

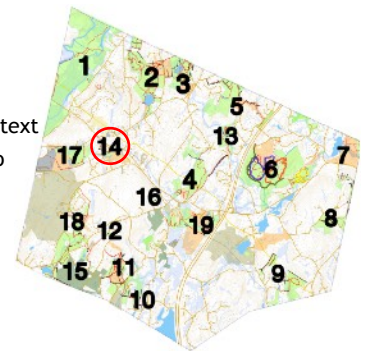
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Legend:

- Private land or easement. Please stay on trail
- Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions.
- Lake or Pond. Permanent water.
- Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding.
- CR Conservation Restriction

- Contour lines at 20' intervals
- Primary trail
 - Secondary trail
 - No access
 - Stone wall
 - Marsh or swamp
 - Wooded area
 - Disused railway
 - Parking
 - Photo location
 - Point of interest mentioned in the text
 - Trail susceptible to flooding
 - Bridge
 - Use Caution



Wilder Farm Conservation Area: The original 5.6 acre parcel was purchased by the Town from the Trustees of Reservations in 1991. The property contains a small pond and part of an agricultural field. It is adjacent to 27.3 acres of farmed Conservation Land. The Still River flows under the old railroad bed close to Route 117 and through the area to feed the Wilder Goose Pond. During wet periods or due to beaver activity, the pond can spread over the swamp.

Goose Pond Trail: This area was donated to the Town in 2019 as part of the Tadmor residential development. This trail meanders to the cul-de-sac at the end of a private driveway. A sidewalk was created from the development to Forbush Mill Rd.



① Railroad bed bridge



② Trail on the railroad bed



③ The meadow in winter



④ Goose Pond in summer

Parking: *Main Street/Route 117, 2 cars.*
42.446005, -71.629698

Suggested walks: *Convenient.* The Wilder Farm trails offer a quiet route for pedestrians to avoid traffic on Route 117. The Tadmor sidewalk ends opposite the high school at a point near the Post Office and businesses at the intersection of Forbush Mill Rd. and Route 117. up to 2 miles

It follows a portion of the old Lancaster railroad bed and eventually crosses rolling terrain before reaching the Tadmor cul-de-sac. The sidewalk exits from this road close to the 117 intersection. ①: <https://boltontrails.org/lancaster-railroad>

Wilder Rd. A short section of path is accessible via the easement on the north side of the sheared driveway on Wilder Rd. It leads through some old orchards to a meadow. Close to this driveway is a view west towards Mt. Wachusett. A small brook ① runs through a culvert close to the high point of the road. It has been said that this is where Henry David Thoreau stopped for refreshment on his walk from Concord to Mt Wachusett in 1842. About 0.4 miles in the opposite direction on Wilder Rd. is the marked site of the Hillside Church that was built by S. V. S. Wilder in 1828. The final gathering was in 1859.



Bolton Conservation Land Rules and Regulations.

The Bolton Conservation Commission welcomes responsible public use and enjoyment of land under its stewardship. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8c, the Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to provide a pleasurable experience for users and in order to preserve and protect in perpetuity the wildlife, ecological, environmental, and conservation values of these properties which include:

- Protection of surface and groundwater resources
- Protection of unfragmented forest habitat
- Protection of wildlife habitat
- Protection of open space and the Town's trails system.

Prohibitions

- Hunting, trapping and discharging of firearms, arrows, paintballs, and pellets
- Motor vehicles, except for emergency response or municipal vehicles
- Dumping and/or littering
- Alcoholic beverages and glass containers
- Smoking
- Swimming except by waders at the Tom Denney Nature Camp

Advance permission needed in writing from the Bolton Conservation Commission for the following:

- Camping
- Fires
- Memorials or Displays
- Building new trails, extensions, and modifications to existing trails
- Cutting, removing, or damaging vegetation, except for the control of invasive species
- Collecting dead or downed wood, rocks or wildlife

Any activities or uses not set forth here require the prior written permission of the Bolton Conservation Commission.

Adopted 12/21/2010

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Dogs may be walked on conservation land as long as they are under effective control of a person. People walking dogs shall remove feces from trails and all environmentally sensitive areas. Please keep dogs out of vernal pools during breeding season for frogs and salamanders (generally mid-February through April). Do not let dogs chase or harass wildlife.

