

About This Property

The 53.6-acre George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Land, which is owned by the Town of Littleton, is located in a scenic rural corner of the town. It links with other conserved lands in the area, creating a network of open space that is beneficial to wildlife.

The Yapp property is part of the area that was settled and occupied by the Nashobah Band of the Massachusett Praying Indian Tribe.

The minutes from an 1894 Historical society meeting indicate that Indigenous peoples would have used this area for hunting, splitting rock for quartz, and possibly ceremonial purposes. While there is no documentation of artifacts on the property, the Massachusetts Historical Commission considers it an important site for preservation.

SVT holds a conservation restriction (CR) on the Yapp property, partnering with the town to ensure its permanent protection..

Features of Note

- The southeastern third of the property provides habitat for blue-spotted salamander, a species of concern in Massachusetts.
- Wildlife that have been observed here include barred owl, red-tailed hawk, fox, fisher, and woodcock.
- Fort Rock, on the far eastern side of the CR, is a massive boulder that split into three sections. Visitors have placed branches over the split areas to form a walk-through cave.
- Several streams flow north-south in the valleys, with a small pond in the south-central part of the property.
- Stone walls are a prominent feature, including those that bound the property.

Learn more:

www.svtweb.org/Yapp



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: 426 Newtown Road, Littleton, MA

From Route 2 in Littleton (between Route 495 and Route 27), take Exit 41 toward Newtown Road, West Acton, and Littleton. Follow Newtown Road north toward Littleton for 2.1 miles. Parking and trail access are on the right.

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George and Lucy Yapp Conservation Restriction Trail Map



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This map includes trails that cross properties owned and maintained by the Town of Littleton and Littleton Conservation Trust.



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