

This trail guide covers walking trails at Morses Pond, along the Cochituate Aqueduct, and in Wellesley College's 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, an abandoned sandpit, and the Town Beach.

The majority is Town land, but also includes 40 acres owned by Wellesley College, where the community gardens are located, and Pickle Point owned by the Wellesley Conservation Council.

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 is available at the beach parking lot (summer only), and along Turner Rd. when the gate to the beach is closed.

Morses Pond Trail

Distance: 1.2 miles, roundtrip
Elevation gain: 45 feet
Marking: Purple arrows
Difficulty: Harder
Time: 30 minutes

Start this trail at the map house on the Crosstown Trail near the beach gate at the end of Turner Rd. The trail follows the paved path along the beach access road to the beach parking lot, 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 the 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 along Morses Pond to Linden St, and is the western section of the Crosstown Trail. Start at Rt. 9 near the St. James Church, cross Boulder Brook at the aqueduct gatehouse, and continue along the shore of the pond past Bird Island. Look for a sign on your right for Pickle Point, and take the side trail out to the point for a view of the pond. Further along the aqueduct is Pine Point, another scenic viewpoint. Cross Russell Rd. and the Town Beach access road, passing the trail intersection on the right for the Morses Pond Trail (purple arrows). Continue along the aqueduct past trails to the left leading to the North 40 and follow the trail to the intersection of Linden St. and Weston Rd.

Trail Use Guidelines

- All motorized use prohibited.
- No littering or dumping.
- No fires.
- 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!

Contact Information

For additional information on Wellesley's trails and to report trail problems, please go to our web site, call us, send email, or visit us at the NRC office.

- Web Site: www.wellesleytrails.org
- Phone: 781-431-1019, extension 2294
- Email: nrc@wellesleyma.gov
- Address: Town Hall, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482.



Trail Guide & Map



Morses Pond Cochituate Aqueduct Wellesley College North 40

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