

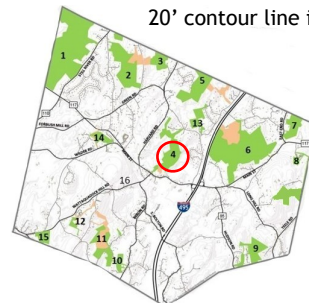
## Legend:

- Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions.
- Lake or Pond. Permanent water.
- Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding.
- Primary trail
- Secondary trail
- Route of Gas Pipeline
- X No access
- Stone wall
- |\_| Marsh or swamp
- | | Wooded area
- / \ Bridge
- | Kiosk

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
- 2 Photo location
- 3 Point of interest mentioned in the text
- ⚠ Trail susceptible to flooding
- ! Use Caution
- P Parking

20' contour line intervals



**Map Coverage:** The Town Common, First Parish Church Land, The Powder House area, Philben Land and the Old Town Road.





**Parking:** Behind the Town Hall (GPS address 663 Main Street), The Town Common (GPS Address 715 Main Street), The Garrison House where there is room for a small number of cars. Quail Run Road where there is room for one or two cars parked just off the roadway near the trailhead.




**Powder House** : Built in 1811. Regulations set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibited towns from storing ammunition and powder at a Meeting House. A nearby sign explains the history.


**Old Town Road:** Was officially laid out in 1764 as a short connection to the North part of town, but had probably been in use for many years before.

**First Parish Church:** Was founded in 1741. Since 1931 it has brought together people from different traditions. The church maintains affiliations with The Unitarian Universalist Association, The American Baptist Churches and The United Church of Christ. The building dates from 1928 the earlier, second meeting house burned in 1926.

### Suggested walks:

*Several lengths, but challenging* - start at the Town Hall and ascend to the Powder House by the direct route , return by any of the trails. It's a rewarding, but long and rolling walk (over 2 miles) using the high level route over the Philben Land to Quail Run  and back via the Old Town Road, but there is plenty to see such as the Whitcomb Garrison House. 

*Short and gentle ascent to the Powder House* - take the Ronald W Evans Trail from the western end of the Church parking lot with an out and back to the Building. If you feel like it, take a break at the mediation area to read, ponder watch wildlife or whatever. Return by any of many routes possibly including a stop at the Town Common  where you can try the outdoor  musical instruments.

*Fitness Trail* - There are several fitness stations where you can test and improve your strength along this route which starts at the Town Common.

**Connections:** The Houghton Farm Area (Map 13) can be accessed very easily from the Garrison House site at the end of the Old Town Road by a short walk along Houghton Farm Road.




 Powder House




 Meditation Area




 Town Common from the upper Pavilion



 Fitness Trail Start Point




 Split Rock on Powder House Hill



 Whitcomb Garrison House sign



 Quail Run Trailhead



## **Bolton Conservation Land Rules and Regulations**

The Bolton Conservation Commission welcomes responsible public use and enjoyment of land under its stewardship. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 8c, the Conservations Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to provide to provide a pleasant experience to users and in order to project in perpetuity the wildlife, aesthetic, 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 trails system

Dogs may be walked on conservation land as long as they are under the 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 the breeding season for frogs and salamanders (generally mid-February through April). Do not let dogs chase or harass wildlife.

### **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 wading by 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.

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