## **Walpole Nature and Hiking Trails Inventory**

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Below is a listing of trails that I am aware of in Walpole. If there are others, I hope that anyone reading this document will contact me and inform me of any trail I may have missed.

As can be seen, some of these trails are managed and maintained by the Walpole Trails Committee and some are maintained by other entities. I have tried to include all properties and trails in one document.

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Name of Trail	Trail Managed by:	Approximate Length	Description of Trail	Color of Trail Markers
Adams Farm	Adams Farm Committee and the Trails Committee	Over 10 miles	There is a network of trails at Adams Farm. See the Friends of Adams Farm website, and then click on Visitor Information for a map.	Many colors
Adams Farm-High St Trail	Trails Committee	Approx <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> mile	Leads from the west end of the Adams Farm property, under the power line, to High St.	None
The Goetz Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 1 mile	Begins at marker across from Elm Street School, passes benchmark denoting Walpole - Medfield border, and then ends at Lincoln Road or Granite Street.	White
Endean Trail	Trails Committee	Approx. 1 mile	One end is at Trail marker at Dog Rock on Plimpton Street. Trail follows the Neponset River. Other end is half-way up the hill on Bird Drive.	Orange
Bay Circuit Trail (BCT)	Trails Committee & the Bay Circuit Alliance	Approx. 8 miles total  Section 1: approx 3.2 miles	This trail begins at Plum Island and ends in Duxbury, over 210 miles total. See the Bay Circuit.Org website for more information. The trail has 3 continuous but distinct sections in Walpole. Section 1: the trail enters Walpole at the Medfield line on High St, follows trails along Mine Brook to Johnson Middle School.	White, with unique Bay Circuit Trail markers (printed on a white background)
		Section 2:  Approx. 2.0 mile  Section 3:	Follows Robbins Rd to Elm St to West St to Stone St to Morgan Field. Through the woods to Stone St, to Clarks Pond then Lake St then to the Town Forest behind the High School.  Enter Town Forest behind High School,	White with BCT markers  White with
		Aprrox. 3.0 miles	follow trails to Water Dept, then cross Washington St into Town Forest on east side of Washington St. Follow trail to Walpole Industrial Park, cross Rte 1 at Pine St, then follow Pine St to Sharon border.	BCT markers

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The	Trails	Approx. 2	Town-owned 18 acre parcel in East Walpole	Blue (Outer
Pinnacle	Committee	miles	with a trail marker at Plimpton St at Hemlock	Loop along
			St. and another at Pinnacle Drive at Misty	the river) and
			Lane. Trails consist of an inner and outer	Red (Inner
			loop. Highlight is a 200 foot high precipice	Loop to
			that looks down upon the Neponset River.	precipice)
Walpole	Town Forest	Approx. 2.5-	The Town Forest is 150 acres and is	None
Town	Committee	3.5 miles	traversed with trails. About ½ of this land is	
Forest			north and west of Washington St, and ½ is	
			south and east of Washington St. See the	
			Town Forest Committee link on the Town	
			Committees website for more information,	
			including a trail map.	
As Yet	Trails	Approx. 1.5	Trail from Johnson Middle School to Elm	None
Unnamed	Committee	miles	Street School. Trail intersects the Elm Street	
Trail			School Nature Trail	
Goetz Trail	Trails	Approx. 0.5	This trail loops around Elm St School and	None
to Elm	Committee	miles	connects to the Goetz trailhead. It is	
Street			currently overgrown and will be reopened by	
School			the Trails Committee soon.	
Nature Trail				
Francis	Trustees of	Over 3 miles	Over 3 miles of trails, most paved, weave	None
William	Reservations		through Bird Park. The Park also includes	
Bird Park			Ellis Field. See the Trustees of Reservations	
(Bird Park)			website for more information.	
South St	Neponset River	Approx 1	The trailhead is located where the Neponset	None
Loop	Watershed	mile	River crosses South St. The trail enters the	
	Authority		woods on the south side of South St, and then	
			intersects with the loop. A pretty spot.	
Elm Street	Elm Street	Approx. 0.5	Wooded trails on the property of Elm Street	Not sure
School	School	miles	school.	
Nature Trail				
Fisher	Fisher School	Approx. 0.5	Wooded trails on the property of Fisher	Not sure
School		miles	school and near Cobbs Pond.	
Nature Trail				
Boyden	Boyden School	Approx. 0.5	Wooded trails on the property of Boyden	Not sure
School		miles	school.	
Nature Trail				

Total Distance of Trails on Walpole: Approximately 32 miles

There are also several miles of trails under the power lines that criss-cross Walpole. Hikers should obtain permission from National Grid before using these trails.