About This Property

Fred and Millie Turenne purchased this 18-acre parcel of woodland and meadow adjacent to their home in 1990 to protect it from development. Several weeks later they generously gave it to SVT. An engraved stone at the parking area off Walnut Drive identifies the property as a memorial to Mr. Turenne, who died soon after presenting this gift.

The property lies on the northwestern slopes of Oak Hill. What was once pasture land is today primarily covered with hardwood forest.

Features of Note

• The overall topography here is irregular and takes advantage of miniature cliffs and occasional glacial erratics to showcase a variety of mature deciduous trees, including red oak, hickory, and black birch. (Erratics are rocks that were carried here by glaciers and remained when the glaciers receded.)
• The many multi-trunked oaks on this land, some nearly 100 years old, suggest that portions of this property once served as a woodlot.
• Beginning in 1995, neighbors, volunteers, the local gardening club, and SVT staff removed an abandoned tennis court at the site and planted native wildflowers and shrubs that attract birds and butterflies. A bird bath and a stone bench create a restful place for hikers.
• Wildflowers do remarkably well in the shade of the forest. These include pink lady’s-slipper, Canada mayflower, wood aster, partridgeberry, spotted wintergreen, and rattlesnake plantain.
• The Bay Path, a historic road lined on both sides with stone walls, runs along the southern boundary of the Turenne land and down to Woodland Road.

Learn more: www.svtweb.org/Turenne

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: Walnut Drive, Southborough, MA

From the intersection of Route 9 and Oak Hill Road in Southborough, go south on Oak Hill Road. Continue for 0.4 miles. Turn right onto Walnut Drive. Follow for about 0.1 mile. Where Walnut Drive makes a sharp left turn, go straight onto the narrow unpaved road. Continue about 30 yards to the small parking area on the right.

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