

## Description

At 53 acres UPPER JACKSTRAW BROOK RESERVATION is the Westborough Community Land Trust's largest parcel. It is located on open land obtained from the creation of the Orchard Hill, The Orchard and Pheasant Hill subdivisions.

The trails take walkers along the upper reaches of Jackstraw Brook through a mixed hardwood forest. The trail leads to Gilmore Pond, the headwaters of Jackstraw Brook.

In 2007 the Westborough Community Land Trust, with assistance from the Westborough Civic Club, started an effort to make a woodland park in the 12-acre area around Gilmore Pond. This effort includes removing invasive plants and improving the trails around the pond.

## Recommended Walks

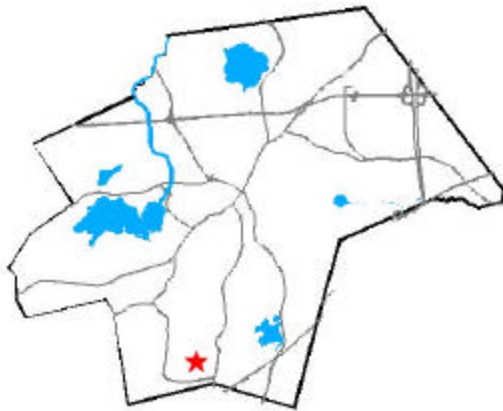
From Gilmore Farm Road, walk into the property on the Upper Jackstraw Trail. At 0.1 mile, you will come to Gilmore Pond. Follow the Gilmore Pond loop for 0.3 miles around the pond and return to your car by the Upper Jackstraw Trail. The total length of the walk is 0.5 miles.

If you start from Adams Street, follow the Upper Jackstraw Trail through mixed hardwoods and cross one branch of Jackstraw Brook at a little over 0.2 miles. Continue on Upper Jackstraw Trail, and at 0.3 miles from Adams, take a right. Follow the wide corridor 0.1 miles to a sharp left turn into the woods. Head through the woods for 0.2 miles to Gilmore Farm Road, and follow the road to the beginning of the walk described above. After that walk, return as you came to your car on Adams for a total walk of 1.7 miles.

*Cover photo courtesy of Nancy Burke*

## Directions

From Westborough center, follow West Main Street to Ruggles Street. Head south on Ruggles Street for 2.6 miles to Adams Street. You may park at the edge of the road on Adams Street near the WCLT sign or continue on Adams to Quick Farm Road. Follow Quick Farm until it becomes Gilmore Farm Road and park near the WCLT sign. Please be considerate of the neighborhood.



## 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 committed to protecting open space in Westborough. Help preserve Westborough's valuable open space and rural character by joining WCLT.



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# Upper Jackstraw Brook Reservation Trail Map

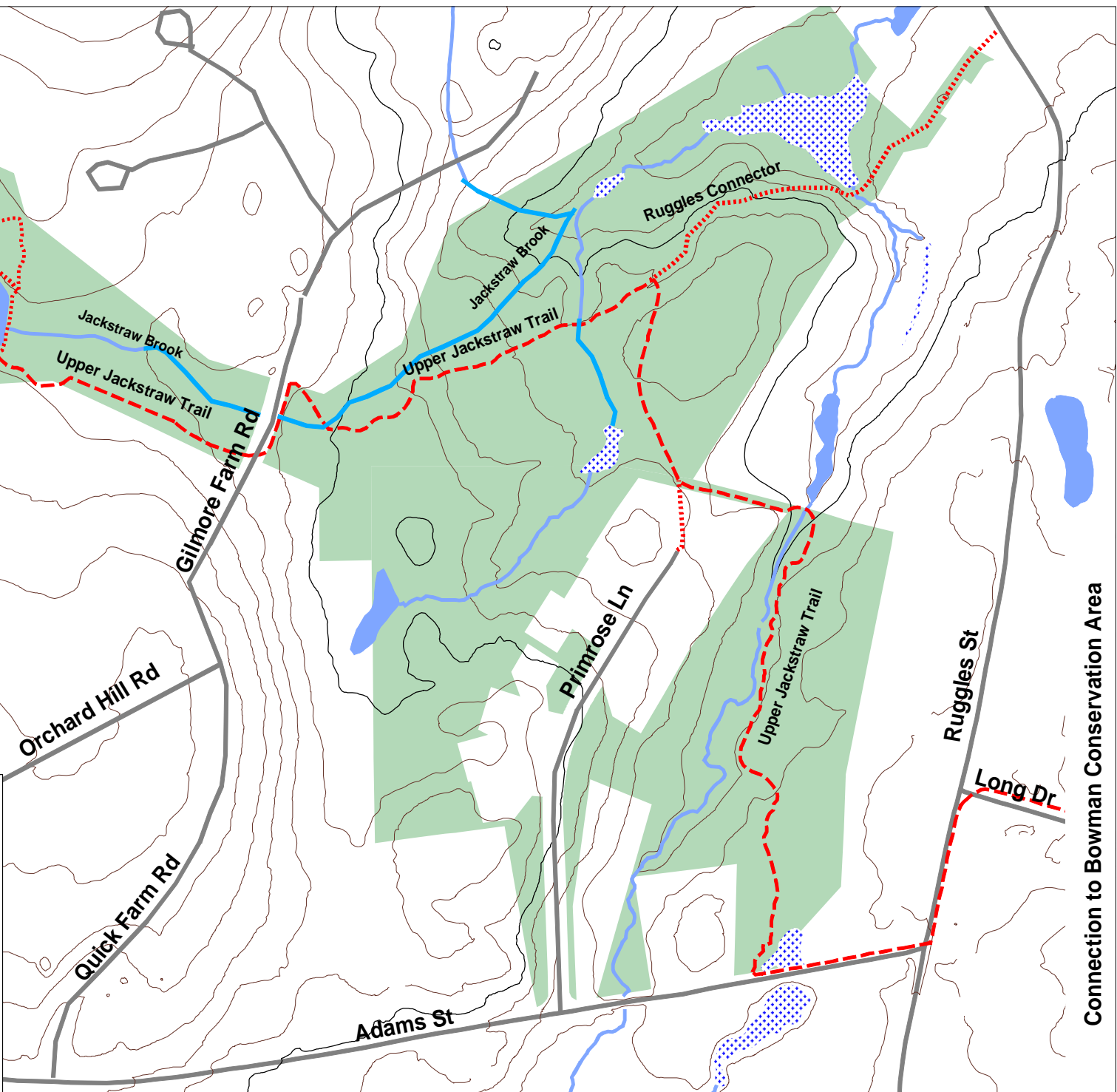
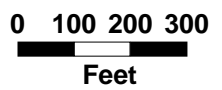


Next map is Libbey Conservation Area & Wile Forest



### WCLT Upper Jackstraw Brook Reservation

- 10 foot contours
- Wetlands
- Water
- Trails
- WCLT Property
- Roads
- Charm Bracelet



Connection to Bowman Conservation Area