

Jacobs Pond And Valley Swamp

Jacobs Pond is a 60 acre, man-made pond. It was created in 1730 when the Third Herring Brook was dammed at Main Street, Route 123. Originally the pond was called Snappet or Snapper Pond, a colloquial abbreviation for the local Indigenous name Assinippi, which means rocky water. The head waters for Third Herring Brook are located in the southern portion of Valley Swamp. The brook exits the south end of the pond at the dam. Jacobs Pond and Third Herring Brook are part of the North River Watershed. The Pond was renamed after the Jacobs family, who's farmhouse and fields are located at the corner of Main St and Jacobs Lane. The fields are actively farmed by local farmers in conjuncture with The Norwell Conservation Commission, Historic Commission, and Select Board, and Historic New England. The Pond has continued to be enjoyed for recreational and agricultural purposes.

Trail Distances

- JP1** - 436 feet (Parking, Dock, Launch)
- JP2 Jacobs Island** - 598 feet
- JP3 Pond Trail** - 0.30 miles
- JP4 Jacobs Trail** - 0.45 miles
- JP5 Wes Osborne Trail** - 0.30 miles
- JP6 Assinippi Trail** - 0.10 miles
- JP7** - 0.28 miles
- JP8** - 0.16 miles
- JP9 Cliff Prentiss Bridge** - 395 feet (Parking)
- JP10 Esker Trail** - 0.30 miles
- JP11** - 0.15 miles
- JP12 Beech Trail** - 0.25 miles
- JP13** - 0.10 miles
- JP14 Prospect Trail** - 0.43 miles
- JP15 Jacobs Homestead Path** - 372 feet
- BW1** - 0.20 miles
- BW2** - 0.14 miles
- BW3** - 490 feet
- BW4** - 0.42 miles
- VS1** - 300 feet
- VS2** - 0.16 miles
- VS3** - 0.28 miles (Loop)
- VS4** - 165 feet

