


At an elevation of 227 feet, Round Hill rises only about 100 feet above the surrounding terrain, but provides maximum reward for minimum effort. A leisurely stroll on the old farm road or a more direct route up the “face” brings you to the small hilltop meadow and a vista that takes in river, meadows, and rolling terrain. The height and wide-open view make the hilltop a favorite spot for bird watchers. The granite bench at the summit is in memory of Richard Forster, a prominent local birder and natural historian who frequently visited the site.

Round Hill is a drumlin, created during the last glacial period when a load of rocks and clay clogged the base of the ice so that it stopped moving. The upper layers of ice rode over this deposit, and left it behind when they retreated.

Purchased by SVT in 1964, after one of the organization’s early fund-raising campaigns, the hill is now surrounded by other protected open space, more than 1,000 acres in all, including the town of Sudbury’s Lincoln Meadows, the state’s Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area, and a portion of Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Trails link these properties, passing through a variety of forested upland habitats and, in the lowlands, offering views of small ponds, Pantry Brook marsh, and the Sudbury River.

An 1889 history of Sudbury describes Round Hill as “cultivated to its top.” Although trees and shrubs have grown up since then, agricultural use continues on town-owned land at the base of the hill, with Sudbury’s community gardens north of Lincoln Road and land south of the road rented to a commercial flower grower who has put the root cellar near the parking area back into use. The ruins of other farm and residential structures lie on both sides of the road.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

We welcome you to enjoy the trails for walking, skiing, snowshoeing, nature study, photography, and other quiet activities. Please carry out everything you carry in.

In order to protect this natural area, the following are prohibited:

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

DIRECTIONS

From Sudbury Center (intersection of Route 27, or Old Sudbury Road, and Concord Road) go north on Concord Road one mile to Lincoln Road (Lincoln-Sudbury High School) and turn right. Go 1.1 mile on Lincoln Road and park on the left at Lincoln Meadow Conservation Area. From the parking lot the trails can be accessed through Lincoln Meadow Conservation Area, near the kiosk, or by walking approximately 100 feet up Lincoln Road and taking a left at the SVT reservation sign.

Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) is a regional land trust dedicated to the protection of the natural resources and wildlife habitat of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord river basin. SVT carries out its work through land acquisition and stewardship, advocacy, and education throughout a 36-town region. SVT protects and cares for over 100 properties of conservation land that include wetlands, sensitive habitats, trails and other open spaces. SVT reservations are open to the public free of charge. Please consider joining SVT as a member. For more information see www.svtweb.org.

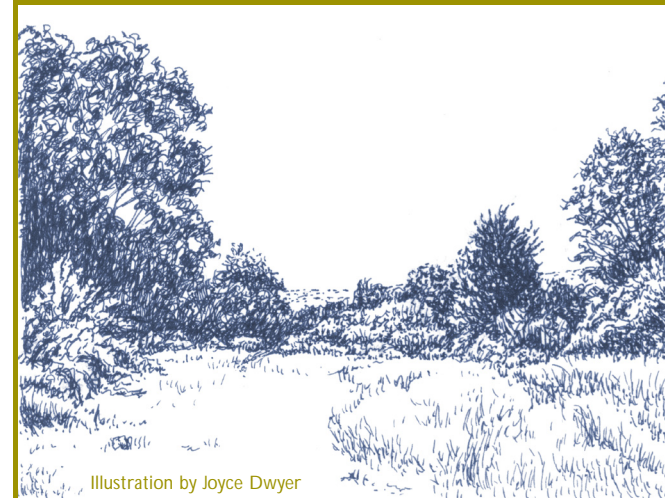



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