About This Property

Trails at Upper Mill Brook Conservation Area take visitors through a landscape that has seen a variety of uses. Part of the area almost certainly lies within a large "Common Swamp" shown on an early Wayland map.

The area includes parcels protected by SVT and the Town of Wayland through a series of gifts and purchases that began in 1957.

Features of Note

- The land is especially diverse, containing both open and wooded swamps, deciduous woodland, a brook, and several ponds.
- A spring visit brings the added pleasure of wildflowers, including wood anemone, lady's slipper, and fringed polygala. Along the ponds near Claypit Hill Road there may be a brilliant show of marigolds, but be warned that footing is rough along this path.
- Benjamin Pond is named after its creator, Allen Benjamin (incidentally a founding member of SVT), who dug this pond on his property to have a private place to swim. In 2001 a field near the pond was planted with chestnut seedlings as part of the American Chestnut Foundation's program for breeding blight-resistant trees.
- EMMA pond was constructed in 1964 with funding from Carling Brewery as a demonstration of marsh management for waterfowl, flood control, recreation, and mosquito control.
- Beavers are very active at several points along the wetland corridor that passes through the reservation, making the wildlife viewing opportunities excellent here.
- The large swamp in the central portion of the property, now a beaver-enlarged wetland, was at one time flooded for use as cranberry bogs and for ice cutting.

Learn more:
www.svtweb.org/UpperMillBrook

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:
107 Concord Road, Wayland, MA

From Route 20 in Wayland, follow Route 126 north approximately 1.0 mile to the Peace Lutheran Church on your right. Park at the back of the parking lot. The Church allows the lot to be used when there are no church activities; please avoid Sunday mornings. There are other trail entrances on Concord Road, Glezen Lane, and Claypit Hill Road.

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Trail Map

WAYLAND

This map includes trails that cross properties owned and maintained by the Town of Wayland.

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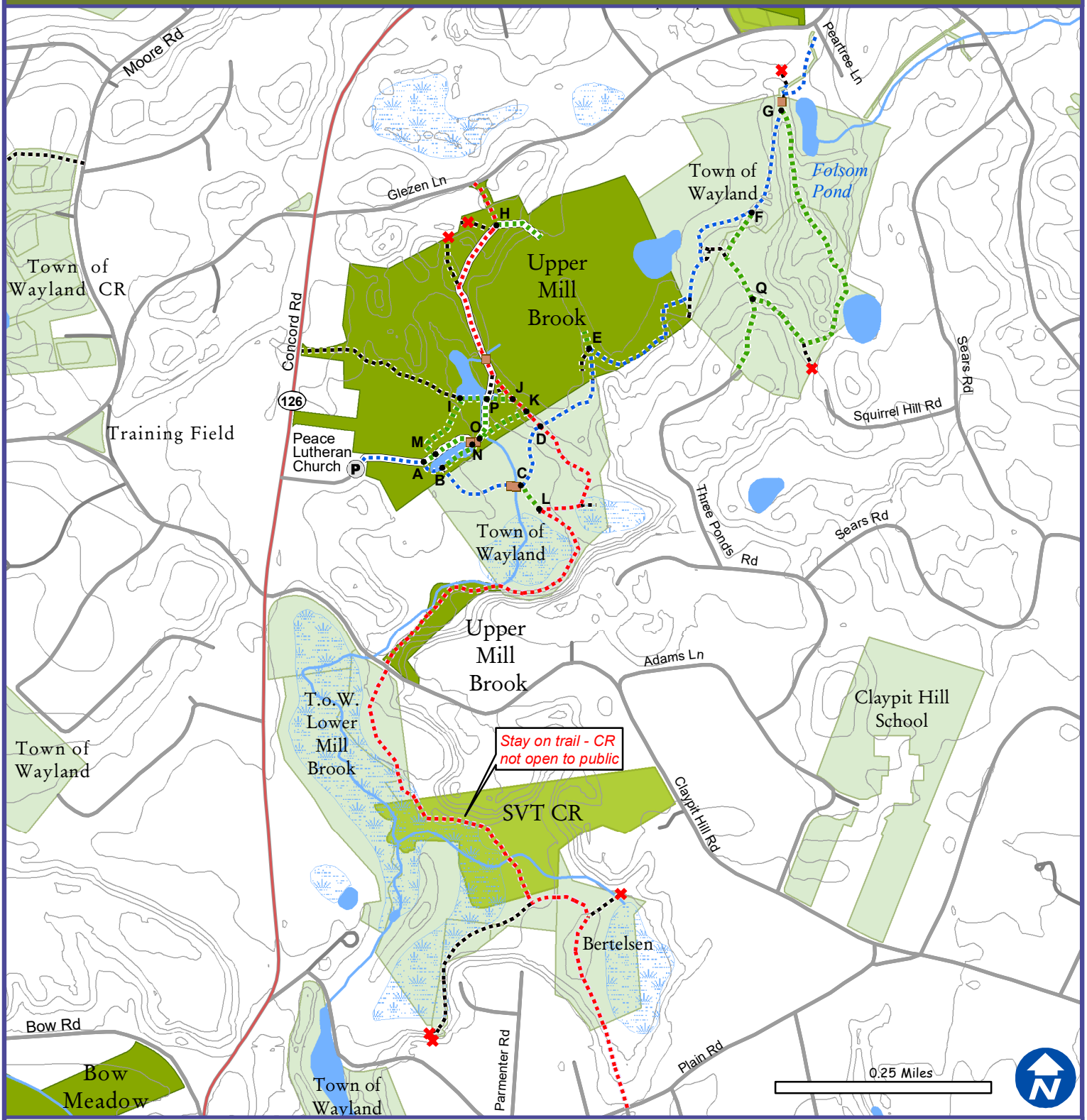

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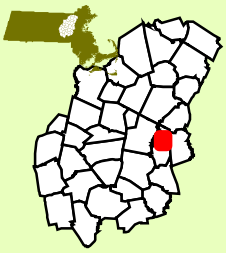
Stephen Winthrop Trail

How to Get Here



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Sudbury Valley Trustees is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects land for the benefit of people and wildlife. Help us keep these trails open for all to enjoy. **Join or Donate today! www.svtweb.org**

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