About This Property

Named after the brook that flows through the property on its way to the Sudbury River, the Peppergrass Brook conservation restriction (CR) lies within a region heavily dotted with conservation lands, including the Town of Bedford’s Carlisle Road Conservation Areas, Bedford Meadows CR, Brown-Page Conservation Area, and Redmond-Anderson Conservation Area, as well as Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

Peppergrass Brook CR is owned by the Town of Bedford. This conservation land helps protect the water quality of the brook, and it provides important natural flood control to the adjacent residential properties. As the holder of the CR, SVT works with the Town of Bedford to ensure the land’s conservation values are maintained.

Features of Note

• Most of Peppergrass Brook CR is wooded wetland, except for a small upland hardwood forest in the eastern portion. The wetland is dense and is not traversable at certain times of year because of water levels.

• Cinnamon fern, found here, can reach heights of over five feet.

• The walking trail provides a great opportunity for wildlife enthusiasts and birders to catch a glimpse of wetland flora and fauna.

• The trail is not long, but it crosses five bog bridges in the northeastern corner of the CR. They are located right before the loop at the end of the trail.

• The trail offers views into the red maple swamp. The swamp may also be viewed from the trail on the Carlson Conservation Area.

• Trail heads for the nearby Carlson Conservation Area and Langone Conservation Area, both also owned by the Town of Bedford, can be found on Carlisle Road.

Learn more:
www.svtweb.org/PeppergrassBrookCR

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:
17–19 Harvard Drive, Bedford, MA

From Route I-95 in Lexington, take Exit 31B (Routes 4 and 225 toward Bedford). Follow Route 4 for 3.4 miles, staying right at the forks for Routes 62 and 225. Turn left onto Harvard Drive. Go 0.4 mile. Trail access is on the right, marked by a “Conservation Area” sign just past 17 Harvard Drive. Parking is on the street.

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