

TRAIL CLASS DESCRIPTION:

Class 4: Easy, broad, flat trails - 8 feet wide or greater, <5% slopes

Class 3: Easy/moderate trails - 4 to 8 feet wide, rolling, <12% slopes

Class 2: Moderate/challenging trails - 2 to 4 feet wide, rough, less than 12% slopes

Class 1: Challenging trails - narrow and rough, less than 2 feet wide, <20% slopes

FRAMINGHAM MASSACHUSETTS

Carol Getchell Nature Trail



TRAIL INFORMATION:

Welcome to the Carol Getchell Nature Trail!

The Carol Getchell Nature Trail was conceived in the mid-90's as a trail that follows the west bank of the Sudbury River. In 2001 it was dedicated to the memory of Carol J. Getchell, who was the former principal of the Stapleton School and an early proponent of the trail.

Trails

This nature trail is a single trail that runs north to south along the west side of the Sudbury River. It takes trail users through hardpack trail, a boardwalk, and bridges to enjoy the sights and sounds of the river. There are also offshoots that can be taken to link users up to the Edwards Church, the Stapleton School, and the Cameron School.

Points of Interest

On the farthest south end of the trail, users can get onto Sudbury Landing to view the historic Danforth Bridge. Go to the far north end and one can cross the parking area at Little Farms Road to hook up with a trail that leads to the Weston Aqueduct. This aqueduct can be accessed to view the scenic Sudbury Oxbow, another one of Framingham's conservation parcels.

An excellent canoe launch site is also located at the end of Little Farms Road, off the parking lot, and is managed by the Public Access Board.

TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

- All motorized use prohibited.
- No littering or dumping.
- Closed from dusk to dawn.
- Fires and camping are not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Do not feed, approach, or touch wildlife.
- Take personal protection measures to reduce your exposure to ticks and mosquito bites.
- Dogs must be leashed.
- No hunting permitted at any time.

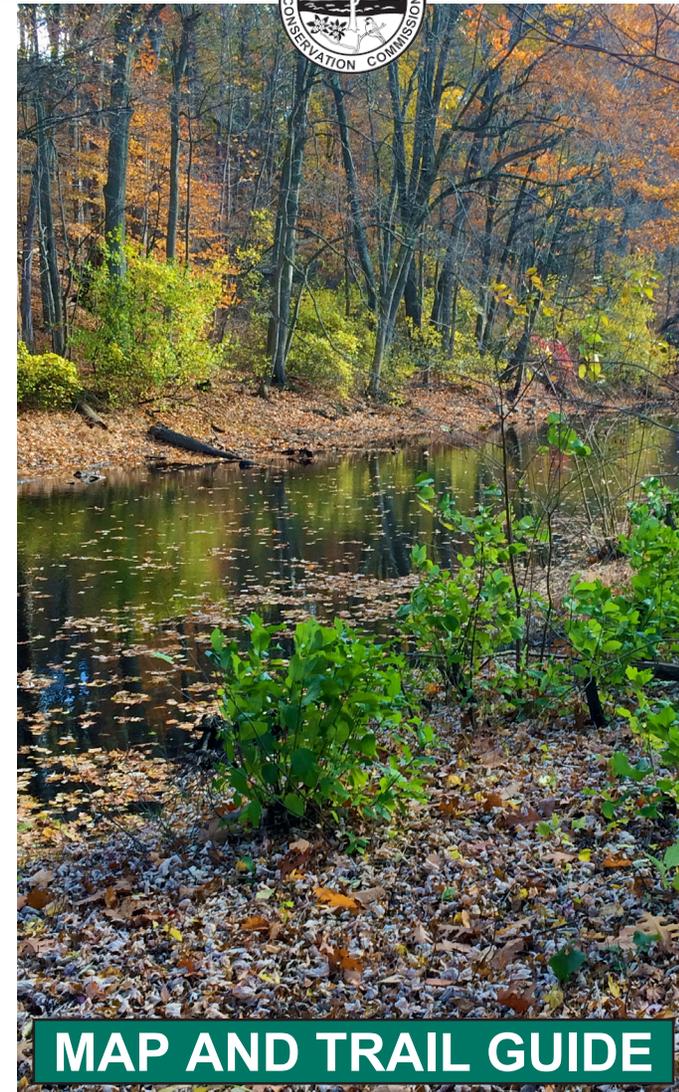
PARKING INFORMATION:

A large, public parking lot is located at the end of Little Farms Road. Parking is also available at the parking lot along Edwards Street near the cemetery.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For additional information on Framingham Conservation Commission Trails, or to report problems, please go to our website at www.framinghamma.gov. Or you can email, call or visit us at the Conservation Commission office.

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