

Crosby Landing

The walk starts at Crosby Mansion, a local architectural jewel built in 1887 for Albert Crosby. The mansion has been restored to its 1800s' splendor by the Friends of Crosby Mansion who have been the estate's caretakers since 1991.



The tour then leads to Namskaket Marsh, approximately 300 acres preserved by the State, Town, and BCT as part of the Inner Cape Cod Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The marsh is a vital nursery for ocean fish, breeding ground for birds, and a buffer for coastal storms. There is an active osprey nest in the middle of the marsh. The view of the Brewster flats stretches to the horizon at low tides. Brewster has more area of tidal flats (2,367 acres) than all but four other towns in Massachusetts.

Trail Length: approximately one mile

Directions: On Rt. 6A, turn north on to Crosby Lane approximately one quarter mile to the West of the entrance to Nickerson State Park. Parking for the walking tour is at Crosby Mansion.

Huckleberry Hill

At only 134 feet above sea level, Huckleberry Hill climbs to the highest point in Brewster. Located between Baker's Pond and Nickerson State Park in East Brewster, the forest tract is composed of white and black oaks, and pitch pine, with occasional wispy white pines, mockernut, American beech and sassafras trees. It abuts a 90-acre assemblage of town-owned conservation lands. Well-grooved narrow foot trails wind their way through this area which is a favorite haunt for white-tailed deer. It is truly a forgotten pocket of Brewster, perhaps even more so than the Punkhorn Parklands.



Trail Length: 2.5 miles

Directions: From the entrance to Nickerson State Park, take the first left onto Flax Pond Road. Park just before the end of Flax Pond Road, on the shoulder (before you reach the parking lot at the end).

Drummer Boy Park

9 am - 2 pm

Celebrate the beauty, natural resources and history of Brewster with activities for children and adults:

Exhibits and activities

- Brewster Conservation Trust
- Oyster shucking by oyster grantees
- Cape Cod Bird Club
- Americorps' Edible Aquifer
- IFAW
- Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies
- Cape Light Compact
- Barnstable County's Mobile Marine Lab
- Historic Society's windmill & Harris-Black house
- Puppet show
- Pitch with the Brewster White Caps
- Brewster Garden Club
- Exhibits by Town groups
 - Conservation Commission
 - Water Department
 - Comprehensive Water Planning Commission
 - Recreation Department
 - Pathways
 - Recycling Group

Eight guided walks at 10 am and again at 2 pm.

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Brewster Conservation Day



**Saturday, July 14
9 am to 2 pm**

**Activities and Exhibits
at Drummer Boy Park**

**Guided Walks
on Eight Trails**

Come join us. It's all free!

Mother's Bog

Named after "Mother" Louise Crowell whose family ran the 8-acre bog for many years, Mother's Bog was purchased by the Town in 2006 and 2007 as part of a 59 acre conservation land acquisition in the area.

Dennis contributed a million dollars to aid in the acquisition of the property. Dennis wanted to eliminate the use of herbicides near its main well field. Brewster officials recalled that an irrigation pump at the bog killed thousands of herring fry when it sucked them in from Walkers Pond in the 1990s.

The area is reverting to a natural state as the bog becomes a wetland field habitat with early signs of encroaching pitch pine. The bog is surrounded by woodlands crossed through with trails and cart ways that reach nearby Pine Pond.

Trail length: 2.25 miles

Directions: On Satucket Rd., just east of the Dennis line, turn onto Slough Rd. heading south and travel 0.8 mile to the BCD sign on the right at the bog entrance.



Quivett Marsh Vista

Quivett Marsh Vista was formerly the site of the Skyline Motel (1953-1992). Having been shuttered for many years, the former owner tore down the motel to provide a view over Quivett Marsh and BCT arranged the sale to the Town. Funding for the purchase came from a State grant, Town funds, and contributions from many organizations and individuals to BCT, including funds from the Dennis Conservation Trust because Dennis shares the marsh.

There is a short trail loop that winds to the marsh. A picnic table at an overlook point provides a view of an active osprey nest and across to the Crowes Pasture Conservation Area in East Dennis.

Trail length: 0.1 mile

Directions: 341 Main Street. Traveling west on Rt 6A, Quivett Marsh Vista is on the right, approximately 0.9 miles after Drummer Boy Park. There is a parking area with sign at the entrance off Rt 6A.

The Hay Trail

The John and Kristi Hay Trail, across from Drummer Boy Park, preserves a vital part of the Stony Brook Valley ecosystem. The trail passes some of the largest glacial erratics in Brewster, pausing at a viewing bench on the rim of a dry kettle hole. From the rustic path winding through a typical Cape Cod pine-oak forest, the trail leads into history as it follows a fragment of the sunken ancient road which was once the connection between the 18th century Factory Village on Stony Brook Road and Wing Island where early settlers cut marsh grass and where salt works flourished in the 19th century. Turning then onto Museum land, there is another viewing bench facing an enormous spreading beech tree and the Stony Brook Valley itself beyond.



Trail Length: 0.5 mile

Directions: Meet at Drummer Boy Park



South Trail/Lee Baldwin Trail

The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History's South trail crosses the Stony Brook marsh and extends to upland groves of beech trees and pine forest. The recent enlargement of the Rt. 6A culvert over Stony Brook has allowed greater tidal flow and has begun to restore the marsh to its original condition. The trail provides several stations for viewing life in the marsh.

Trail length: 1 mile

Directions: The entrance to the trail is the parking lot across Rt. 6A from the Museum of Natural History. For the walking tour, there will be a shuttle from Drummer Boy to reduce the need for parking at the Museum.

Eagle Point

Eagle Point is one of the most accessible parts in the Town's vast (875 acres) Punkhorn Parklands. The Town acquired the property in 1986 from the Carleton Francis family for conservation. The State paid half of the purchase cost. There are several loop trails that include high banks overlooking Upper Mill Pond, a view of an old cranberry bog and path across the dike separating the bog from the Pond, and stretches through beautiful woods of pine, oak, and huckleberry. The Punkhorn River drains an old large bog into Upper Mill Pond. The Punkhorn Parklands play a valuable role in protecting the area from which the Town draws much of its water supply.

The 10 am walk will offer an optional kayak trip on Upper Mill Pond.

Trail length: 0.5 to 1 mile, depending on trail selected.

Directions: From Stony Brook Road, turn onto Run Hill Road and travel 1.2 miles to where the road turns to gravel. Meet at the public parking lot on the left.



Eddy Sisters Trail

The Eddy Sisters Trail at the Community Garden on Lower Road runs along the stone walls and old cranberry bogs of an old Cape Cod farm. This is BCT's first self-guided nature trail, tracing the farming history and natural succession of the landscape. It follows meadow, maple swamp, and upland forest with traces of cranberry bogs and farm fields of the 18th and early 19th centuries. The trail is named for Mary Louise, Ruth and Jean Eddy whose grandfather Thorndike owned the farm. The sisters donated this land for the Community Garden and the site of the new trail.



Trail length:
about 0.55 mile

Directions: From Route 6A turn on to Lower Road. After about 1.5 miles, park at the Community Garden on the south side of Lower Road.