

About This Property

The Prospect Hill Wildlife Sanctuary was donated to the Westford Conservation Trust (WCT) by Priscilla Elliot in 1999 and consists of eight acres of woodland and an adjoining cornfield.

The peak of Prospect Hill, which is not part of the wildlife sanctuary, is the highest point in Northern Middlesex County.

SVT holds a conservation restriction (CR) over the land. We are responsible for annually monitoring the property to ensure its important conservation values are protected.

Features of Note

- Part of this circular trail runs along a ridge of the hill. A stone bench in the northeast corner provides an opportunity to sit and enjoy the view.
- From the trail, you can observe stone walls, stone “lintel” bridges, and a stone-lined canal.
- The former agricultural field near the trail head is mowed annually to keep it open.
- A small spring rises on the western side of the field and flows south, eventually joining Vine Brook.
- Although the field is level, the western half of the property climbs steeply up the southeastern slope of Prospect Hill.
- The property is populated by Norway spruce, which were planted after the hurricane of 1938.
- The largest shagbark hickory tree in Massachusetts is located on Hildreth Street, where a stone wall borders the property.

Learn more:

www.svtweb.org/ProspectHill

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: Wright Lane and Hildreth Street, Westford, MA

From Route I-495, take Exit 32. Follow Boston Post Road north toward Westford for approximately 1.0 mile. Turn left onto Hildreth Street. Go 150 feet. Turn left, continuing on Hildreth Street. Go 0.4 mile. Turn left onto Wright Lane. Park along the side of the road. Trail access is directly across Hildreth Street.

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Prospect Hill Conservation Restriction Trail Map



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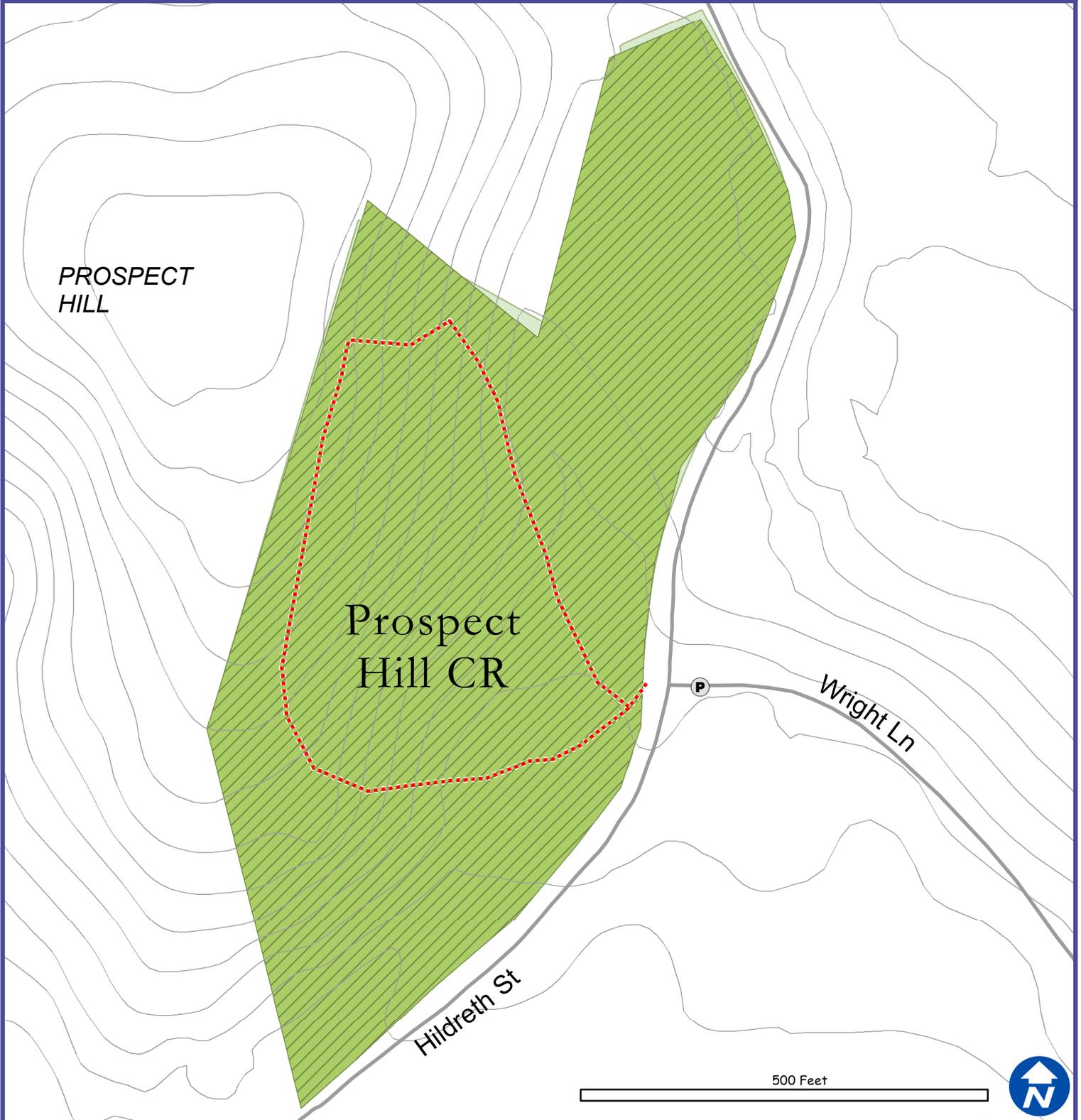
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