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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 | Conservation Restriction |
| Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions. | Secondary trail | Photo location | Kiosk |
| Lake or Pond. Permanent water. | No access | Point of interest mentioned in the text | Click for GPS in KMZ format |
| Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding. | Stone wall | Trail susceptible to flooding | |
| | Marsh or swamp | Bridge | |
| | Wooded area | | |



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.



1 Allee from the North Meadow



2 Memorial Bench



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

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.

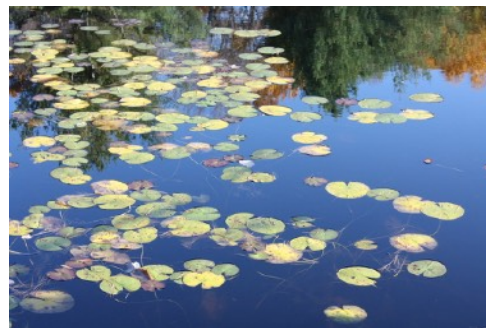
Suggested walks:

Short: Circuit of any of the ponds.

Longer: Circuit of both ponds, and the meadows.

Challenging: Make a loop from Bowers Springs out to Vaughn Hills 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.

Very Long: The Bolton Loop Trail passes through Bowers Springs. For more information contact the trails Committee.



3 Lily Pads in the Upper Pond



4 Fall colors at the Lower Pond



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.

