



WELLESLEY TRAILS

Favorite Trail Walks

Morses Pond

1.2 miles, 1 hour

Walk the trails along Morses Pond, a 102 acre pond and a source for our town water wells. View the pond, islands and wildlife. The walk will take you through a pine forest along the Cochituate Aqueduct and along the shore line at the town beach.



Location and Parking

Park at the [Morses Pond access gate](#) at 101 Morses Pond Access Rd. Please park only on the wooded side of Turner Road.

Directions

From Rt-9 follow Weston Rd south for 0.5 mi. Turn right onto Turner Rd at the signalized crosswalk and follow for 0.3 mi to the gate to the town Beach Access Rd.

Walk Description

After passing around the gate you will see a purple arrow on your right on a tree. Turn right and enter the woods. Following 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.

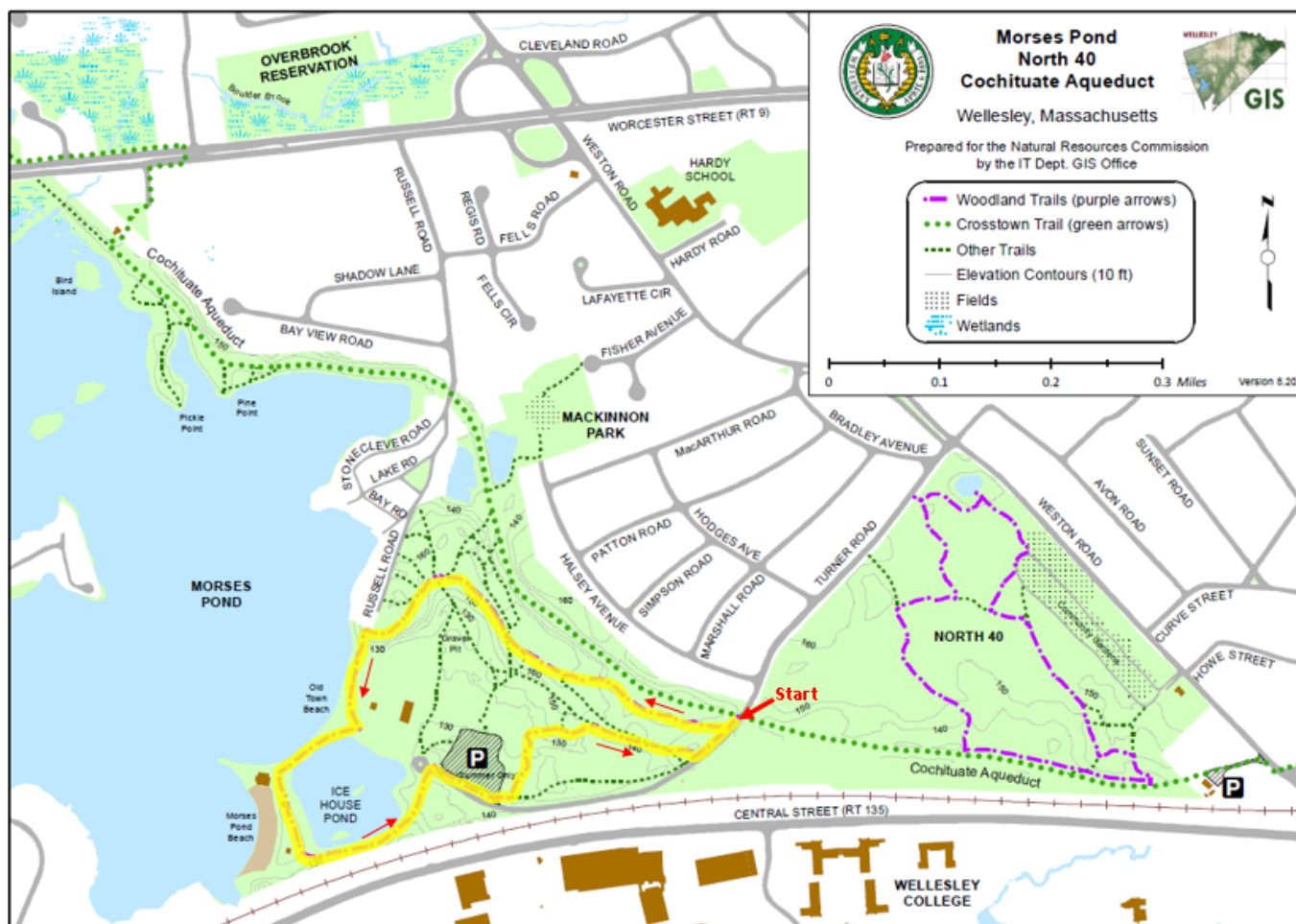
Continue to follow the purple arrows as you walk along the rim of an old gravel pit (to your left) used years ago for road building in Wellesley and beyond. Soon you will begin to see beautiful views of the pond.

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!

Wellesley Trails Committee

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