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Philbin Salmon Trail Head



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Survey Mark at Summit: Highest point in Bolton



Pine Grove Near Sunset Ridge



Old Stone Bridge Structure



Welch Pond

Welch Pond: A classic kettle hole bog complete with carnivorous plants. It is one of Bolton's unique features. The Pond provides valuable wildlife habitat for beavers, Herons, ducks while the surrounding bog mat is home to unusual pitcher and sundew plants. The view to the pond is often obscured by vegetation, but in the winter months the water can be seen clearly. The trail to the pond can be accessed from the intersection of three paths close to the Sunset Ridge condominium development.

Philbin-Salmon Trail: This path skirts the highest point in Bolton (Wattaquodock Hill; 661') which was once marked by an observation tower and one of its anchor points can still be seen. ¹ A close look nearby can reveal four survey marks which are often obscured by leaves or stones. The trail descends gently through a grove of small pine trees and then floors the edge of the condominium development to the junction with the two other trails.

Gould Memorial Trail: For hikers arriving by car, this trail offers the best access the area. This path is very clear and easy to follow at first as it was once a cart path, but the construction of the nearby access road to the condominiums changed forced the route to cross steep up and down terrain to the trail junction. Care is needed when negotiating this trail, especially in Winter.

Parking: The Gould Memorial trail head. GPS address 498 Wattaquodock Hill Road.

Connections: The Gould-White Land can be accessed via the Hapgood-Schecter Trail which starts 0.3 miles from the Philbin-Salmon trail head on West Berlin Road. This area contains an extensive network of trails and

Suggested walks: *In and out* from any of the trail heads to explore the Welch Pond area, which is very secluded despite its closeness to housing developments such as Sunset Ridge and the large houses on West Berlin Road.

Wattaquodock Hill viewpoint. Starting from the Philbin-Salmon trail head take a walk northward along West Berlin Road and follow the fence on the eastern side of the road (which is off the pavement by several feet. There is a splendid view ² towards Boston and the skyline is clearly visible in clear weather.



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 Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to provide to provide a pleasant experience to users and in order to protect 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

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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Dogs must be under the direct control of an adult on Conservation Land.



Individuals walking dogs on Conservation Land shall remove all feces. (not just on trails).



Please keep dogs out of vernal pools and wetland resource areas.



Do not let dogs or other individuals chase or harass wildlife.

