



The Gould Property

The Gould Property was donated to the Conservation Commission in 1993 by John and Janet Steffens, in honor of Robert J. Gould. Robert was the late husband of Janet, and the Steffens wanted to see the land preserved under Conservation. Black Pond Brook runs through the property, which is cover by interesting wetlands and micro-topography. The Brook originates from Black Pond Bog on Mount Blue St, joins with Trout Brook upstream of the property, then flows through the Carleton Property and Fogg Forest, on its way to Second Herring Brook downstream. Conservation is currently working with grants from MassTrails and CPC to create new trails on this property. This involves an accessible parking lot off of Trout Brook Lane, with access to Hemlock Drive and the Carleton Property. The new trails are expected to be completed and open by 2024.

Trail Distances

Proposed and Under Construction Trails
G1 Trout Brook Trail - 0.20 miles (Parking)
G2 Steffens Trail - 0.15 miles
C6 Whiting Fields Cow Path - 0.24 miles
C7 - 325 feet

C1 - 275 feet
C2 - 393 feet
C3 - 425 feet
C4 Cushing Trail - 0.55 miles
C5 - 0.20 miles

Carleton

In 1707, Joseph Cushing, the son of John Cushing, purchased land in Scituate in the area known then as Henchman's Corner (now the corner of Main and Lincoln Streets in Norwell). There Joseph Cushing and his wife Mary established a second Cushing homestead which eventually became the home of Nathan Cushing. Nathan played an important role for Massachusetts during the revolutionary war and later went on to become a Justice of the State Supreme Court. The land remained in the Cushing family through the 1990's. The Cushing Homestead Marker can be found on Main St along the sidewalk, marking the former location of the house.

Elizabeth Cushing lived at the house at 36 Lincoln St abutting the property. She married Francis Cogswell Carleton and they had two Sons in the 1920's, Hayward and Charles Carleton. Elizabeth was remarried to Clark Whiting in the 1950's, and they lived at the house through the 1980's. This is where the historic Whiting Fields, which run along Main Street and are still actively farmed by local farmers through Conservation, got their name. Clark passed away in 1980, and Elizabeth followed in 1989, leaving the land to her son Charles Carleton. Upon Charles death in 2004, the land was left to his three children, Deborah, Sarah, and Peter. The town of Norwell purchased the property from the Carleton Siblings in 2019 to preserve the fields, open space, and develop a small affordable housing parcel. Conservation has been charged with protecting and managing 115 acres, including the fields by the town in 2020. Conservation is currently working with grants from MassTrails and CPC to improve the existing trails and create new trails with connections to The Gould Property, Main St Sidewalk, and Miller Woods. The new trails are expected to be completed and open by 2024.

Fogg Forest

Fogg Forest is a 40 acre property located between Main Street and Central Street. The property was donated by Isabella and Helen Fogg in 1972 in memory of their husbands, Horace and Faulkner Fogg. The land was donated as a refuge and sanctuary for wildlife. The main trail forms a loop with several one-way spurs, it is relatively flat, passing through a mixed pine and hardwood forest interspersed with fields of fern. Rhododendron bushes line the trail and are spectacular when blooming in the spring. Another spur from the right leads to the access on Central Street. This trail crosses Black Pond Brook via a bridge. This trail is somewhat rugged and difficult. Stone walls border and intersect many of the trail sections. Benches are located along the trails, and a picnic area with 2 donated tables is located in the Main St field. One of these is ADA accessible and open to the public on a first come first serve basis.

Trail Distances

- F1 Fogg Forest Loop** - 0.20 miles (Parking)
- F2 Fogg Forest Loop** - 0.27 miles (Parking)
- F3 Fogg Dam Trail** - 0.12 miles
- F4 Central Spur** - 0.23 miles
- F5 Fogg Cross Path** - 0.23 miles
- F6** - 320 feet

Miller Woods

Miller's woodland trails are lined by stone walls, red maple swamps, and varied wildlife including fox and turkey. The scenic woodland nestled close to downtown is surrounded by horse farms. The property borders Jordan's Lane, a historic cart path that connects Main Street with Forest Street. Miller's Wood has remained unchanged for more than 150 years. Originally it was part of the historic 1835 house at 580 Main Street. In the 1930s, Lillian and Spencer Miller (a Boston Wool merchant) purchased the property including the stable space they needed for their horses. In 1946 widowed Lillian Miller sold the back wood lot off Forest St to the town. A small picnic area is located just off the parking area. The town Pathway on Forest St connects to Norris Reservation, Donovan Wildcat and the High School.

Trail Distances

- M1** - 0.25 miles (Parking)
- M2** - 0.20 miles
- M3** - 0.50 miles
- M4** - 0.25 miles
- M5** - 0.23 miles (Loop)
- M6 Jordan Lane** - 0.38 miles (extension to Main St under construction)

