

Description

Cedar Swamp was the state's first Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Much of the land in the swamp is protected by ownership by either the Department of Conservation and Recreation or the Sudbury Valley Trustees. St. Luke's Cemetery and the adjoining back land is the largest unprotected open space parcel in the swamp.

Adjacent to the cemetery is Heirloom Harvest Community Farm, a certified organic community supported agriculture (CSA) farm located in Westborough, MA. The farm includes 17 acres total, with 8 acres in production in any season. The farm is surrounded on three sides by fields that are managed for the benefit of nesting field birds such as bobolinks and meadowlarks. Wildlife is abundant.

Recommended Walks

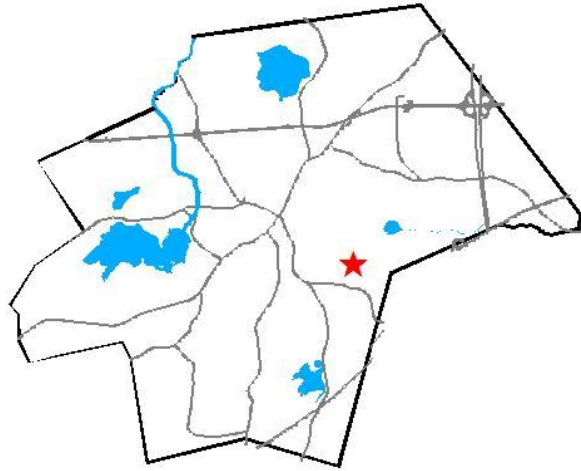
From the parking area next to the farm, head north and west to the edge of the field and follow the old farm road along the edge of the field. Continue the loop around the field but watch for some wet spots you may need to bypass. The total loop is one mile.

In the winter when the swamp is frozen, follow the above route to the northwest corner of the fields. At 0.4 miles you will see a trail on your left into the woods. Follow this trail, and in about 0.4 miles the trail becomes a stream that needs to be well frozen to follow. In 0.15 miles the stream leads into Cedar Swamp Pond, the headwaters of the Sudbury River. Explore the frozen pond and then return the way you came for a total walk of 2 miles.

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Directions

From Westborough center, follow South Street (Route 135) east toward Hopkinton. Turn left into St Luke's Cemetery and then bear right on the dirt road to the farm. Parking is available off the road at the farm and at the back of the cemetery.



Westborough Community Land Trust

The Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT) is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization created to protect Westborough's essential natural resources and to preserve open space for future generations. Membership is open to anyone interested in protecting open space in Westborough. Help preserve Westborough's valuable open space and rural character by joining WCLT.



<http://www.westboroughlandtrust.org>

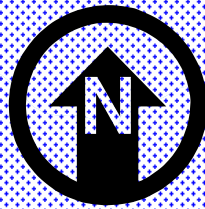
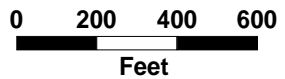
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South Cedar Swamp Trail Map



South Cedar Swamp

- Roads
- 10 foot countours
- Water
- Wetlands
- Trails
- DCR Property
- St. Lukes Property
- SVT Property
- Charm Bracelet
- Winter Only Trail
- Closed Trail
- Private Trails



Cedar Swamp Pond

Warning: Hunting allowed on St Lukes

Hopkinton Rd - Rt 135

