

Rules & Regulations

- All parks and trails follow the Carry-in, Carry-out policy
- Properties are open from dawn to dusk
- Stay on designated trails to protect fragile natural systems and reduce potential exposure to Lyme disease
- Observe the permitted modes of use on the trails
- Dogs are allowed in designated areas only and must be kept on leash at all times
- Pick up after your dogs
- Parking is limited to the designated areas
- Bow hunting is allowed on all properties owned by the Conservation Commission

The following are prohibited:

- Alcoholic beverages and banned substances
- Smoking and/or vaping of any kind
- Cutting or removing shrubs, plants, or trees of any kind
- Possession or discharge of any firearm on any Conservation Commission land other than Hunting Hill
- Creating unauthorized trails
- Digging, mowing, dumping, or altering the natural landscape
- Fires, grills, and fuel stoves
- Motorized vehicles
- Glass containers

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Trails 1 Clarks Hill

Clarks Hill is a 17-acre conservation area with a little more than a half-mile of hiking trails dotted with benches. Access to Clarks Hill is a narrow strip of forested land to the east of 201 Lancaster Road and the entrance field is through the opening in the stone wall that surrounds the hilltop lot. There is no off street parking.



2 Cowdry Conservation Area

The 313-acre Cowdry Conservation Area contains roughly five miles of hiking trails and is part of a 1,300-acre land protection corridor that extends north into neighboring Shirley. The property is diverse in vegetation and geological features with open shrub swamps, forested wetlands, open wetland marshes, vernal pools, and Mulpus Brook flowing easterly through it. The Cowdry Conservation Area is accessible via three roadside parking areas, one of them being a new access point off of Townsend Harbor Road where a trail leads to a viewing platform that overlooks Mulpus Brook.



3 Hawes Conservation Area

The Hawes Conservation Area consists of 61 acres with scenic vistas of Mount Wachusett. This wooded property is habitat for rabbits, foxes, deer, wild turkeys, birds, bears, and other wildlife. Existing trails are marked by orange slashes and are open for hiking and cross-country skiing. Passive recreation is allowed and encouraged at the Hawes Conservation Area but camping, fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting are prohibited.

4 Hunting Hills Wildlife Management Area

Hunting Hills is a 120-acre wildlife management area located north of Mulpus Road between Lunenburg and Townsend with established trails and wildlife habitat. There is public access from 99 Hunting Hill Road and passive recreation as well as fishing and hunting is allowed at Hunting Hills.

5 Lane Forest

The 168-acre Lane Forest abuts the Large Town Forest to the north and together, they provide a 447-acre contiguous block of land for public use. The Lane Forest is heavily wooded with mature white pine, red oak, hemlock, and mixed hardwoods. Wetland areas consist of open shrub swamps and forested wetlands with Mulpus Brook flowing west to east through the center of the Lane Forest. The property has a well-established trail system with newly constructed bridges for crossing Mulpus Brook and some wetlands along the trails. Parking for the Lane Forest can be found at the trailhead on the eastern side of Holman Street where there is an ADA-compliant handicap parking area with access to the ADA-compliant main trail.

6 Large Town Forest

The Large Town Forest has a well-established trail system and is heavily wooded with mature white pine, red oak, hemlock, and mixed hardwood timber resources. Wetland resource areas consist of open shrub swamps, forested wetlands, and vernal pools. Open water in the red maple swamps, vernal pools, and beaver ponds provide a unique habitat for wetland wildlife species. Water fowl in particular are using the beaver ponds located in the northwest sections of the property. Stone walls along the boundary lines and within the interior of the forest are evidence of past agricultural pursuits on the property. The Large Town Forest can be accessed by foot from the south through the Lane Forest and also at a trailhead along Seaver Road. Currently, there are no parking areas directly for the Large Town Forest that are convenient for public use but parking is available at the Lane Forest trailhead.



7 Laurel Bank Conservation Area

The Laurel Bank Conservation Area consists of 68 acres of conservation land with roughly 1.75 miles of hiking trails, some of which go into neighboring Fitchburg. On the property, one can find a small pond, a cranberry bog, and various wildlife habitats. Access for the Laurel Bank Conservation Area can be found on the south side of Pleasant Street at a gated dirt road with off street parking for three cars. This dirt road goes from the gate at Pleasant Street to the end of the property with other trails spurring from it.

8 Peabody Conservation Area

There are three-quarters of a mile worth of trails at the Peabody Conservation Area that can be accessed across the road from the parking lot for the Lane Forest on the eastern side of Holman Street. A private landowner has generously agreed to a quarter-mile trail, called the Tenderness Trail, that crosses his land to connect the Lane Forest parking area to the Peabody Conservation Area trail system. Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, fishing, and cross-country skiing are allowed at the Peabody Conservation Area but permits are required for camping and hunting.

9 Proctor Park

Proctor Park consists of 24 acres of forest with red oak and hickory, mixed with mountain laurel and small sections of wetlands. There is one major trail that bisects the park and it is well marked. Parking is limited to the southern roadside of Elmwood Road.

10 Robb's Hill Conservation Land

Robb's Hill Conservation Area is part of a contiguous land protection block of approximately 375 acres with abutting conservation lands to the east in neighboring Shirley. The property is in close proximity to residential developments and provides recreational opportunities including hiking, biking, hunting, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, with a well-marked trail system. The geological character of Robb's Hill Conservation Area is unique with several eskers and kettle holes, the evidence of a glacial past.

11 Small Town Forest

The 295.5-acre Small Town Forest (aka Northeast Forest) is heavily wooded with mature white pine, red oak, hemlock, and mixed hardwood timber resources. The steep slopes and exposed ledges in the northwest sections of the Small Town Forest provide several scenic vista locations. There is roughly a mile long trail on the property that begins at the ADA compliant parking area located on the northern side of Mulpus Road and ends at the town border with Townsend. There is also a trail that connects the trails at the Cowdry Nature Center to the main trail of the Small Town Forest. However, the connecting path traverses Mulpus Road so be alert and take all the necessary precautions when crossing the roadway. The trails of the Small Town Forest are open for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.

14 Lakeview Driving Range

The pay-to-play Lakeview Driving Range offers a driving range, 18-hole miniature golf course, three stall open field batting range, club repair service, birthday parties, and golf lessons.

15 Marshall Park & Pond

The 27.8-acre Marshall Park has two baseball fields, a softball field, and a playground. Parking is available for approximately 60 vehicles. There are no designated ADA compliant parking spots but field access is ADA complaint with proper gate openings and packed dirt paths. The primary entrance to Marshall Park is off of Massachusetts Avenue and the secondary entrance is off of Chestnut Street.

16 Settlers Crossing Golf Course

Settlers Crossing is a regulation-length 9-hole course with reasonable daily fees. The pro shop can also accommodate all of your equipment needs and their PGA Professional Don Lyons is available for lessons. Settlers Pub serves beer, wine, alcoholic beverages, food and snacks both in the clubhouse and on the course.

17 Teen Center

The Boys & Girls Club of Lunenburg has many amenities including a full kitchen, four computers, a pool table, a ping pong table, a foosball table, an air hockey table, and a half basketball court. There is also a conference room for meetings and tutoring. Activities are held after school for members from 2:30 - 6:30 during the school year. Please visit their website for a schedule of activities.

18 Town Beach

The Town Beach is open for swimming to residents and non-residents alike. Season passes may be purchased at the Town Hall and day passes can be bought at the beach house. There have been limited non-resident season passes available in the past and they are decided seasonally by the Park Commission. However, there is no guarantee that non-resident passes will continue in the future. Facilities at the Town Beach include a recreation building with restrooms, and a beach area. Roadside parking is limited along Prospect Street and there are currently no ADA compliant spaces. The exterior of the building has a ramp for handicap access into the building and there is handicap beach access via a street side gate. Outside of the Town Beach, fishing is allowed along the western shore of Whalom Lake on Lake Front Avenue and there is a State boat launch in Leominster on Lakeside Avenue.



19 Wallis Park

Located off Whalom Road, the 2.1-acre Wallis Park has two fenced basketball courts and a playground that are both ADA accessible and complaint. Picnic tables are available and two of five tables are wheelchair accessible. There are approximately 20 parking spaces without any ADA compliant spaces.

Farms Dick's Market Garden

Dick's Market Garden is a 200-acre, second generation family farm that grows all of the fruits and vegetables that you will find at their market. Come see their ever changing variety of fresh items at the stand or at one of the over a dozen farmer's markets that they attend.

Lanni Orchards

Lanni Orchards, Inc. is a fourth generation family farm that grows their own apples, peaches, pears, corn, squash, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and so much more! Their farm stand is open year round to constantly provide you with local products from around the state. They are now featuring fresh baked bread, fresh baked pies, cakes, tea breads, maple syrup, honey, cheese, vinegars & oils, just to name a few. Also, keep an eye out for one of their "Taste of Local" events that they host every month.

Lunenburg Community Farmer's Market

The Lunenburg Community Farmer's Market is held on Sundays from 11am to 2pm from the last Sunday in June to the last Sunday in October. Vendors include local farmers with vegetables, fruit, honey, eggs and meat, gardeners with perennials, annuals and herbs, craftsmen with jewelry and engraving, bakers with fresh baked goods, and so much more each week! Special events are also held throughout the year.



Stillman Dairy

Stillman's Dairy Farm raises and milks local, Pure Jersey, grass-fed cows. Their milk stays on the farm from the very beginning. From grass to glass, they do it all!

Stillman Farm Stand

Stillman's Farm Stand sells their locally grown produce and is open for business daily from mid-April through June from 9am to 5pm. They offer a wide variety of vegetable and bedding plants, and herbs and perennials. Once here you can relax and shop for great Plants with the assistance of their Knowledgeable staff who will help guide you toward creating your perfect garden!



Tenderness Farm

Tenderness Farm has a long history of unique trees being planted on the property, including the giant African Magnolia Trees. The farm provides education on permaculture growing practices and is available for community gardening. Tenderness Farm is currently cultivating peach trees, blueberries and raspberries which are marketed as Lunenberries. The farm invites visitors during open houses to view the trees, plants and flowers and learn from its permaculture practices.