

Walpole Nature and Hiking Trails Inventory

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Below is a listing of trails that I am aware of in Walpole. If there are others, I hope that anyone reading this document will contact me and inform me of any trail I may have missed.

As can be seen, some of these trails are managed and maintained by the Walpole Trails Committee and some are maintained by other entities. I have tried to include all properties and trails in one document.

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Name of Trail	Trail Managed by:	Approximate Length	Description of Trail	Color of Trail Markers
Adams Farm	Adams Farm Committee and the Trails Committee	Over 10 miles	There is a network of trails at Adams Farm. See the Friends of Adams Farm website, and then click on Visitor Information for a map.	Many colors
Adams Farm-High St Trail	Trails Committee	Approx.. ¾ mile	Leads from the west end of the Adams Farm property, under the power line, to High St.	None
The Goetz Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 1 mile	Begins at marker across from Elm Street School, passes benchmark denoting Walpole - Medfield border, and then ends at Lincoln Road or Granite Street.	White
Endean Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 1 mile	One end is at Trail marker at Dog Rock on Plimpton Street. Trail follows the Neponset River. Other end is half-way up the hill on Bird Drive.	Orange
Bay Circuit Trail (BCT)	Trails Committee & the Bay Circuit Alliance	Approx. 8 miles total	This trail begins at Plum Island and ends in Duxbury, over 210 miles total. See the Bay Circuit.Org website for more information. The trail has 3 continuous but distinct sections in Walpole.	White, with unique Bay Circuit Trail markers (printed on a white background)
		Section 1: approx 3.2 miles	Section 1: the trail enters Walpole at the Medfield line on High St, follows trails along Mine Brook to Johnson Middle School.	
		Section 2: Approx. 2.0 mile	Follows Robbins Rd to Elm St to West St to Stone St to Morgan Field. Through the woods to Stone St, to Clarks Pond then Lake St then to the Town Forest behind the High School.	White with BCT markers
		Section 3: Approx. 3.0 miles	Enter Town Forest behind High School, follow trails to Water Dept, then cross Washington St into Town Forest on east side of Washington St. Follow trail to Walpole Industrial Park, cross Rte 1 at Pine St, then follow Pine St to Sharon border.	White with BCT markers

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The Pinnacle	Trails Committee	Approx. 2 miles	Town-owned 18 acre parcel in East Walpole with a trail marker at Plimpton St at Hemlock St. and another at Pinnacle Drive at Misty Lane. Trails consist of an inner and outer loop. Highlight is a 200 foot high precipice that looks down upon the Neponset River.	Blue (Outer Loop along the river) and Red (Inner Loop to precipice)
Walpole Town Forest	Town Forest Committee	Approx. 2.5-3.5 miles	The Town Forest is 150 acres and is traversed with trails. About ½ of this land is north and west of Washington St, and ½ is south and east of Washington St. See the Town Forest Committee link on the Town Committees website for more information, including a trail map.	None
As Yet Unnamed Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 1.5 miles	Trail from Johnson Middle School to Elm Street School. Trail intersects the Elm Street School Nature Trail	None
Goetz Trail to Elm Street School Nature Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 0.5 miles	This trail loops around Elm St School and connects to the Goetz trailhead. It is currently overgrown and will be reopened by the Trails Committee soon.	None
Francis William Bird Park (Bird Park)	Trustees of Reservations	Over 3 miles	Over 3 miles of trails, most paved, weave through Bird Park. The Park also includes Ellis Field. See the Trustees of Reservations website for more information.	None
South St Loop	Neponset River Watershed Authority	Approx 1 mile	The trailhead is located where the Neponset River crosses South St. The trail enters the woods on the south side of South St, and then intersects with the loop. A pretty spot.	None
Elm Street School Nature Trail	Elm Street School	Approx. 0.5 miles	Wooded trails on the property of Elm Street school.	Not sure
Fisher School Nature Trail	Fisher School	Approx. 0.5 miles	Wooded trails on the property of Fisher school and near Cobbs Pond.	Not sure
Boyden School Nature Trail	Boyden School	Approx. 0.5 miles	Wooded trails on the property of Boyden school.	Not sure

Total Distance of Trails on Walpole: Approximately 32 miles

There are also several miles of trails under the power lines that criss-cross Walpole. Hikers should obtain permission from National Grid before using these trails.