

About This Property

Hop Brook Natural Area is one of several wildlife havens in this part of Framingham. Owned by SVT, this land sits amid residential properties, a pasture, and a hayfield. It consists mostly of red maple swamp, and it features about 1200 feet of Hop Brook, one large pond, and two smaller ponds.

Originally, this land was protected from development because it contains wetlands. In 1995, SVT purchased the 16.5-acre property to ensure it will remain protected forever.

Features of Note

- Stone walls surround this property, indicating it once may have been used as agricultural land.
- A single large white oak in the eastern wall may have been left to provide shade for grazing livestock.
- A few apple trees in the mixed forest suggest an old orchard.
- The woods include scattered American elm, survivors of the Dutch elm disease that swept the country decades ago. Other trees include white ash, sugar maple, gray birch, bigtooth aspen, black walnut, black cherry, white pine, and hemlock.
- An interpretive trail created by a Boy Scout in 2010 provides more information along your walk. A brochure for the interpretive trail can be downloaded from the web page listed below.

Learn more:

www.svtweb.org/HopBrookNA



Trail Policies and Regulations

These policies apply to SVT properties on the map. Properties owned by other entities have their own posted policies.

The following are prohibited:

- · Motorized vehicles
- · Hunting or trapping
- Camping
- Bicycling
- Fires
- Disposing of trash or yard waste
- Cutting or removing plants

Dog walkers:

- Pick up and dispose of dog waste.
- Keep dogs on trails.
- Keep dogs out of ponds/streams/vernal pools.
- Put dogs on a leash when other hikers approach.

See our full dog-walking policy on the trail head kiosk.

Directions

With mapping software, search for this address: 933 Grove Street Framingham, MA

From the intersection of Edgell Road and Edmands Road in Framingham, take Edmands Road west. Go o.5 miles. Turn left onto Winch Street. Go o.7 miles. Turn right onto Grove Street. Follow Grove Street for o.2 miles. You will see a large field on the right with room to park along the sides of the road. Please do not park in front of the field entrances.

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Hop Brook Natural Area Trail Map



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