DESCRIPTION

LAND DESCRIPTION:
These trails connect the Couch Cemetery with the recreation area of Couch Beach located along the North River. This location is heavily used and exceedingly popular for the Marshfield youth. The site is perhaps the only town-owned land where camping is allowed (by permission only). In fact, numerous fire pits and seating provisions speckle the pine forest floor, which has long been denuded of understory growth.

PARKING:
Parking is permitted on the paved pathways of Couch Cemetery.

MARKINGS AND WAYFINDING:
There is no signage identifying the trail entrance at the southwest corner of the cemetery and no signs directing cemetery visitors to Couch Beach. Once at the beach/camping areas, little wayfinding is necessary, as clear line of site makes visible all of the area features.

DIFFICULTY AND TRAIL LENGTH:
The south trail leading to the beach is more narrow and rugged than the north trail which is heavily eroded, but still capable of accommodating a vehicle. The following trip times are based on an easy hiking speed of between 1.5 and 2.5 mph:
- South trail entrance at southwest cemetery corner = .25 miles or 10 minutes.
- North trail entrance at north cemetery corner = .3 miles or 12 minutes.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES
CAMPING (with permission from Fire Marshall’s Office)
HIKING
DOG WALKING
BIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
NORDIC SKIING

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
SMOKING
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL
USE OF FIREARMS AND TRAPPING
USE OF PAINTBALL GUNS
MOTOR VEHICLES (except for emergency or service)

NOTE: Exclusion of an activity from these lists does not imply its prohibition. Activities not on the prohibited list and not permitted under Massachusetts or Federal law are also prohibited. Refer to Town of Marshfield Conservation Commission list of Rules and Regulations for up to date information.