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This trail guide covers walking trails at Morses Pond, along the Cochituate Aqueduct, and in North 40. Combined there are 113 acres of open space with scenic views of Morses Pond, tall stands of pine trees, a variety of wooded terrain, community gardens, an abandoned sandpit, and the Town Beach.

The majority is Town land, but includes Pickle Point owned by the Wellesley Conservation Council. Also the Town recently purchase the North 40 from Wellesley College.

There is a total of 5.2 miles of woodland trails, and the Crosstown Trail and Morses Pond Trail are the marked trails.

Location

Morses Pond is located in the western part of town between Rts. 9 and 135 along the Natick town line. Parking for this map is available at the beach parking lot (summer only), along Turner Rd. when the gate to the beach is closed, and at the map house at Weston Rd. and Linden St.

Morses Pond Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles, roundtrip
Elevation gain: 50 feet
Marking: Purple arrows
Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 45 minutes

Start at the map house on the Crosstown Trail near the beach gate at the end of Turner Rd. The trail starts on the paved path along the beach access road and shortly turns right into the woods. It follows trails to the beach parking lot, turns right onto the paved path, and turns left onto the beach service road. At the chain-link fence, the trail enters the beach (if gate is locked, retrace your route to the parking lot, turn left, and go past the water treatment facility to get back on the trail). The trail crosses the back of the beach, and exits at the beach house.

Continue along the pond shoreline where the old Town Beach was located, and enjoy views of the pond and islands. Ascend to the top of the gravel pit, walk along the rim and look for the Wellesley College chime tower. Continue around the edge of the gravel pit, enter an extensive grove of tall pines, and complete the loop to the beginning of the trail at the map house on the Crosstown Trail.

Crosstown Trail

Distance: 1.4 miles
Elevation gain: Negligible
Marking: Green arrows
Difficulty: Easy
Time: 45 minutes

The trail follows the Cochituate Aqueduct from Weston Rd. and Linden St. to Rt. 9. Start at the trail parking area off Weston Rd (4 cars) and follow the aqueduct past trails to the right leading to the North 40 and community gardens. Cross the Town beach access road at the end of Turner Rd. and pass the Morses Pond Trail (purple arrows) on the left.

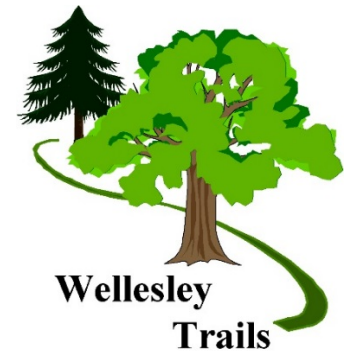
After crossing Russell Rd. the trail skirts the shore of Morses Pond. At the high stand of pine trees, bear left to Pine Point for a scenic view of the pond. Further along the aqueduct, look for a sign on your left for Pickle Point, and take the side trail for another enjoyable view of the pond. Continue on the aqueduct, go past Bird Island, and cross Boulder Brook at the aqueduct gatehouse to Rt. 9.

Trail Use Guidelines

- All motorized use prohibited.
- No littering or dumping.
- No fires or smoking.
- No camping.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Do not feed, approach or touch wildlife, including waterfowl.
- Take personal protection measures to reduce your exposure to ticks and mosquito bites.
- Abide by town's restriction of no more than 2 dogs per person or 3 dogs with a permit.
- Please pick up after your dog and properly dispose of the waste. Thanks!

More Information

Find trail guides and maps at wellesleytrails.org. Get brochures at Town Hall in the Natural Resources Commission office. See the book *Walks in Wellesley* published by the Wellesley Conservation Council. Follow and like us on **Facebook**. Contact us at trails@wellesleyma.gov for questions or to report trail problems, or call 781-431-1019, extension 2294.



Morses Pond Cochituate Aqueduct North 40



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