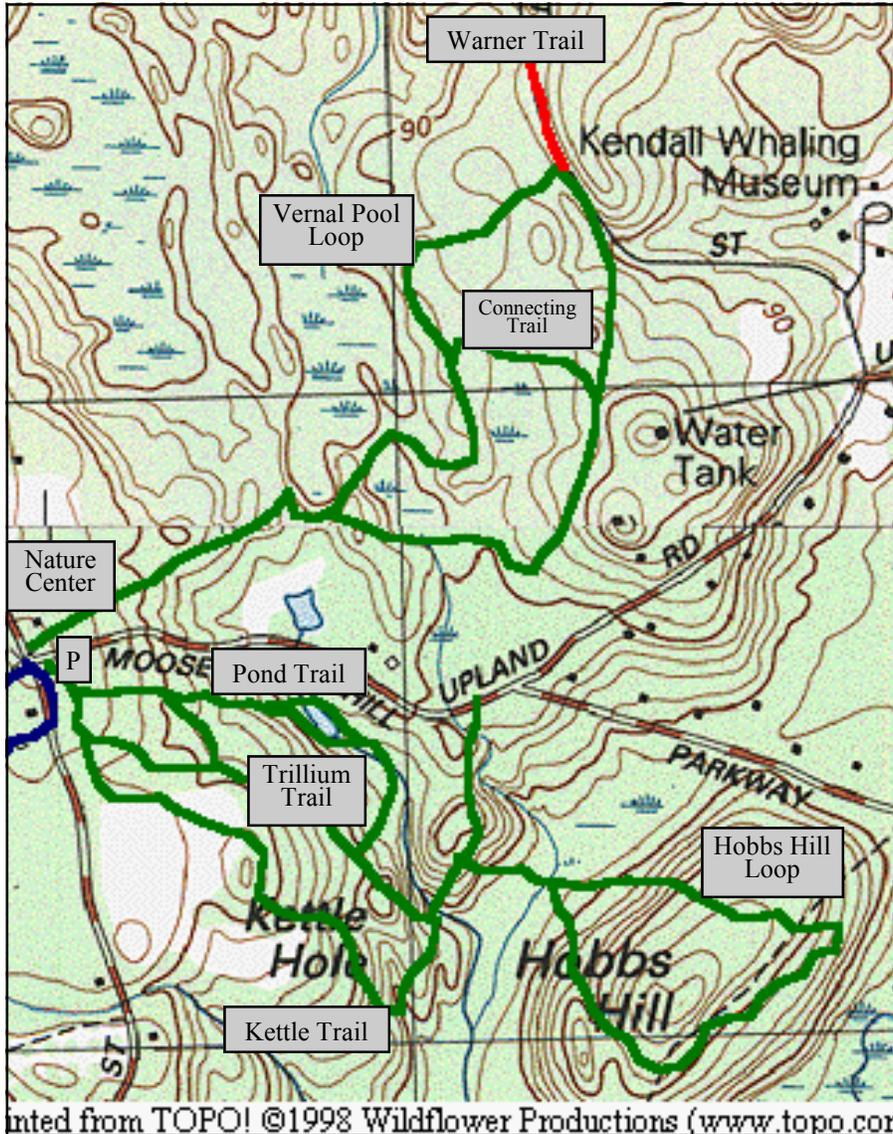
Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.5 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: sign on trees

Moose Hill – East Region

All of these trails are located to the east of the Nature Center. The Warner Trail and Bay Circuit Trail run through this region. The closest restroom is at the Nature Center.



Vernal Pool Loop
1.88 mi.

Pond Trail
0.35 mi.

Trillium Trail
0.5 mi.

Kettle Trail
0.76 mi.

Hobbs Hill Loop
0.93 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

Moose Hill – East Region

Vernal Pool Loop

The Vernal Pool Loop is the only trail north of Moose Hill Parkway. The Vernal Pool Loop is also part of the Warner Trail. There are picnic tables at the beginning of the trail.

Time: 90 min. **Distance:** 1.8 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: circles with "V"

Pond Trail

The Pond Trail is a short trail that leads out of the parking lot. Most of the other trails in this region are connected to the Pond Trail. There are many old stone walls along the trail.

Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.35 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: white sign

Trillium Trail

The terrain on the Trillium Trail is hilly and slightly rocky. You can reach the Trillium Trail from the pond trail. The Trillium Trail is also part of the Bay Circuit Trail.

Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.5 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Moderate

Markers: circle with "A"

Moose Hill – East Region

(Continued)

Kettle Trail

The Kettle Trail can be reached from the Pond Trail. The Kettle Trail is fairly difficult because of its hilly terrain. The Kettle Trail takes you past a large group of rhododendrons.

Time: 30 min. **Distance:** 0.8 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: signs at intersections

Hobbs Hill Loop

Hobbs Hill Loop is the farthest of all the trails in this region from the Nature Center. There are few resting places along the trail and the terrain is challenging. Part of this trail runs through a swampy area.

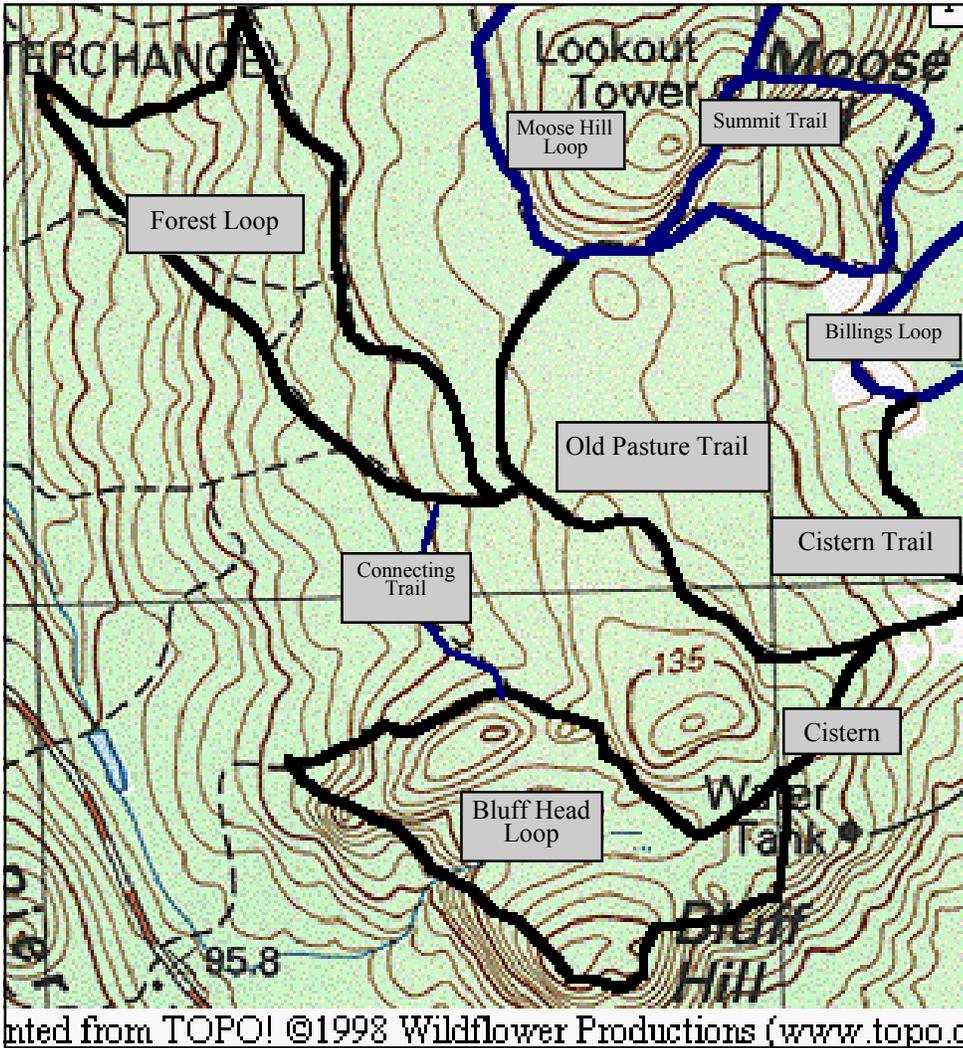
Time: 55 min. **Distance:** 0.93 mi.

Rating: K-Challenging, A-Hard

Markers: signs at start

Moose Hill – South Region

You need to walk on Billings Loop to get to the South Region of trails. This is a quiet section to hike on. The Warner Trail runs through this region. It is also the section that is farthest away. The closest restroom is located at the Nature Center.



Cistern Trail
0.3 mi.

Old Pasture
Trail
0.55 mi.

Forest Loop
1.3 mi.

Bluff Head
Loop
1.14 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

Moose Hill – South Region

Cistern Trail

The Cistern Trail connects Bluff Head Loop to Billings Loop. Halfway along the trail is an old cistern from which the trail gets its name. The Old Pasture Trail runs off this trail.

Time: 15 min. **Distance:** 0.3 mi.

Rating: K-Easy, A-Easy

Markers: located on trees

Old Pasture Trail

Old Pasture Trail runs from Moose Hill Loop to the Cistern Trail. The Forest Loop is located off of Old Pasture trail.

Time: 20 min. **Distance:** 0.5 mi.

Rating: K-Easy, A-Easy

Markers: located on trees

Forest Loop

Forest Loop is one of the trails that is farthest away from the Nature Center. There is a small stream that runs across the trail. You can reach this trail from Old Pasture Trail.

Time: 40 min. **Distance:** 1.3 mi.

Rating: K-Hard, A-Moderate

Markers: located on trees

Bluff Head Loop

Bluff Head Loop is located off the Cistern Trail. Part of the loop is also the Warner Trail. The Loop runs by a swamp on its eastern side.

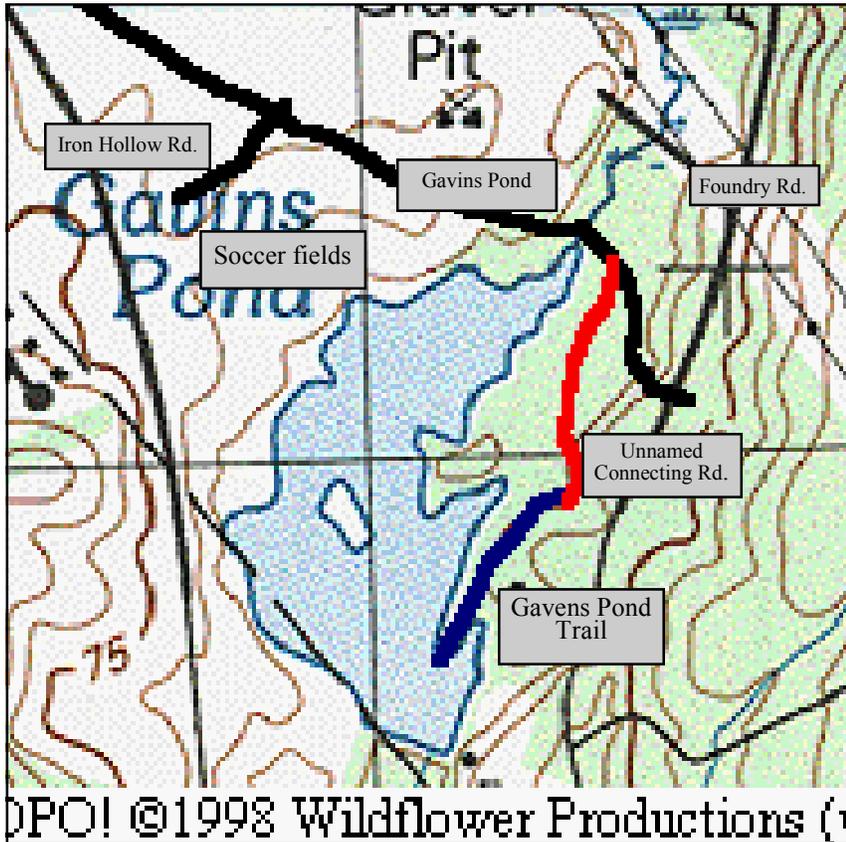
Time: 50 min. **Distance:** 1.1 mi.

Rating: K-Moderate, A-Easy

Markers: located on trees

Gavins Pond Trail

The Gavins Pond Trail was cleared as part of an Eagle Project done by Rob Lariviere. The trail is very short and flat which makes it a great place to launch a small boat or fish. You can also park at the Soccer fields and walk around the lake.



Gavins Pond

Time:

5 min.

Distance:

0.2 mi.

Rating:

K - Easy

A - Easy

Markers:

none

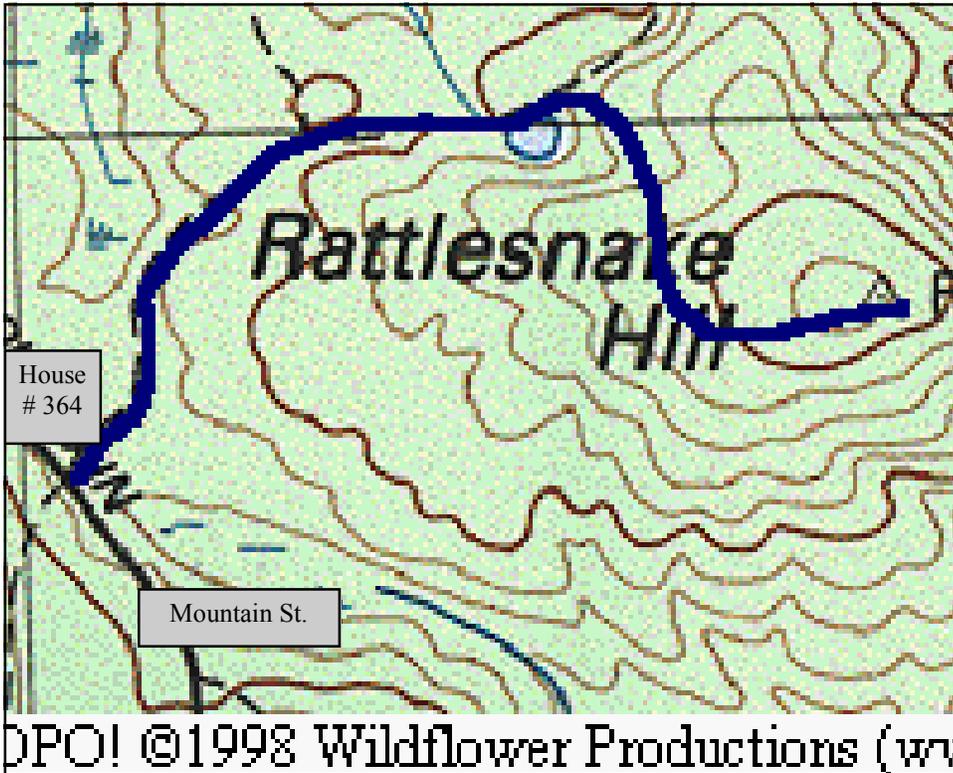
Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

To get to the trail take the first right after the bridge past the soccer fields on Gavins Pond Rd. Then drive down to a field on the right where there is parking. Do not park in the driveway, it is private property.

Rattlesnake Hill Trail

This trail is a short uphill hike to the top of Rattlesnake Hill. It is an enjoyable, quiet trail with a scenic view from the top.



Rattlesnake Hill

Time:

60 min.

Distance:

0.5 mi. (each direction)

Rating:

K - Moderate
A - Easy

Markers:

none

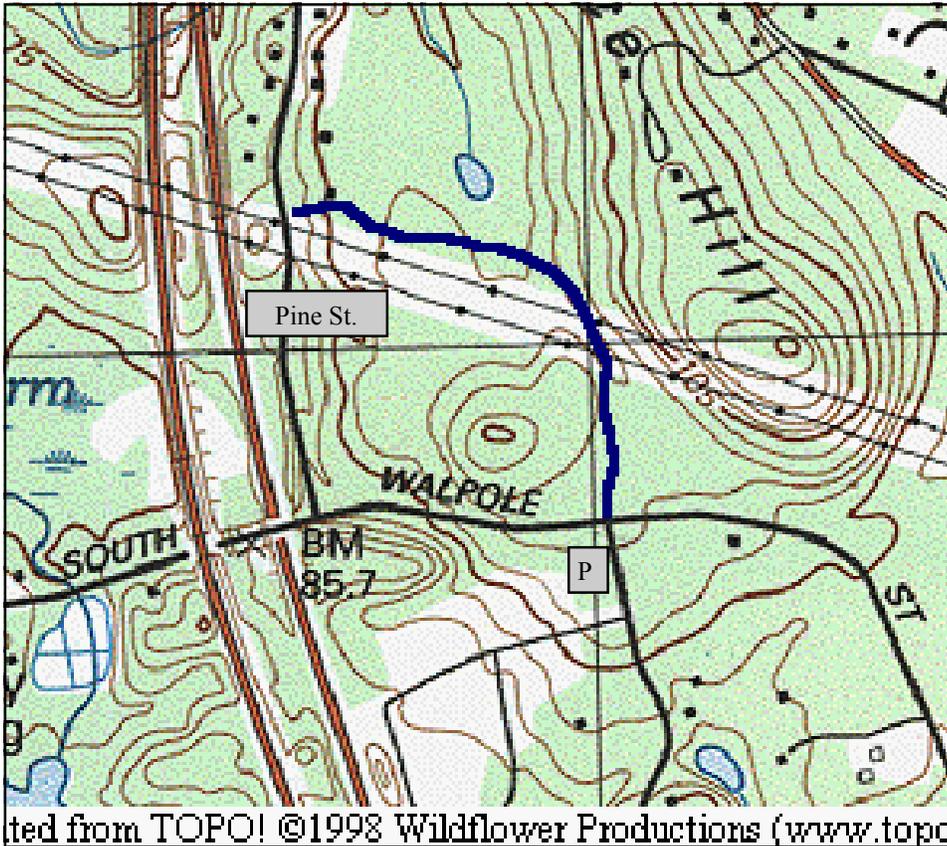
Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

The trail begins off a dirt road after house #364 on Mountain St. You can park your car on the side of Mountain St.

Old Post Road Trail

Old Post Rd. is part of our Nation's first interstate highway. The road was used during colonial times. Today it is a quiet path used by hikers and runners. Only part of the original road still remains, and overgrowth is a constant problem. The trail can be most easily reached from South Walpole St.



Old Post Trail

Time:

30 min.

Distance:

0.65 mi.

Rating:

K - Moderate

A - Easy

Markers:

large historical sign at trail head on Walpole St.

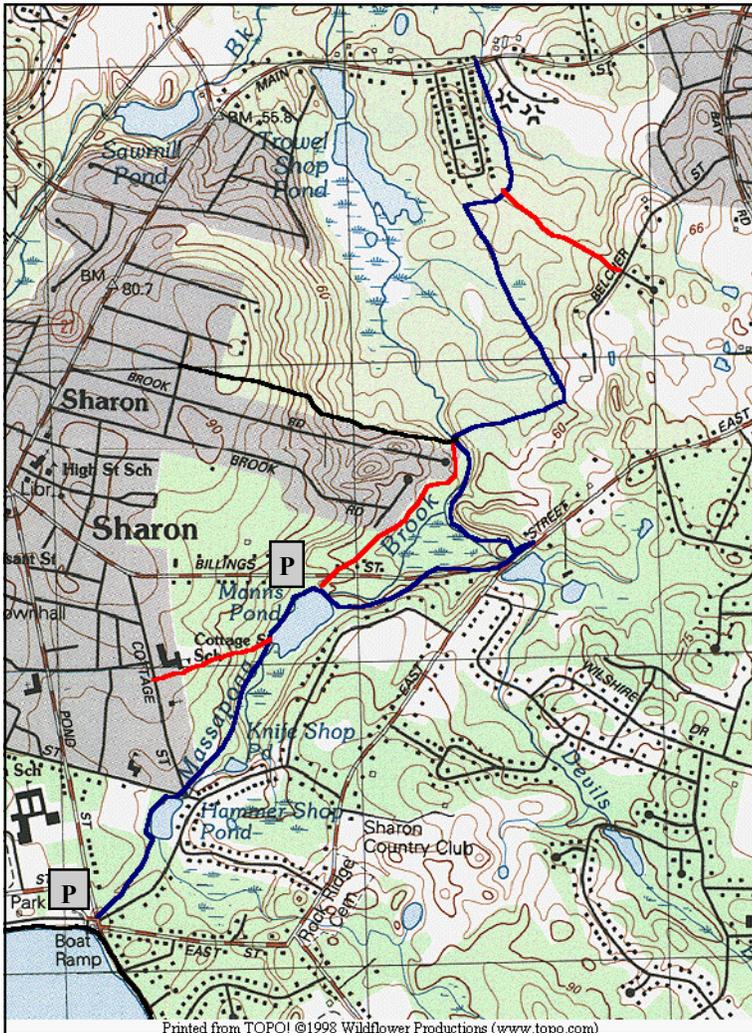
Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

You can park 0.1 mi. from the trail on Old Post Rd. (the street) on the opposite side of the road in a small parking area. No restrooms are located near the trail.

Massapoag Trail

The area around the Massapoag trail was once the major industrial center for Sharon. The stream and lakes provided power for the many mills. The ruins along the trail are the old mills and dams. There is a large stone marker at the beginning of the trail at the Massapoag circle. It is between Pond and Quincy St.



Massapoag Trail

Time:

40 min. *

Distance:

1.42 mi. *

Rating:

K - Moderate

A - Moderate

Markers:

colored circles

* - taken from first half only

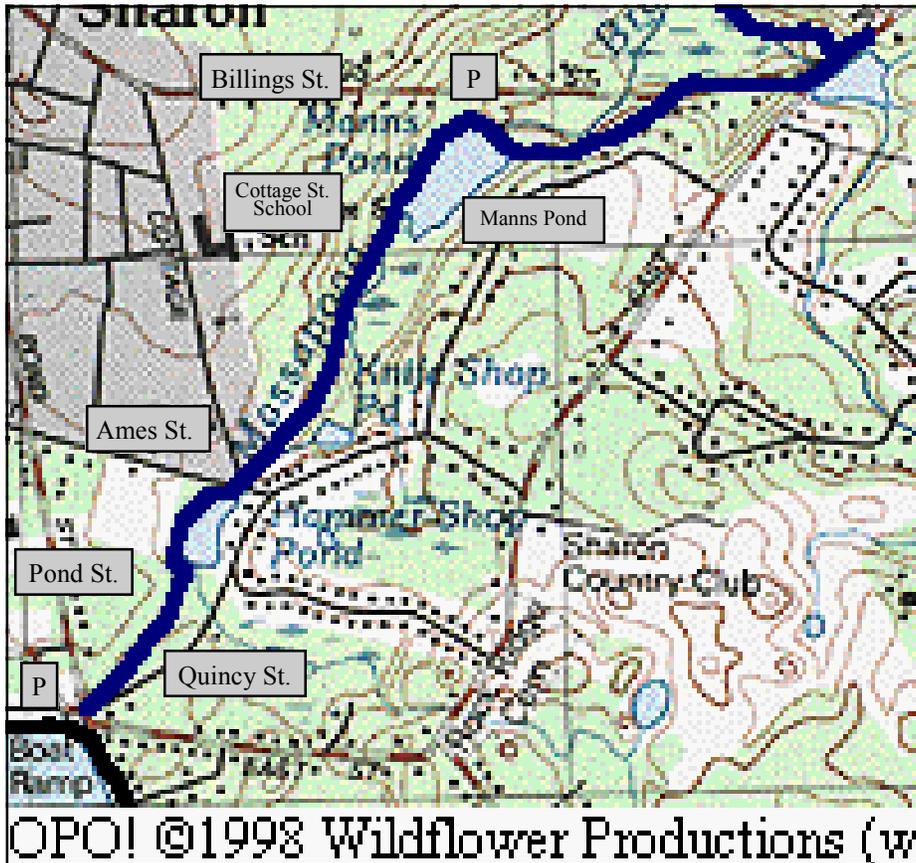
Conditions and Notes:

The second part of the trail is very overgrown, but plans are underway to clear large portions of the trail. The red trails are connecting trails to the Massapoag Trail. All the data reflects information taken from the first half of the Trail.

Directions, Parking and Information:

There is parking at the boat ramp at Lake Massapoag and at Manns Pond at Billings St. (cannot park on Deborah Sampson Rd., must back track to Manns Pond.)

Massapoag Trail – Boat Ramp to Billings St.



Boat Ramp to Billings St.

Time:

40 min.

Distance:

1.24 mi.

Rating:

K - Moderate

A - Moderate

Markers:

colored circles

Directions:

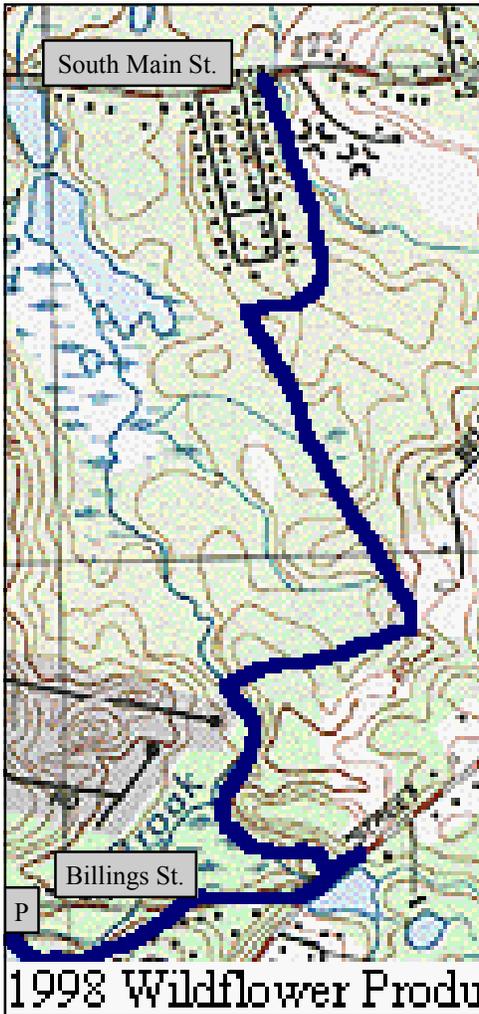
Enter Trail between Pond St. and Quincy St.
Follow the Trail behind Walter Griffen Play Ground.
Right on Ames St. Past Hammer Shop Pond.
Cross street and reenter at the corner of Ames and Cottage.
Follow trail behind Cottage St. and around Manns Pond.
You can stop at Manns Pond or turn and cross the bridge.
Trail turns left and winds down to Billings St.

Parking and Information:

There is parking at the boat ramp at Lake Massapoag and at Manns Pond at Billings St. (cannot park on Deborah Sampson Rd., must back track to Manns Pond.)

Massapoag Trail – Billings St. to Main St.

This portion of the trail is impassable. This section is overgrown and many parts of the have been covered up. As a result no data about time and distance is available.



Billings St. to Main St.

Time:

No data

Distance:

No data

Rating:

K - Hard

A - Hard

Markers:

colored circles

Conditions and Notes:

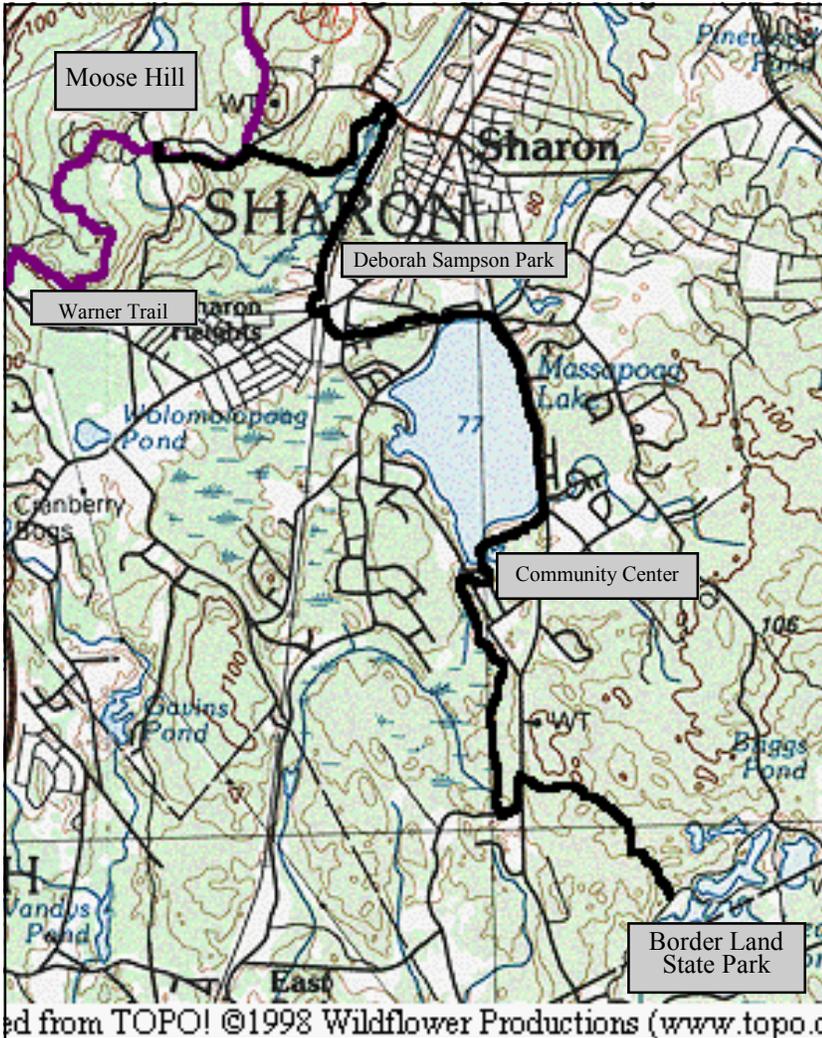
This part of the trail is very overgrown. You enter of Billings St., just west of Deborah Sampson RD., but the path is soon lost .

Directions, Parking and Information:

There is parking at the boat ramp at Lake Massapoag and at Manns Pond at Billings St. (cannot park on Deborah Sampson Rd., must back track to Manns Pond.)

Bay Circuit Trail

The Bay Circuit Trail is composed of a network of trails that connects over 140 miles, 9 of which are in Sharon. It runs through 30 towns from Newburyport to Duxbury. The trail is referred to as an "emerald necklace" because it connects many parks through out the State. In Sharon the trail runs through trails in Borderland and Moose Hill as well as roads



Bay Circuit Trail

Time:

3 hours

Distance:

9.0 mi.

Rating:

K - Difficult

A - Moderate

Markers:

White rectangles

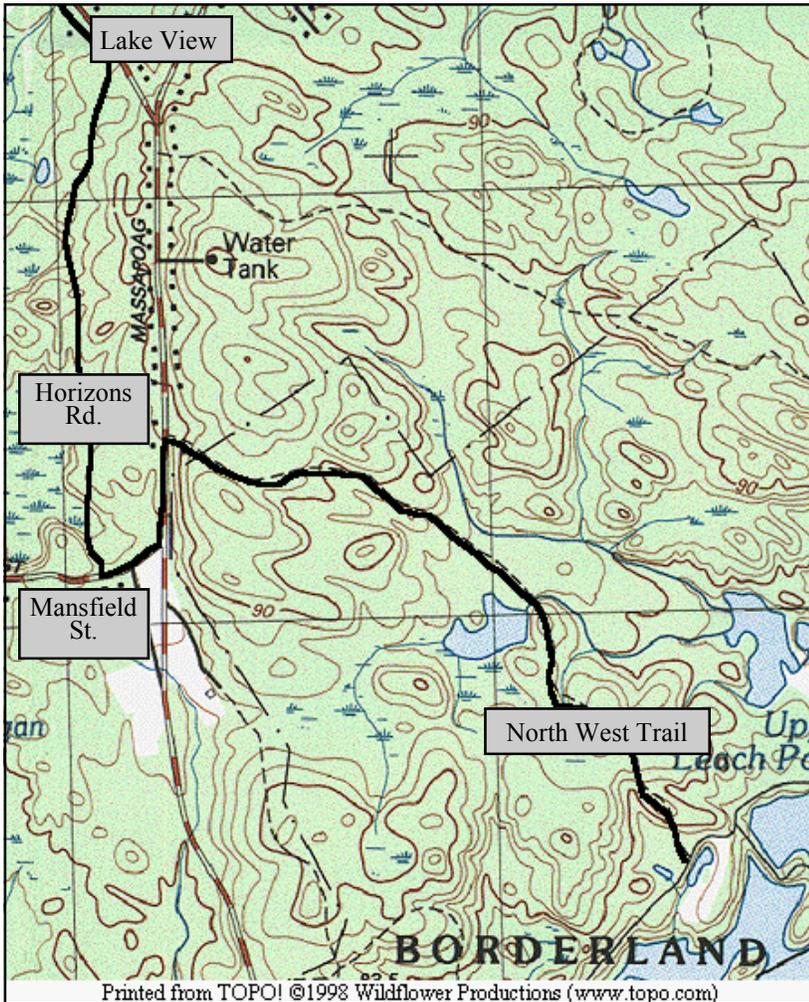
Conditions and Notes:

You can enter the trail at Borderland, Moose Hill, Community Center, and Deborah Sampson Park.

Directions, Parking and Information:

There is parking at Borderland, Moose Hill and the Community Center. Restrooms are available at these locations as well as the baseball fields. For info call (978) 470-1982.

Bay Circuit Trail – Borderland to Lake View Rd.



Borderland to Lake View Rd.

Time:

60 min.

Distance:

2.8 mi.

Rating:

K - Challenging

A - Hard

Markers:

white rectangles

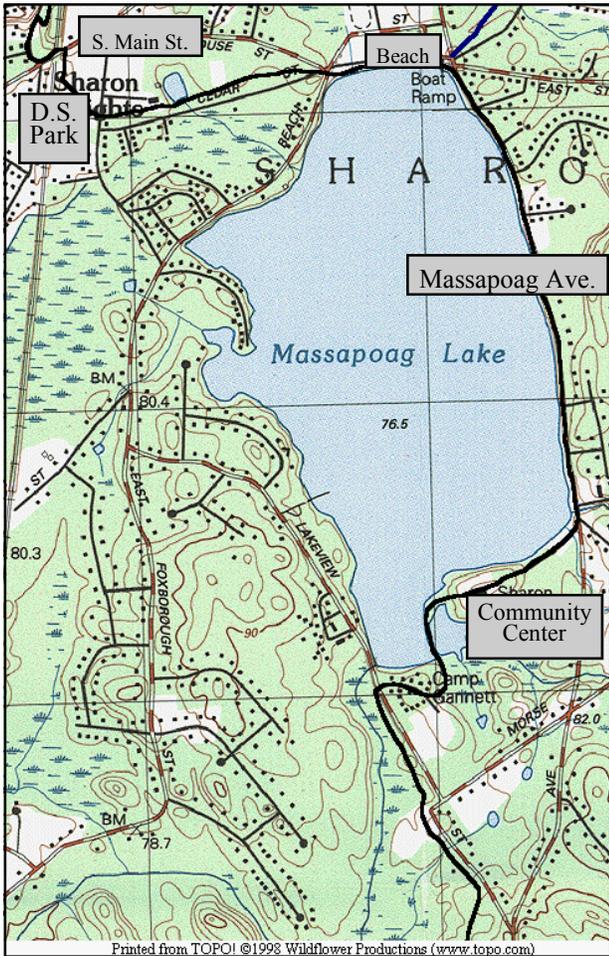
Directions:

- Take the Unpaved Rd. to the Northwest Trail.
- Follow the Northwest Trail to Massapoag Ave.
- Take a left at Massapoag Ave.
- Walk to Mansfield St. and take path on the right side of the street.
- Follow the trail to Horizons Rd. (trail will eventually be moved behind the houses), then take a left onto Lake View Rd.
- Walk a short distance on Lake View Rd. until you reach Camp Gannett.

Parking and Information:

The easiest place to park is at Borderland State Park. There is parking at the Sharon Community Center, but you have to continue along to the next section to reach it.

Bay Circuit Trail – Lake View Rd. to D. S. Park



Lake View Rd.
to Deborah
Sampson Park

Time:

60 min.

Distance:

2.5 mi.

Rating:

K - Easy

A - Easy

Markers:

white rectangles

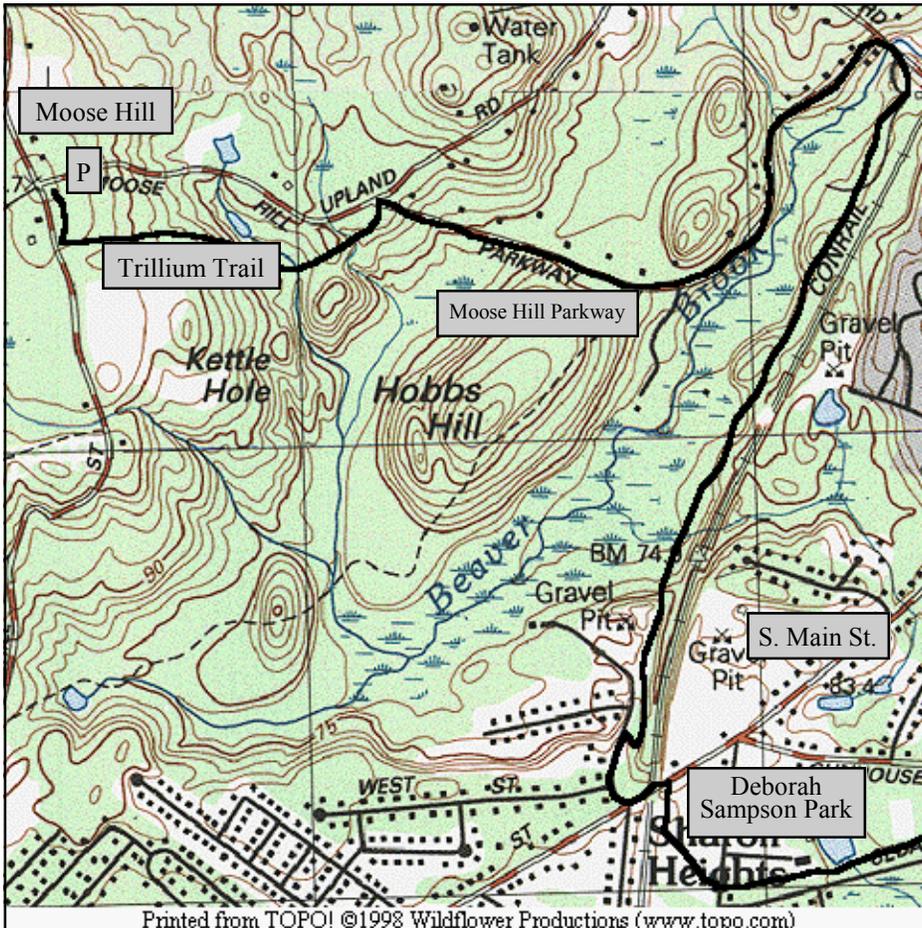
Directions:

- Walk through Camp Gannett and follow the path down to the lake, then walk along the lake to the Community Center.
- Walk down the Community Center's driveway and take a left on Massapoag Ave. Walk along Massapoag until Beach St.
- Take a left at the boat ramp and walk across the beach.
- Cross Gunhouse Rd. and walk along the fitness trail to Deborah Sampson Park.

Parking and Information:

There is parking at the Community Center, beach, and Deborah Sampson Park. During certain seasons restrooms are open at these locations.

Bay Circuit Trail – D.S. Park to Moose Hill



Deborah Sampson Park to Moose Hill

Time:

80 min.

Distance:

3.7 mi.

Rating:

K - Challenging

A - Hard

Markers:

white rectangles

Directions:

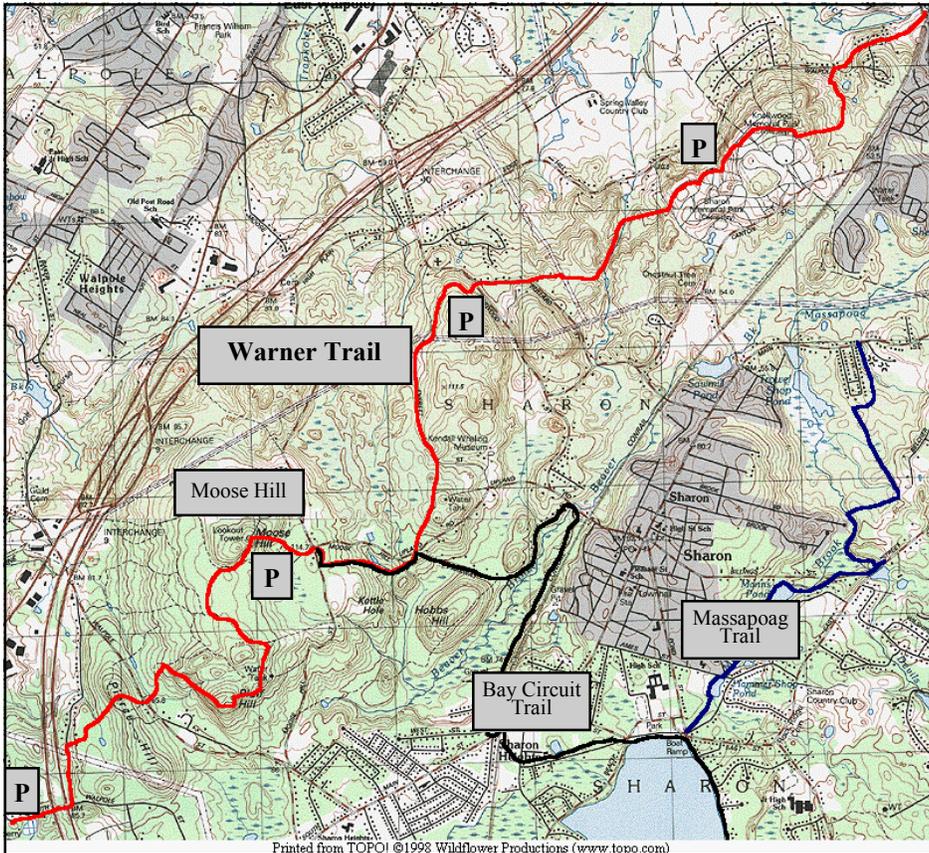
- Walk across the fields and cross S. Main St. at the bridge over the train tracks.
- Take a right on West St. and bear right on Farmington Rd.
- Walk down the trail toward the train tracks.
- The trail follows the train tracks (this part of the trail is being cut, so you need to stay with the tracks, but **do not walk on the tracks.**)
- Follow the trail as it veers off to the left onto Moose Hill Parkway.
- Take a left on Moose Hill Parkway, and follow it until you reach the Trillium Trail of Moose Hill on your left.
- Follow the Trillium Trail back to the Moose Hill Nature Center.

Parking and Information:

There is parking at Moose Hill and at Deborah Sampson Park.

Warner Trail

The Warner Trail is a 34 mile trail that connects Canton to Diamond Hill, RI. The trail is run and maintained by the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Warner Trail runs through State parks and forests as well as conservation land and easements through private land. It runs 7 miles through Sharon.



Dedham St. to
Norwood St.
1.25 mi.

Norwood St. to
Moose Hill
2.0 mi.

Moose Hill to
Walpole St.
2.0 mi.

Walpole St. to
Pine St.
1.75 mi.

Conditions and Notes:

For more information about the trail call the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Warner Trail – Directions

Edgehill Rd to Norwood Street

- You can enter at Dedham St. or at the intersect on the Edge Hill Spur Trail.
- The trail keeps to the R of the ledge for 0. 1 mi. or 1.5 km where it crosses a road and a bears over a drainage pipe, and continues heading NW for another 0.1 mi./ .15 km.
- Walk SW to a bridge over a brook at 0.4m/ 0.5km and heads almost N up a hill and switches back.
- Walk left up on a ridge going SW until it comes to a junction.
- Edge Hill Spur Trail is on the right.

Edgehill Street Spur Trail

- Climb stairs and walk through deciduous forest to small clearing. Turn left into a small pine grove, continue down wooded road for .15 mi/.17km take a right . Joins trail from Deadham St. here.
- In 0. 1 mi./ I 5km through woods there is a road to the left that goes over the brook.
- The trail continues SW up to the right (W) and forks right and comes out on a power line clearing .
- Turn right on the service road for the power line. In 30yd/28m it comes to a metal barrier on the side of W. Fern St,(a gravel road).
- Turn left. The road becomes paved and the trail continues up to Bullard St. The end of the pavement on Mt. Fern St. is not a public parking area.
- Distance from Dedham St. approx. 0.9m/ I.45km,Trail goes right on Bullard St. Follow Bullard to Norwood St. (Rt. 2 7) which crosses into the woods.

Norwood Street to Moose Hill

- Enter trail on Norwood St. across from Bullard St. The path turns right on a narrow horse path, winding over a stone wall through a grove of red pine to a power line right of way, along which the trail goes right for a shot distance.
- Turn left on Everett St. (a wide gravel road). The trail follows Everett St. into Audubon land, as it becomes a woods road, going between two large open fields at 100 yd/90m, and passing a large outcropping on the left at 0.4 mi./O.6km.
- The trail turns approximately 80 degrees right onto another woods road at 0.5 mi./O.8 km. Trail climbs slowly for approximately 0.1 mi./O.2km and continues level, ignoring a woods road joining from the right rear and another directly from the right within another 0.2 mi./O.3 km.
- Turn right into Moose Hill Audubon land. In 0.1 mi. /O. 2km cross a path that goes down a slope and turns left for 0. I mi/O.2km to Moose Hill Pkwy.
- The trail is now marked with the letter A (within the Sanctuary), enters the Sanctuary, turning left on a path which it follows until it turns right on the Vernal Pool Loop trail which it follows winding generally west almost to Moose Hill Street.
- The trail turns right on a path to the large Sanctuary parking lot and minimum shelter. Parking here may require paying a fee, but always park at rear.

Warner Trail – Directions

Moosehill to Walpole Street

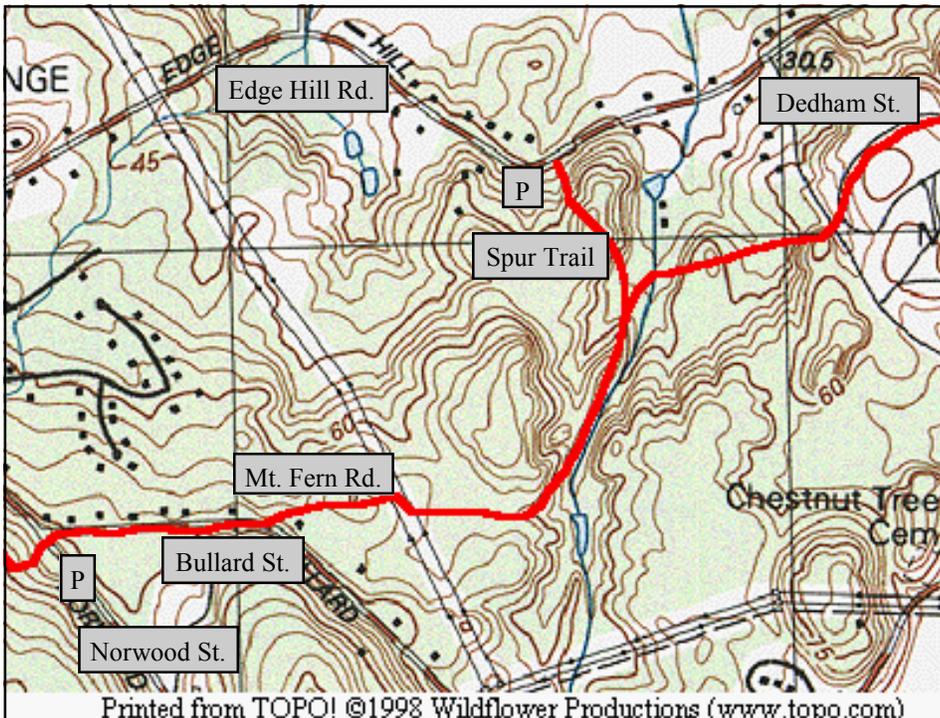
- The trail, marked with the letter A (within the Sanctuary), turns left through the parking lot gate and jogs slightly to the right on Moosehill Pkwy. to a gravel road going between two stone posts.
- In about 50yd/46m the trail turns right on the Summit Trail which it follows to the top of Moose Hill, with its fire tower. Proceeding left (SW) from the fire tower the trail shortly comes on a rocky knoll and drops down fairly steeply through woods to a woods road.
- The trail follows right, swinging E, later turns right and continues briefly on another woods road which it follows right (SW) to a fork on the N slope of Bluff Head.
- The trail turns left (S), keep right at the next junction, over to Bluff Head, an ideal lunch spot with a wonderful view to the south.
- The trail goes SW, across and down several rocky ledges and one brief sharp climb, ending on a woods road.
- The trail turns left and follows the downward sloping woods road until near the bottom it forks right and then goes left up to Walpole St.(Sharon). (About .8mi/1.2km SE of the intersection of Walpole St. and US 1). There is a wide shoulder allowing for parking of a few cars off of the pavement.

Walpole St. to Pine Street

- The trail turns left onto Walpole St. for about 15 yd/ 14m and crosses Walpole St., turns right (W) into the woods and climbs steadily to the top of Pierce Hill (350ft./ 106.8m) from which there is a good view S and W. The trail drops rapidly and steadily until it intersects the Old Post Road (once a main thoroughfare, but now a woods road) which follows about 0.3mi/0.5km.
- Turn right onto a path that develops into a driveway (for an underground house and two new houses) to Pine St. which the trail follows left to South Walpole St.

Warner Trail – Dedham St. to Norwood St.

You can start this part of the trail at Dedham St. or at the spur trail off Edge Hill Rd.



Dedham St. to Norwood St.

Time:

45 min.

Distance:

1.75 mi.

Rating:

K - Easy

A - Easy

Markers:

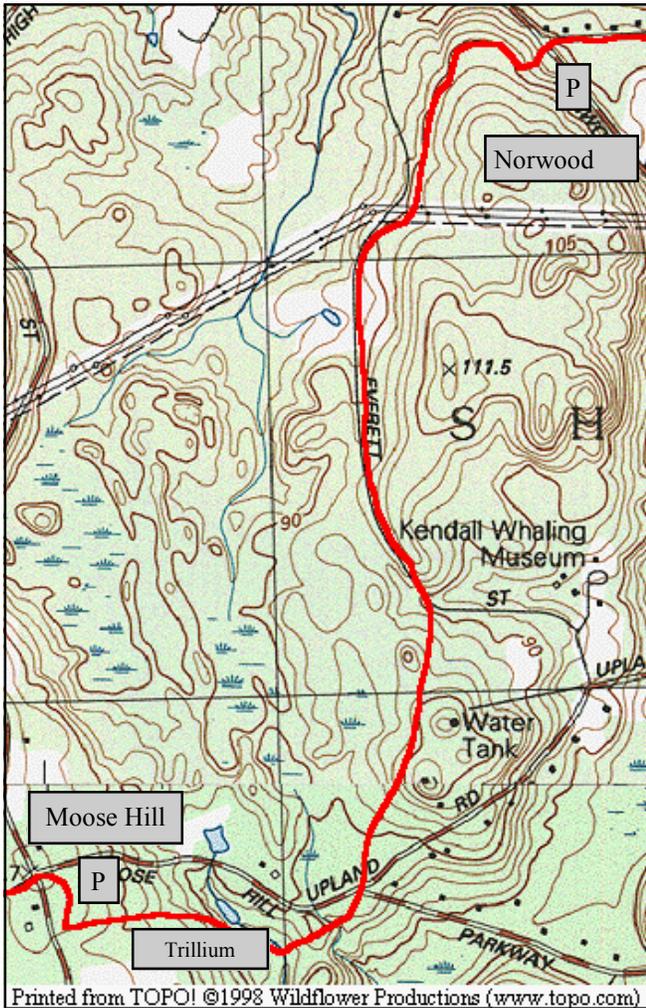
white triangles

Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

On Edge Hill Rd. there is a parking lot for a number of cars. There is also a spot for a car on Norwood St. There is also room for 2 or 3 cars on Dedham St. To reach the Warner Trail from Edge Hill you need to take a spur trail.

Warner Trail – Norwood St. to Moose Hill



Norwood St. to Moose Hill

Time:

70 min.

Distance:

2.0 mi.

Rating:

K - Moderate

A - Easy

Markers:

white triangles

Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

There is parking at Moose Hill and a single spot for a car on Norwood St.

Warner Trail – Moose Hill to Walpole St.



Moose Hill to Walpole St.

Time:

70 min.

Distance:

2.0 mi.

Rating:

K - Challenging

A - Hard

Markers:

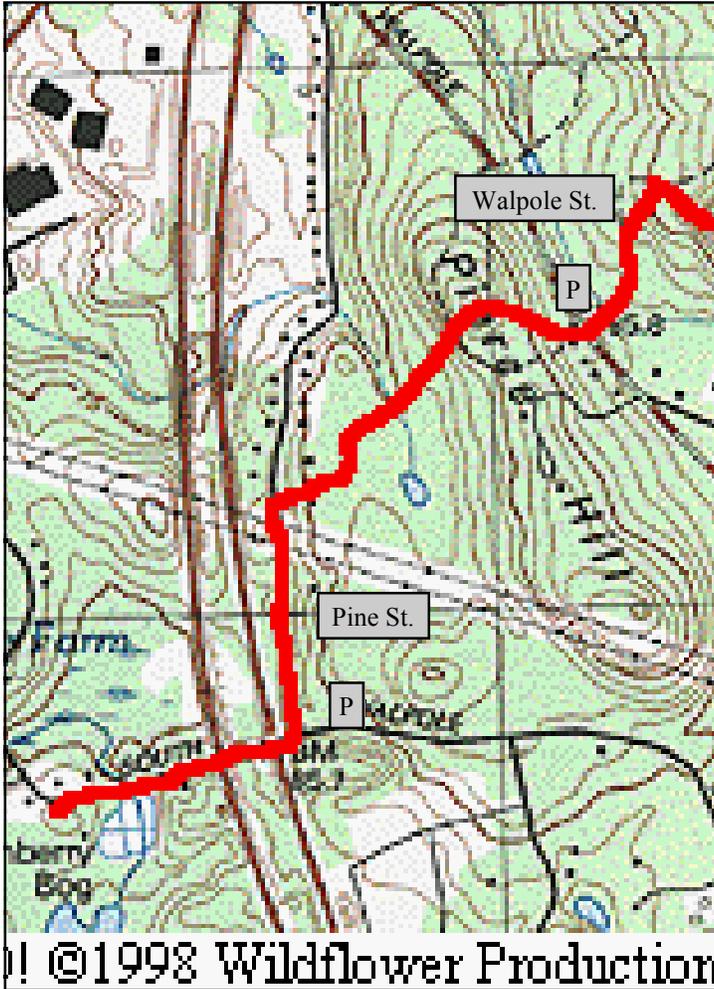
white triangles

Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

The easiest place to park is at Moose Hill but you can park along Walpole St. There is a place for a car .8 miles from the intersection of Rt. 1 and Walpole St.

Warner Trail – Walpole St. to Pine St.



Walpole St. to Pine St.

Time:

1 hour

Distance:

1.75 mi.

Rating:

K - Hard

A - Hard

Markers:

white triangles

Conditions and Notes:

Directions, Parking and Information:

There is parking under the high tension wires next to an access road on Pine St. (don't park on the private road), or .8 miles from the intersection of Rt. 1 and Walpole St.