MARSHFIELD RECREATIONAL TRAILS

MAP KEY

TRAIL ACCESS AT PHILLIPS FARM OFF HIGHLAND STREET. MOWN PATH WINDS THROUGH GRASS FIELD BEFORE ENTERING FOREST. SEATING AVAILABLE. NO PARKING AT THIS ACCESS.

PHILLIPS FARM WETLANDS. TRAILS ARE RUGGED AT WETLAND CROSSINGS WITH BOARDWALK STRUCTURES IN NEED OF REPAIR. PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

UNION STREET WOODLAND. TRAILS ARE BROAD AND WELL-TRODDED. NUMEROUS SPUR PATHS LEAD TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES. TRAIL USERS URGED TO FOLLOW WAYFINDING.

NORTH RIVER SCENIC OVERLOOK. PATH LEADS TO WOODLAND CLEARING WITH WATER ACCESS VIA PIER. NO CAMPING OR FIRES PERMITTED.

NELSON MEMORIAL FOREST ENTRANCE. Kiosk at stone wall with informative content.

NORTH RIVER ACCESS A. CLEARING AT RIVERS EDGE WITH BENCH. NO CAMPING OR FIRES PERMITTED.

NORTH RIVER ACCESS B. PATH DISAPPEARS INTO TIDAL GRASSLAND AT RIVERS EDGE.

NELSON MEMORIAL FOREST. TRAILS GENERALLY WIDE WITH COLOR CODED BLAZING.

TRAIL ACCESS AT SPRING STREET OFF HIGHLAND. TRAIL IS RUGGED. VEHICLE PULL OFF AVAILABLE. PARKING NOT PERMITTED.

OAK STREET TRAIL. TRAIL IN HEAVY DISREPAIR

NORTHERN PARKING OFF UNION STREET. GRAVEL LOT, NO SPACE MARKINGS, WITH ROOM FOR 10 VEHICLES.

SOUTHERN PARKING OFF UNION STREET. GRAVEL LOT, NO SPACE MARKINGS, WITH ROOM FOR 12 VEHICLES.

PARKING OFF HUNTER DRIVE. GRASS SHOULDER WITH ROOM FOR 4 PARALLEL PARKED VEHICLES.

LEGEND

- TRAIL CLASS I: NARROW WIDTH, POTENTIAL STEEP AND RUGGED TERRAIN, NONE OR FEW SIGNS
- --- TRAIL CLASS II: MEDIUM WIDTH, MODERATE GRADE, LIMITED TRAIL MARKING
- --- TRAIL CLASS III: BROAD WIDTH, EASY GRADE, WELL-MARKED

ROADWAY
30 FT ELEVATION CONTOUR
PARCEL BOUNDARY
STREAM/WATERWAY
WATERBODY
EASEMENT
WETLANDS
OPEN SPACE
SCHOOL FACILITY

LOCATION PLAN (TOWN OF MARSHFIELD)

MAP UPDATED: MAY, 2016

SCALE IN FEET
GRAPHIC SCALE 0 400 800 0 800
MARSHFIELD RECREATIONAL TRAILS MAP

NORTH RIVER TOWN LANDS
AT HIGHLAND STREET AND UNION STREET

DESCRIPTION

LAND DESCRIPTION:
THE THREE AREAS THAT COMPRISE THE NORTH RIVER TOWN LANDS ARE UNION STREET WOODLAND, PHILLIPS FARM PRESERVE, AND NELSON MEMORIAL FOREST. THESE LANDS SHARE AN EXTENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK IN WHICH VISITORS CAN WANDER FOR HOURS. THERE ARE SEVERAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS TO THE NORTH RIVER WHICH OFFER BEAUTIFUL VISTAS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY TO THE NORTH RIVER WATERWAY TRAIL.

PARKING:
TWO PARKING AREAS ALONG UNION STREET PROVIDE SPACE FOR 10-15 VEHICLES EACH.

MARKINGS AND WAYFINDING:
A COLLECTION OF PARKING, WAYFINDING AND KIOSK SIGNAGE HELP VISITORS LOCATION UNION STREET PARKING AREAS AND ADJOINING TRAILS, THOUGH MOST OF THESE PROVISIONS HAVE FALLEN INTO DESPAIR. THERE IS ALSO AN EXISTING NAMING SYSTEM USED THROUGHOUT THE NELSON MEMORIAL FOREST THAT RECALLS AN OLD STREET NETWORK THAT FOLLOWED A SIMILAR ROUTING.

DIFFICULTY AND TRAIL LENGTH:
A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFICULTY LEVELS CAN BE FOUND AS INDICATED BY THE VARYING TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS. THE FOLLOWING TRIP TIMES ARE BASED ON AN EASY HIKING SPEED OF BETWEEN 1.0 AND 2.0 MPH:
- CROSSING EAST TO WEST FROM THE NORTHERN UNION STREET PARKING LOT TO COVE CREEK = 1.0 MILES OR APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES.
- CROSSING NORTH TO SOUTH FROM HIGHLAND STREET TO THE NORTH RIVER AT ACCESS B = 1.0 MILES OR APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES
HIKING
DOG WALKING
BIKING
HORSEBACK RIDING
NORDIC SKIING

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
CAMPING
FIRE
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 Regulation for up to date information.