

# Fiske Pond Conservation Area



Photo by Don Chappell of Wendell

## Information & Trail Map

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## Welcome to the Fiske Pond Conservation Area,

in the southwest corner of Wendell, MA. The Area builds upon a corridor of permanently protected land around Wendell and contributes to a larger conservation area envisioned by the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership. The Town purchased the property in 2005 with the help of a Mass. Division of Conservation Resources Self-Help Grant and conveyed a conservation restriction to the Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation for the purposes of permanent protection and passive recreation. Grateful acknowledgment is also given to the Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust and its contributors for technical assistance and a generous startup grant.



Many species of wildlife call the Fiske Pond Conservation Area home including moose, deer, beaver, spotted turtle, kingfisher, and great blue heron.

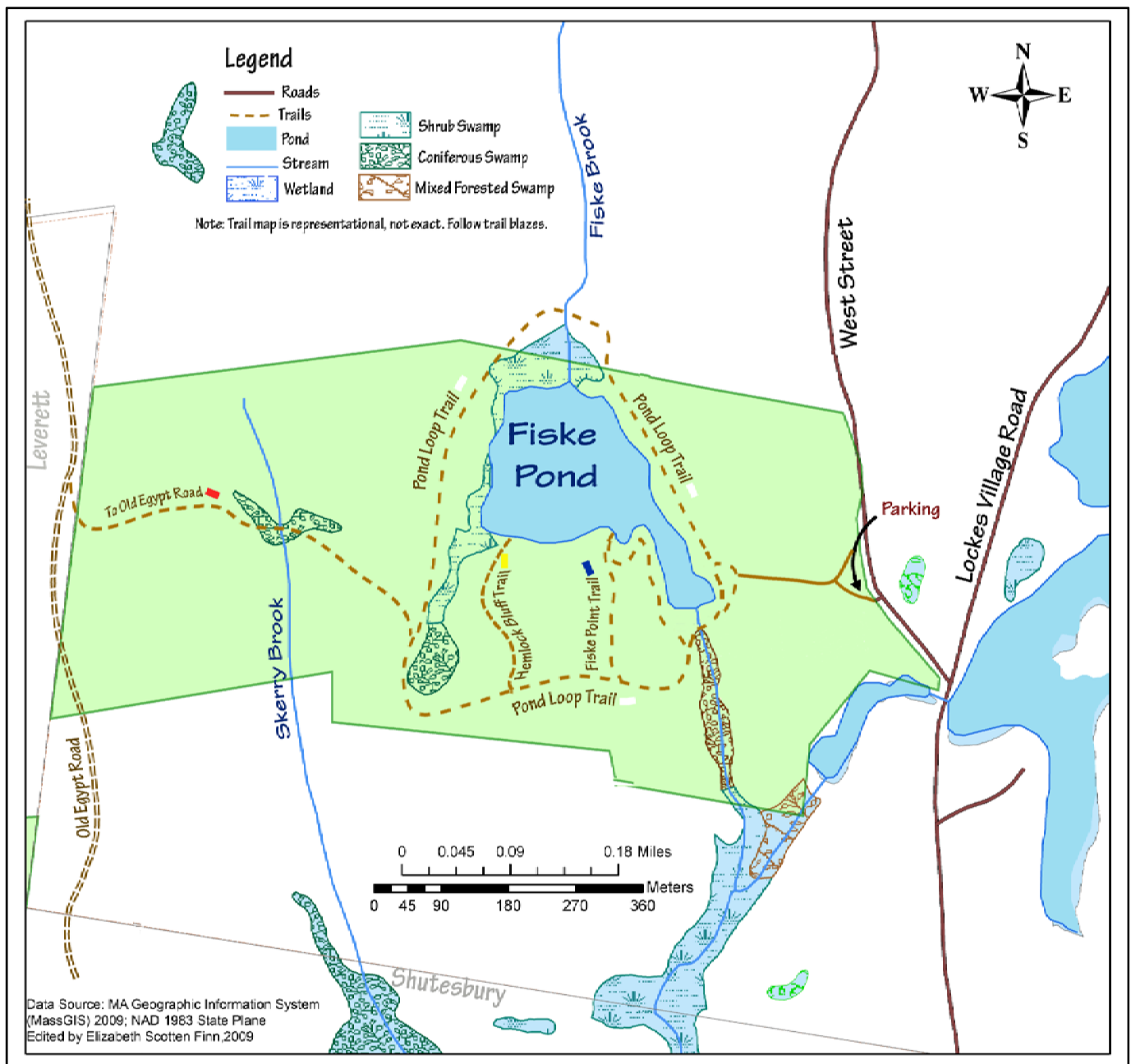


*Trailing Arbutus, MA state flower, protected*

The major feature of the 125 acre parcel is Fiske Pond, a 10 acre pond formed when Fiske Brook was dammed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Remnants of a sawmill and an intact earthen dam are located at the southern end of the pond. Fiske Brook and Skerry Brook also run through the property, and several unique habitats contribute to a wide range of ecosystems and biodiversity including oak and pine forest, a spruce bog, as well as a hemlock swamp.



The Fiske Pond Conservation Area is owned by the Town of Wendell and managed by the Wendell Conservation Commission, the Fiske Pond Advisory Committee, Friends of Fiske, and dedicated local volunteers. Please consider joining us in trail improvement, invasive species removal, open space preservation, and other projects designed to protect and improve our environment.



## CONSERVATION AREA RULES

To protect this area for wildlife and conservation, we thank you for observing the following rules

- Enjoy this beautiful area! Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and horseback riding are allowed.
- Daylight use only-dawn to dusk.
- Dogs are permitted but must be leash-able.
- Fires, camping, and all motors and motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- No hunting, fishing, or trapping is allowed.
- No amplified music or alcohol.
- The water is unguarded and untested. Enter at you own risk.
- There are no trash cans. Please carry out what you bring in.