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This trail guide covers walking trails at Morses Pond, along the Cochituate Aqueduct and in North Forty. Combined there are 113 acres of open space. See scenic views of Morses Pond, the Town Beach, tall stands of pine trees, a variety of wooded terrain, the community gardens, and the vernal pool boardwalk. All land is owned by the Town except for Pickle Point which is owned by the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust.

Location

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

Morses Pond Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles, roundtrip
Elevation gain: 50 feet
Marking: Purple arrows
Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 1 hour

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 left onto the beach service road. At the chain-link fence, the trail enters the beach. The trail crosses the back of the beach, and exits at the beach house. It continues along the pond shoreline where the old Town Beach was located, and where you can enjoy views of the pond and islands. Ascend to the top of the gravel pit and walk along the rim. Continue around the edge, 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: 1 hour

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 the North Forty on your right. Cross the Town beach access road where the Morses Pond

Trail starts on the left. After crossing Russell Rd. the trail skirts the shore of Morses Pond. Stop at Pine Point for a sweeping view of the pond. Further along the aqueduct is a sign for Pickle Point, and take the side trail for another enjoyable pond view. Continue on the aqueduct, past Bird Island, across Boulder Brook at the aqueduct gatehouse, and end at Rt. 9.

North Forty Trail

Distance: 1.0 miles, roundtrip
Elevation gain: Negligible
Marking: Purple arrows
Difficulty: Easy
Time: 45 minutes

The start of this loop trail is on Turner Rd. just off Weston Rd. at the stone dust path trailhead. Take the left trail to the boardwalk and see the vernal pool, then continue on the boardwalk to the Weston Rd. Community Gardens. Right on the garden road and shortly reenter the woods. The trail winds through a mixture of deciduous and evergreen trees and scrub growth on old farmland, and connects to the Crosstown Trail near the Weston Rd. and Linden St. parking area. After walking along the Crosstown Trail for about 5 minutes, take the trail to the right to the pine grove and back to the Turner Rd. trailhead.

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. Pick up brochures at Town Hall in the west lobby. See the book *Walks in Wellesley* published by the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust (WCLT). Follow and like us on [Facebook](#). Contact us at trails@wellesleyma.gov for questions or to report trail problems, or call the NRC at 781-431-1019, extension 2294.



Morses Pond Cochituate Aqueduct North 40



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