

# WELLESLEY TRAILS

## Self-Guided Walk

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### **Morses Pond Trail Walk**

**1.2 miles, 1 hour**

The Wellesley Trails Committee's guided walks scheduled for fall 2020 are canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. But... we would like you to take a self-guided walk in the woods without us. And don't forget to wear a mask and maintain social distancing, of course 😊!

#### **Location and Parking**

Start your walk at the gate to the town beach access road located at the end of Turner Road, 0.3 miles west of Weston Road. Please park only on the wooded side of Turner Road.

#### **Walk Description (Trail map below)**

After passing the gate you will see a purple arrow on your right as you enter the woods. The arrows will make a loop that returns to this starting point.

Follow the purple arrows through the woods. Please stay on the trail to avoid poison ivy and ticks. Soon you will emerge out of the deep woods to a beautiful grove of tall pine trees.

Continue to follow the purple arrows as you walk along the rim of an old gravel pit (to your left) used years ago for road building in Wellesley and beyond. Soon you will begin to see beautiful views of the pond.

Descend the forest trellis steps which were built by the Trails Committee and the DPW years ago. As you come off the hill onto level ground stay to your right to head toward the beach. The old Town Beach was located near here.

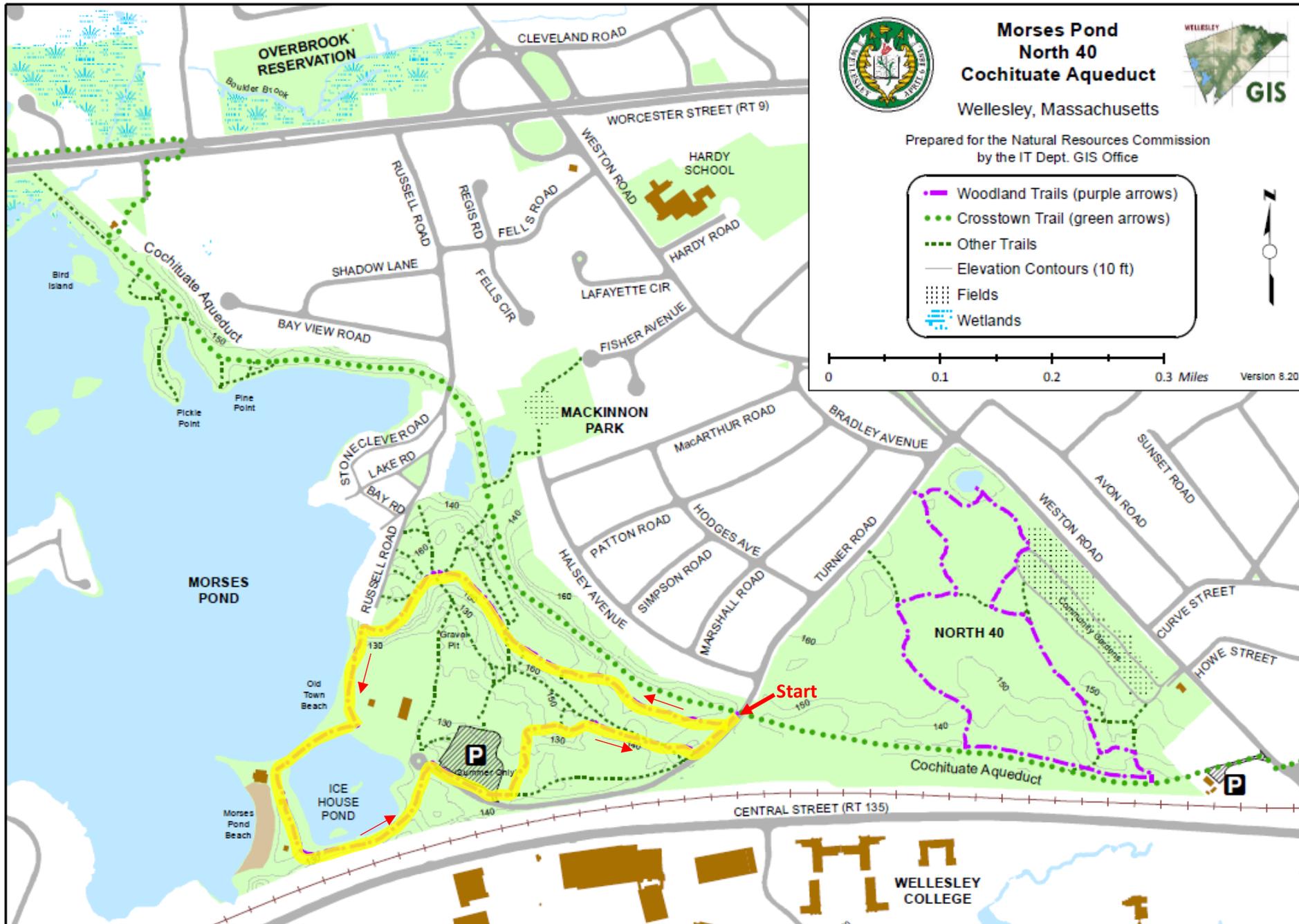
On your left you will see Ice House Pond which was used to harvest ice in the winter, to be carried by locals and train for refrigeration use.

As you proceed to the right, follow purple arrows over a little bridge to the beach. You will notice a path off the sand if you do not want to get sand in your shoes! Continue down the path until you get to a service road. Notice the train tracks on your right through the woods-easy access for transporting the ice years ago. This service road will take you back to the main beach access road.

Turn right on the paved path along the beach access road. After you pass the parking lot, take an immediate left on the trail into the woods. Continue uphill and rejoin the beach access road to return to your cars, bikes, etc.

We hope you enjoyed our little walk today. We believe hikes help keep us healthy and happy.

Take a Hike!



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