

The Bay Circuit Trail-Section 1

Description:

The Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) spans 200 miles, from Plum Island to Kingston. The Walpole stretch is 8.3 miles long. The BCT has an excellent website at <http://www.baycircuit.org/>. Click the "Maps & Guides" link, and then click the "Maps & Trail Description" link. The descriptions are detailed and informative. Walpole is in Section 10 along with Medfield & Sharon.

I have split the BCT into 3 sections in order to provide sufficient detail on each part. Section 1 is from the Medfield line to Robbins Road. Trail markers on the BCT are WHITE, with occasional square, colored BCT markers.

Terrain:

The northern end of the BCT under the power line is steep, as are the eskers (look it up!) in this section. There are wonderful views of Mine Brook, which provides a third of Walpole's water. This may be the prettiest trail in town.

Length:

The total length of this section of the BCT is 3.2 miles. Scale as shown in the photo: 1"=2000"

Parking:

North End: There is a small lot under the power line at the Walpole-Medfield line. See photo.

Mid-point: Park outside gate of water treatment facility on Leonard Rd-do not impede vehicle access.

The trailhead is behind building, see photo.

South End: Park at Johnson Middle School and walk to the trailhead at the east end of the VFW parking lot.

