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### Legend:

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| Private land or easement. Please stay on trail             | Primary trail   | Parking                                 |
| Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions. | Secondary trail | Photo location                          |
| Lake or Pond. Permanent water.                             | No access       | Point of interest mentioned in the text |
| Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding.               | Stone wall      | Trail susceptible to flooding           |
| <b>CR</b> Conservation Restriction                         | Marsh or swamp  | Bridge                                  |
|  | Wooded area     | Use Caution                             |
|  | Disused railway |   |

Contour lines at 20' intervals



**Wilder Farm Conservation Area:** The original 5.6 acre parcel was purchased by the Town from the Trustees of Reservations in 1991. The property contains a small pond and part of an agricultural field. It is adjacent to 27.3 acres of farmed Conservation Land. The Still River flows under the old railroad bed close to Route 117 and through the area to feed the Wilder Goose Pond. During wet periods or due to beaver activity, the pond can spread over the swamp.

**Goose Pond Trail:** This area was donated to the Town in 2019 as part of the Tadmor residential development. This trail meanders to the cul-de-sac at the end of a private driveway. A sidewalk was created from the development to Forbush Mill Rd.



① Railroad bed bridge



② Trail on the railroad bed



③ The meadow in winter





④ Goose Pond in summer

**Parking:** *Main Street/Route 117, 2 cars.*  
42.446005, -71.629698

**Suggested walks:** *Convenient.* The Wilder Farm trails offer a quiet route for pedestrians to avoid traffic on Route 117. The Tadmor sidewalk ends opposite the high school at a point near the Post Office and businesses at the intersection of Forbush Mill Rd. and Route 117.

*Seasonal.* At certain dry times of year it is possible to cross the Wilder Conservation Area from the Main St. parking lot to Wilder Rd. using the walkway easement next to the private shared driveway. Note that the plank bridge, sunk in a hollow in the meadow, is difficult to cross.

**Exploration:** *The Old Lancaster Railroad* bed can be seen  <https://boltontrails.org/lancaster-railroad>

*Wilder Rd.* and its view west towards Mt. Wachusett. A small brook  runs through a culvert close to the high point of the road. It has been said that this is where Henry David Thoreau stopped for refreshment on his walk from Concord to Mt Wachusett in 1842. About 0.4 miles in the opposite direction on Wilder Rd. is the marked site of the Hillside Church that was built by S. V. S. Wilder in 1828. The final gathering was in 1859.



## **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.

