


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Legend:


Contour lines at intervals of 20'

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| Private land or easement. Please stay on trail | Primary trail | Parking |
| Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Please stay on trail | Secondary trail | Photo location |
| Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions. | No access | Point of interest mentioned in the text |
| Lake or Pond. Permanent water. | Stone wall | Trail susceptible to flooding |
| Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding. | Marsh or swamp | Bridge |
| | Wooded area | Kiosk |
| | Dam | |




Bowers Springs: One of Bolton's most popular conservation areas, Bowers Springs is a wonderful place for picnics, nature walks and cross country skiing. It is especially popular with dog-walkers and a dog waste bag station and disposal bin are located at the Flanagan Road parking area. Though there is no swimming permitted in either of the two man-made ponds, skiing is allowed in winter months. In addition to the ponds, the area features an expansive meadow and a large woodland which extends into Harvard . Dog walkers, hikers, joggers, skiers and horseback riders all share the same well-marked trails. The trails connect to Vaughn Hills in Bolton and other conservation lands in Harvard (see the Harvard trail maps <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 the site of the Tom Denney Nature Camp an outdoor program for local children sponsored by Bolton Conservation Trust.




 Allee from the North Meadow



 Memorial Bench



 Bowers Brook Bridge - High enough for Beaver floods

Parking: There is a large parking area off Flanagan Road. GPS address 44 Flanagan Road.

Connections: Two trails on the west connect to the Vaughn Hills conservation area. The trails into Harvard connect to the Bare Hill Wildlife Sanctuary and eventually to the Mary Abbot Trail leading to Bolton Road.

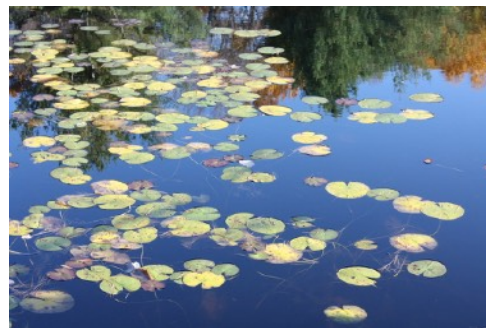
Suggested walks:

Short: Circuit of any of the ponds.

Longer: Circuit of both ponds, and the meadows.

Challenging: Make a loop from Bowers Springs out to Vaughn Hills using the southern connector, climb the Hills and/or make a circuit of the pond, then return via the northern connector.

Very Long: The route of the Cross Town Trail North includes Bowers Springs. For more information talk to a member of the Trails Committee.





Lily Pads in the Upper Pond





Fall colors in the Upper Pond



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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