

## Description

The western part of the BOWMAN CONSERVATION AREA and the WCLT HIDDEN MEADOW PROPERTY were for years an unexplored gem in Westborough. This 59-acre area had no trails or access to it until the Charm Bracelet Trail opened the area in 2000.

The trails take walkers into a mixed hardwood forest with views into a wetland in the center of the property.

In 2005 the Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT) started an effort to reclaim the 2-acre meadow on our property. With the help of many volunteers the brush was cleared from this area to restore an open field providing varied habitat.

## Recommended Walks

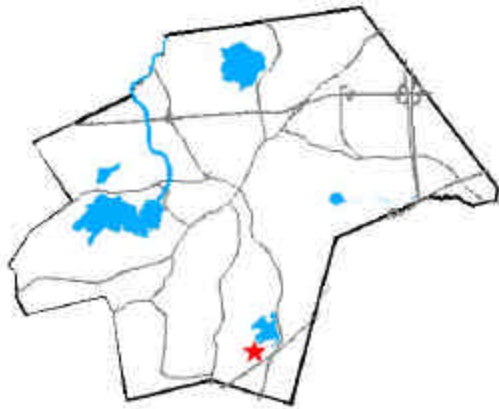
From Bowman Conservation Area parking lot cross Bowman Street to the Charm Bracelet blaze and follow the Hidden Meadow Trail west. At 0.1 mile, bear right on to the Tree Farm Trail. This area was once a tree farm for the Town of Westborough. Continue on the Tree Farm Trail another 0.6 mile until you reach a junction with the Hidden Meadow Trail.

Turn left onto the Hidden Meadow Trail and quickly emerge from the woods into the Hidden Meadow reclaimed by WCLT. Look in the meadow for signs of nesting birds and deer, but please stay on the marked path. Continue eastward on the Hidden Meadow Trail, to return to the junction with the Tree Farm Trail in 0.4 miles. Bear right on Hidden Meadow Trail 0.1 mile to the parking lot for a total walk of 1.2 miles.

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## Directions

From Westborough center, follow South Street (Route 135) to Upton Road. Head south on Upton Road until it crosses over the Massachusetts Turnpike. After crossing the Pike take the next right onto Bowman Street. Follow Bowman Street until it passes under the turnpike; parking is a short distance beyond on your right. Please be considerate of the neighborhood and do not park at Long Drive.



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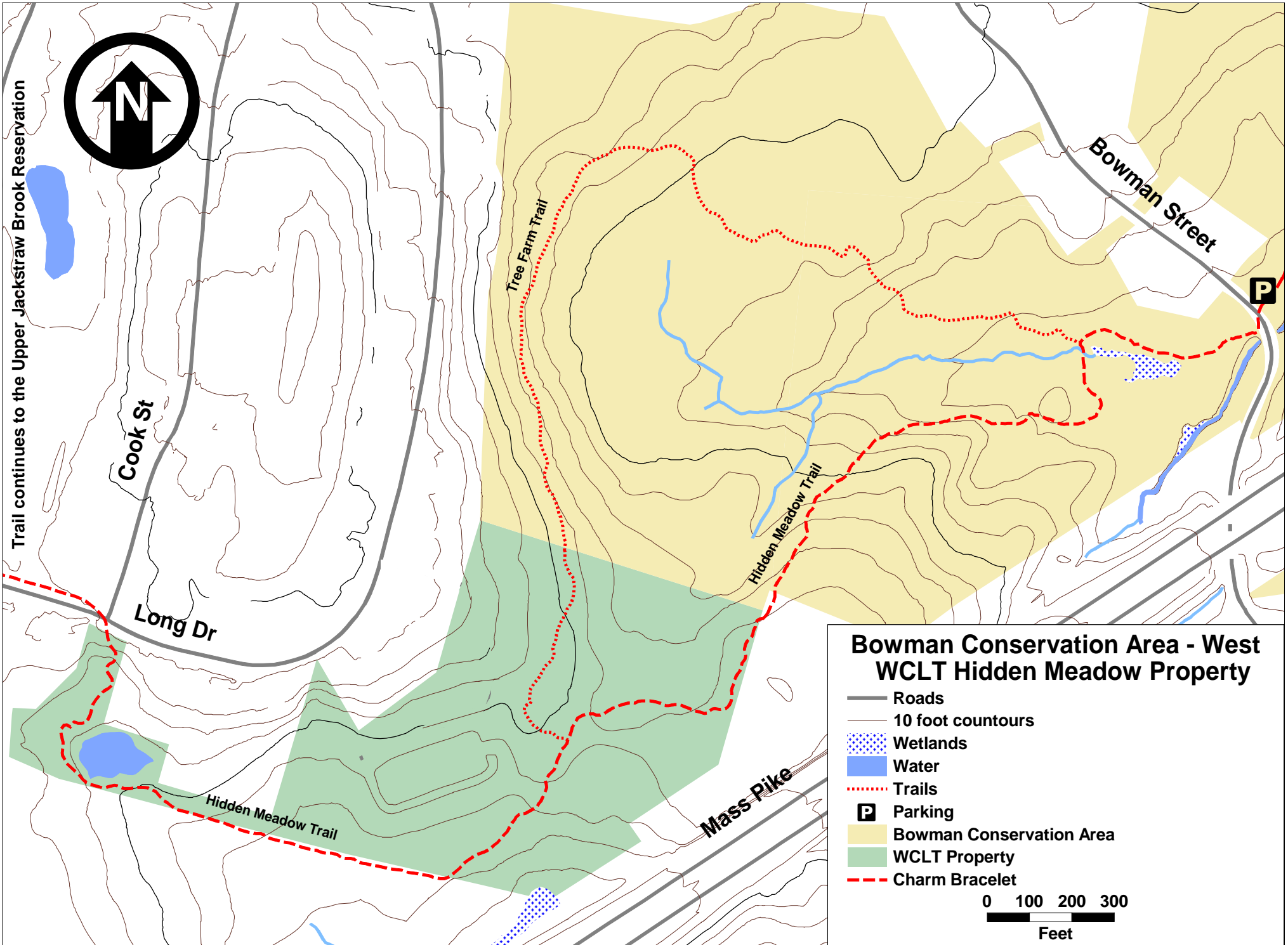
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# Bowman Conservation Area West WCLT Hidden Meadow Property Trail Map





Trail continues to the Upper Jackstraw Brook Reservation



Cook St

Long Dr

Tree Farm Trail

Hidden Meadow Trail

Hidden Meadow Trail

Mass Pike

Bowman Street

