



### Legend:

- Private land or easement Please stay on trail
- Town or Conservation Land Please obey trail restrictions
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Please stay on trail
- Lake or Pond Permanent water
- Wetlands
- Primary trail
- Secondary trail
- No access
- Fence
- Marsh or Swamp
- Wooded area
- Stone wall
- Parking
- Photo location
- Point of interest mentioned in the text
- Use Caution
- Bridge
- Communications tower

Contour lines at 20' intervals

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① Philbin Salmon Trailhead



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③ Survey mark at summit: highest point in Bolton



④ Old Stone embankment



⑤ Welch Pond

**Parking:**  
Wattaquadock Hill Rd.,  
Gould Memorial  
trailhead. 3 cars.  
42.423278, -71.637750

**Welch Pond:** This classic kettlehole bog and pond provides valuable wildlife habitat for beavers, herons, and ducks, while the surrounding bog mat is home to carnivorous 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 development.

**Philbin-Salmon Trail:** This path skirts the highest point in Bolton (Wattaquadock Hill; 661') which was once marked by an observation tower; one of its anchor points can still be seen. ① A close look nearby reveals four survey marks ③ that are often obscured by leaves or stones. The trail descends gently through a grove of small pine trees, and then follows 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 to the area. This path is clear and easy to follow at first since it was once a cart path, but construction of the access road to the development forced the route to cross steep up-and-down terrain to the trail junction. Care is needed when negotiating this trail, especially in winter.

**Connections:** The Gould-White land ([Map 11](#)) can be accessed via the Hapgood-Schechter Trail which starts 0.3 miles from the Philbin-Salmon trailhead on West Berlin Rd.

**Suggested walks:** *In and out* from either the Philbin-Salmon ① or Gould Memorial trailhead to explore the Welch Pond area, which is secluded despite its closeness to housing developments such as Sunset Ridge and the houses on West Berlin Rd.

**Wattaquadock Hill viewpoint.** Starting from the Philbin-Salmon trailhead take a walk northward along West Berlin Rd. 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 whose the skyline is visible in clear weather.



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

The areas of Bolton Flats (Map 1) and Delaney Wildlife Management Areas (Map 7) fall under the Massachusetts Division of Wildlife regulations. Additional details can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/division-of-fisheries-and-wildlife>.

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 protect:

- Surface and groundwater resources
- Unfragmented forest habitat
- Wildlife habitat
- 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 by attendees 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.

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Dogs must be under the direct control of an adult on conservation land.



Individuals walking dogs on conservation land must remove all feces.



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



Do not let dogs or individuals chase or harass wildlife.

