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To accommodate other users and to protect wildlife, vegetation, and trails:



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Located in Newton Centre, the Wilson Conservation Area is accessed from Bracebridge Road and the Cochituate and Sudbury Aqueducts.

Wilson History and Features

This parcel, like all of Newton, was once occupied and cared for by the Massachusetts tribe, descendants of whom still live and make new history in the area.

In 1986, longtime Newton residents and members of the Newton Conservators, Richard and Andrée Wilson, donated to the City of Newton the Wilson Conservation Area. The Conservation Area was greatly augmented thanks to their continued generosity when they donated a perpetual Conservation Restriction on all but the 0.4 acres of their private property where the house sits.

The Wilsons were avid gardeners and conservationists and wanted to ensure that the local wildlife and area residents would be able to enjoy the area for decades to come. Through their donations, they ensured that the woods and gardens they had nurtured for decades would be permanently protected from any future development. A permanent public right of access was established through the property from Bracebridge Road.

The area has both beautiful gardens and woodlands and provides wonderful habitat to a wide diversity of wildlife. Take pleasure in the gardens and the old stone bridge that once crossed a stream connecting two small ponds.

Wilson Trail Characteristics

Because of the parcel's varied topography, the Andrée D. Wilson Treeway Trail is a **Natural Trail***. The Andrée D. Wilson Treeway Trail connects to the Aqueduct trail that is **Generally Accessible***.



Trail Surface: on Conservation and Conservation Restriction land, firm soil, rocky, and steep



Trail width: Generally 3 feet



Trail length: 380 feet on Conservation land and Conservation Restriction land



Cross slope: Generally level. In places: >5%



Obstructions: Steep and narrow trail in places

***Newton's Generally Accessible Trails** are relatively flat, they have a firm, level footbed, and are mostly free of tripping hazards. They are wide enough to accommodate many mobility devices.

Newton's Natural Trails are unimproved and may have steep, uneven, or rocky/rooty footbeds; elevated plank "bog bridges", or other obstacles that make the trails challenging to negotiate.