

Stetson Meadows and Masthead

The Stetson Meadows Conservation Area, part of the 100 Acre Farm owned by the Cornet Stetson Family was purchased in 1972 by the Town of Norwell to prevent further development of the land along the North River. From the Stetson Meadows Management Plan 'The history of the Stetson Ford property issued to Robert Stetson as a land grant in 1634 is intertwined with the history of Norwell. The chain of ownership is part of the history of the 100 year tie to the North River shipbuilding industry. Topography includes a drumlin and moraine landscape with many low wetlands and woody swamps as well as salt marshes. The plant and animal species found here are too numerous to list.' Interested visitors are encouraged to contact the Commission for copies of the Stetson Meadows management plan which contains significant more detail.

Trails include the Twin Pines Trail known for giant pines on either side of the trail, which starts in the parking area and turns through the pines back to Meadow Farm Way; the River Loop, with beautiful large Beech trees which runs along the salt marsh; Stetson trail, which runs back to the entrance road from the parking area; and the Haskin Trail, which loops around the wetlands, connects to the Stetson Meadows Cemetery, and exits out at the end of Stetson Shrine Rd near the kiosk and parking area.

The Masthead property is located at the end of Masthead Drive. The Trail follows an old road over hills and across wetlands, down to the salt marsh on the North River. There is a picnic table located by the river, and is a great place to walk to or kayak up to and enjoy.

Trail Distances

- S1 Twin Pine Trail** - 0.18 miles (Parking)
- S2 Stetson Trail** - 0.22 miles
- S3 River Loop** - 387 feet
- S4 River Loop** - 0.33 miles
- S5 River Loop** - 0.30 miles
- S6 River Trail** - 0.27 miles (Parking)
- EMS Trail 7** - 0.13 miles
- S8** - 0.18 miles
- S9** - 0.15 miles (Private Road in-between, Parking)
- S10 Haskins Trail** - 0.30 miles
- S11 Haskins Trail** - 0.36 miles (Parking)
- Jr Junior Family Trail** - 0.32 miles

