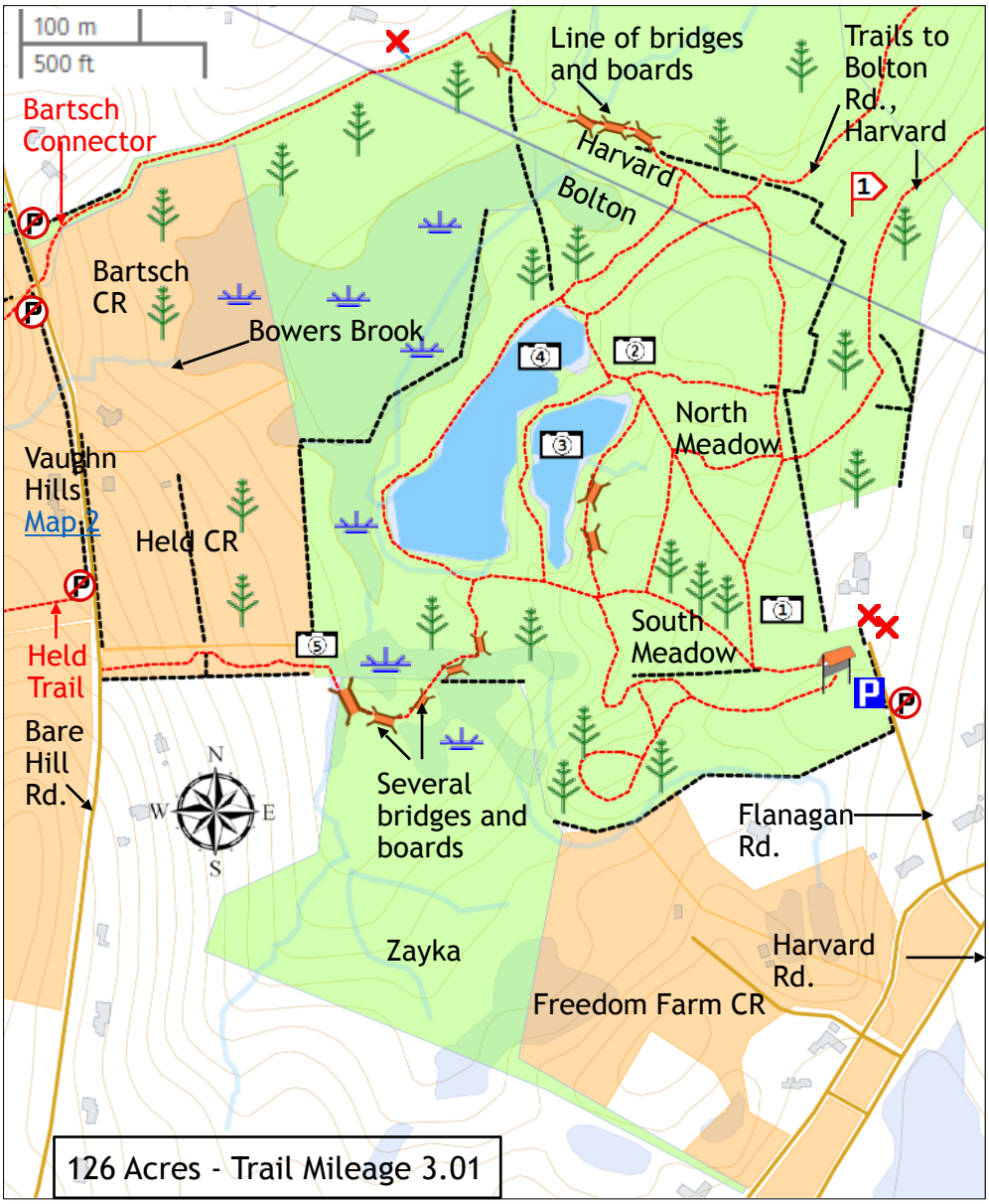
Bowers Springs

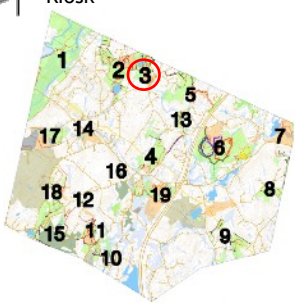
Map 3



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.
- Primary trail
- Secondary trail
- No access
- Stone wall
- Marsh or swamp
- Wooded area
- Contour lines at intervals of 20'
- Parking
- No Parking
- CR Conservation Restriction
- Photo location
- Point of interest mentioned in the text
- Trail susceptible to flooding
- Bridge
- Kiosk

Click for GPS in KMZ format



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Bowers Springs: One of Bolton's most popular conservation areas, Bowers Springs is a wonderful place for picnics, nature walks, and cross-country skiing. Although it is not a dog park, it is popular with dog owners. No swimming is permitted in either of the two man-made ponds. In addition to the ponds, the area features an expansive meadow and a large woodland which extends into Harvard 1. Trails connect to Vaughn Hills (map 2) in Bolton and other conservation land in Harvard (https://harvardconservationtrust.org/trails/). This whole connected conservation area was a joint purchase by the Town of Bolton and the Town of Harvard in 1973. Bowers Springs is also a host site of the Tom Denney Nature Camp, an outdoor program for local children sponsored by Bolton Conservation Trust.

Parking: *Flanagan Rd.* 14 cars. Do not park in the entryway or exit. NO PARKING ON FLANAGAN RD. 42.462750, -71.603917

Connections: On the west the Bartsch Connector and the Held Trail connect to the Vaughn Hills Conservation Area (map 2). The trails on the north connect to Harvard's Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and eventually to the Mary Abbot Trail leading to Bolton Rd.

Suggested walks:

Short: Circuit of any of the ponds. .25 to .75 miles

Longer: Circuit of both ponds and meadows 1.25 miles

Challenging: Make a loop from Bowers Springs out to Vaughn Hills (map 2) using the east-west trail on the Held CR. Climb the hills and/or make a circuit of the pond, then return west-to-east via the Bartsch Connector. 3 to 4 miles

Very Long: The Bolton Loop Trail passes through Bowers Springs. 11 miles



1 Allee from the North Meadow



2 Memorial Bench



5 "The Big Bridge" - High enough for Beaver flooding



3 Lily Pads in the Upper Pond



4 Fall colors at the Lower Pond

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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 shall be required to be leashed at all times at Bowers Spring Conservation Area.. 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.

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