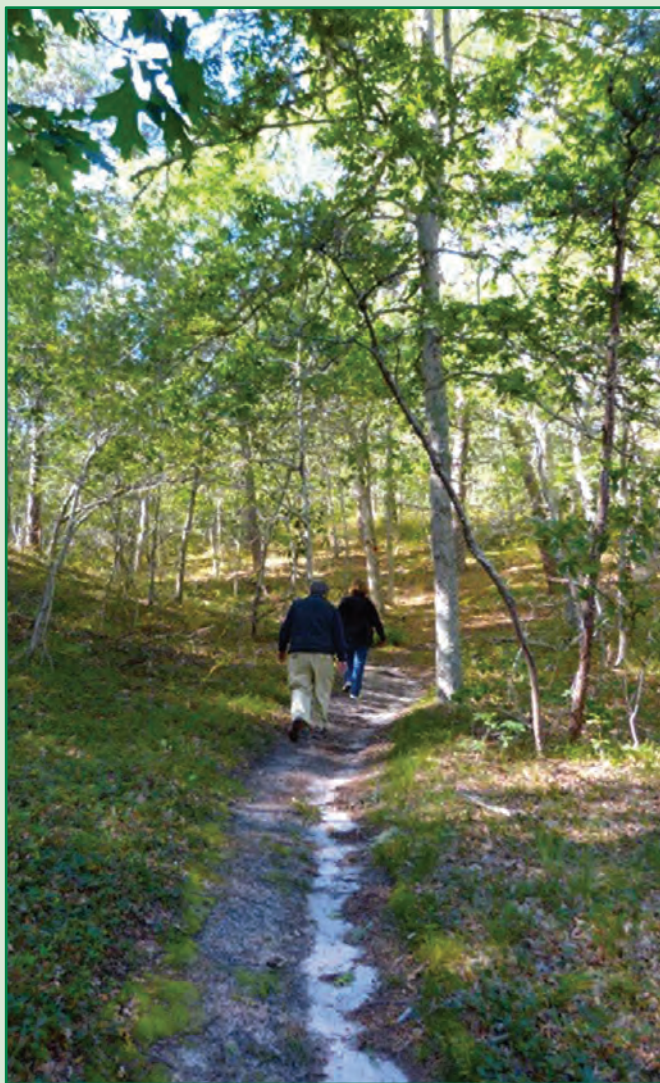


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## WELCOME TO THE WALKING TRAILS OF BREWSTER

Welcome to Brewster's walking trails! The Town's commitment to conservation over the years now provides Brewster residents and visitors with many opportunities for hiking through the diverse landscapes found in the Town: woodlands, marshes, bogs, beaches, and ponds. This guide presents trails on land owned by the Town of Brewster, the Brewster Conservation Trust, and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.















Please enjoy these trails and help us maintain Brewster's natural beauty:

- Please stay on the trails
- Carry out what you carry in, please do not litter
- Observe the rules for dog access
- Please pick up after your dog
- Please respect private property

In addition to these walking trails on land owned by the Town and other local organizations, Nickerson State Park in east Brewster offers numerous trails through woodlands and around the Park's ponds. A map of the trails and camping sites can be obtained at the Park entrance.



### Trail Map Legend

	Brewster Conservation Trust or other non-profit
	Town of Brewster Open Space
	State Land
	Trail (some color-coded)
	Other Trail
	Bridge
	Bench
	Picnic Table
	Parking
	Glacial Erratic, Large Boulder
	Rock Pile
	Stone Wall
	Open Water
	Wetland

The Brewster Conservation Trust was founded in 1983 to preserve open space and the natural resources of Brewster. The Trust is a 501c3 non-profit organization supported by hundreds of Brewster families. Since its beginning, the Trust has preserved more than 1,250 acres throughout Brewster. The Trust is not affiliated with Town government, though it works closely with the Town on projects of joint interest, such as this Trail Guide.

For more information about the Trust or to become a member, visit our website:

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The Brewster Department of Natural Resources manages the town conservation lands, beaches and open space, including many of the properties in this guide. These lands include the more than 900 acres in the Punkhorn Parklands purchased to protect the Town's drinking water supply and headwater ponds for the Stony Brook Herring Run.

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- \* Some with only informal access*
- Nickerson State Park
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- Other Large Walking Area  
(maps available)
- Other Walking Area
- Pocket Park
- Cape Cod Rail Trail
- P Cape Cod Rail Trail Parking



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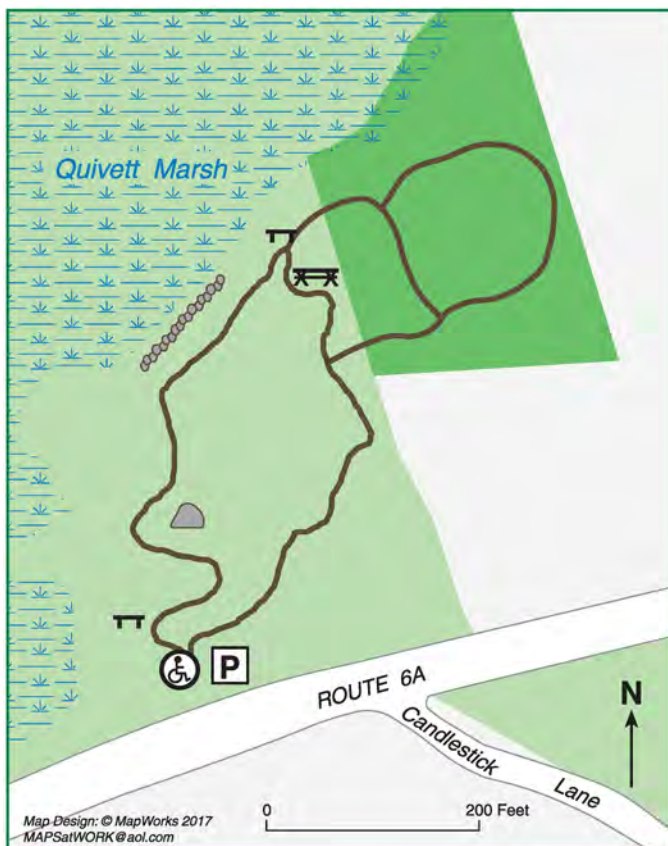
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## 1 Quivett Marsh Vista

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. An additional two acres were later purchased by BCT to extend the trail. There is a handicap access platform adjacent to the parking lot and a short trail loop 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.

**Round trip trail length:** 0.3 miles.

**Directions:** Traveling west on Route 6A, Quivett Marsh Vista entrance and parking is on the right, approximately 0.9 miles after Drummer Boy Park.

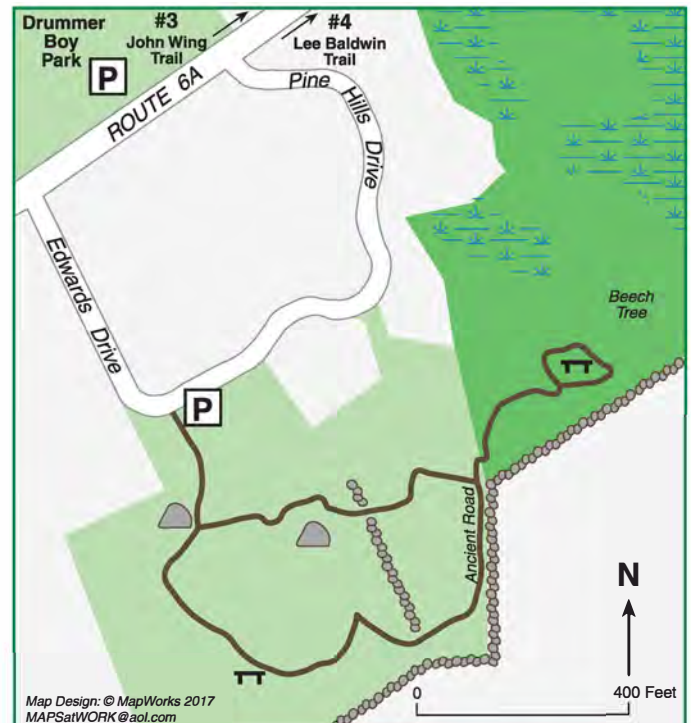


## 2 John & Kristi Hay Trail

The John and Kristi Hay trail is named after the famous naturalist and his wife who played a leading role in conservation in Brewster and in establishing the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. Passing some of the largest glacial erratics in Brewster, the trail winds through typical Cape Cod pine-oak forest and provides a view to a dry kettle hole from a rustic bench. A segment of the trail follows an ancient road which was once the connection between the Stony Brook Valley 18th century factory village and Wings Island, where early settlers cut marsh hay and salt works flourished. The trail extends onto Museum property where a viewing bench looks onto an enormous beech tree and a view of the Stony Brook Valley.

**Round trip trail length:** 0.6 miles.

**Directions:** Parking is available at Drummer Boy Park. The trailhead, with limited parking, is located approximately 200 yards in from Route 6A on Edwards Drive, across from Drummer Boy Park.





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## 3 John Wing Trail

The John Wing Trail, from Route 6 A beside the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History to Wings Island provides a view of the habitats that are typical of the Cape Cod Bay shore: upland forest, salt marsh, salt meadow, dunes, and mud flats. Wings Island provided a rich environment for Native Americans and settlers. Stones placed in Sachem's Field have been arranged to show a pattern similar to what Native Americans might have used to mark time. The Island was also the site of early salt works and salt hay harvesting. Paines Creek, to the east, leads to Brewster's famous Herring run into Lower Mill Pond. Wings Island is named after John Wing, Brewster's first colonial settler. Walkers are encouraged to visit the Museum of Natural History.

**Round trip trail length:** 1.3 miles.

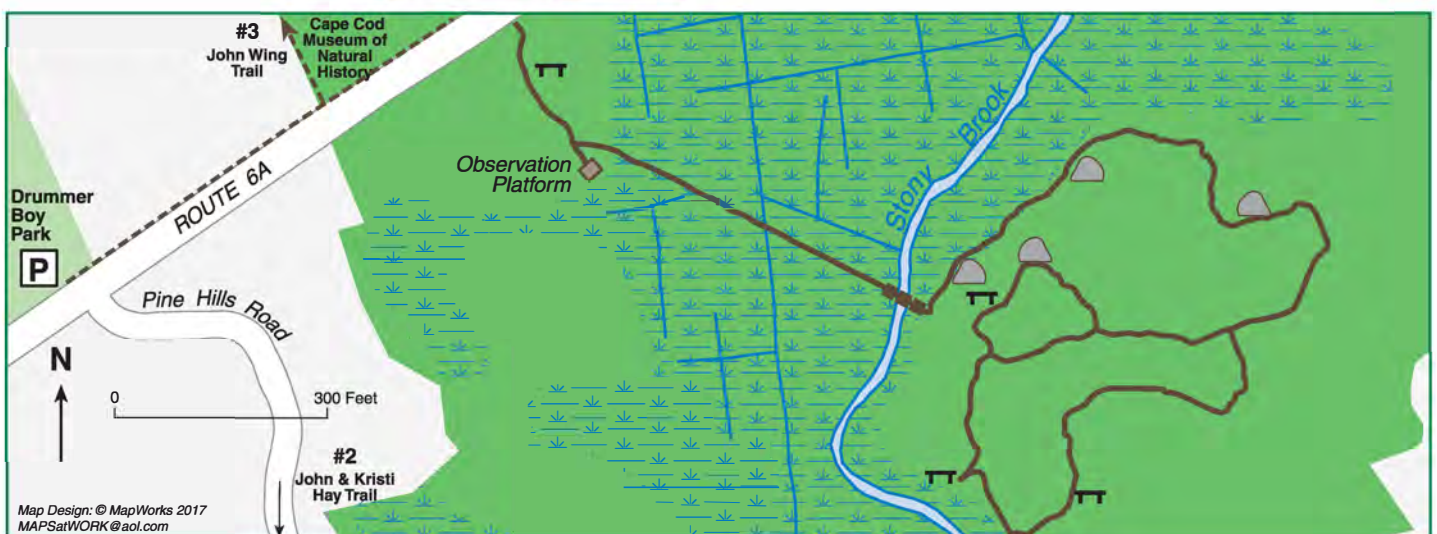
**Directions:** Parking is available at Drummer Boy Park. The trailhead is approximately 0.3 miles east, adjacent to the Museum of Natural History.

## 4 Lee Baldwin Trail (South Trail)

The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History South Trail honors the late Lee Baldwin, native Cape Cod naturalist and veteran walk leader. The trail crosses the Stony Brook Marsh and extends to upland groves of beech trees. The 2010 enlargement of the Route 6A culvert over Stony Brook has allowed greater tidal flow to restore the marsh to its original condition. The trail provides several stations for viewing life in the marsh.

**Round trip trail length:** 1.0 miles.

**Directions:** Parking is available at Drummer Boy Park. The trailhead is approximately 0.3 miles east, across Rt. 6A from the Museum of Natural History.





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## 5 Eddy Bay Trail

The trail is located on the site of the “planting fields” of the Saquatucket Sachemship and later divisions of farms for the colonists in the 1600’s. The area later served as pasture and tillage for some of Brewster’s leading farming families through the 1800’s. From Lower Road, the path leads past 1870’s barn and house foundations, through a grove of large holly trees, and then pine and oak woodland. The path ends at the highest bluff in Brewster overlooking Cape Cod Bay. There is no beach access.

**Round trip trail length:** 1.0 miles.

**Directions:** From Route 6A near the Brewster Store, take Lower Road west for 0.5 miles. The trail head is located on the northern (right) side of the road approximately 150 yards past the Community Garden and Eddy Sisters Trail entrance. There is limited parking at the trailhead, and additional space at the Eddy Sisters Trail.

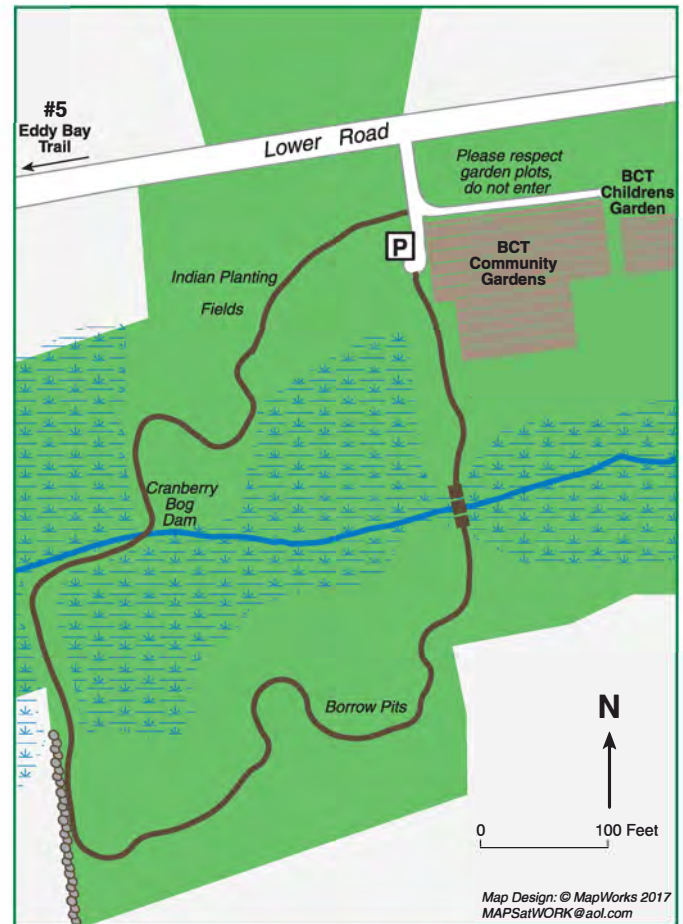


## 6 Eddy Sisters Trail

The Eddy Sisters Trail at the Community Garden runs through the woods and along the stone walls and former cranberry bogs of an old Cape Cod Farm. It follows a maple swamp, upland forest, dikes of old cranberry bogs, and farm fields from the 18th and 19th centuries. A brochure for a self-guided natural history tour is available at the entrance. The trail is named for Mary-Louise, Ruth, and Jean Eddy, whose grandfather Thorndike owned the farm. The sisters donated the land for the Community Garden and most of the trail.

**Round trip trail length:** 0.5 miles.

**Directions:** From Route 6A near the Brewster Store, turn onto Lower Road and head west for approximately 0.3 miles. The Community Garden and Eddy Sisters entrance are on the south (left) side of Lower Road. There is a parking lot at the trailhead.





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## 7 Calf Field Pond Trails

Calf Field Pond area is distinctly different from other trails in the Punkhorn Parklands. Geologically, it is hilly and rocky and full of kettle holes typical of high moraines. The trail system passes through beech groves, which are unusual on the Cape and by holes where large granite boulders were quarried in centuries past. Color-coded signs mark the network of trails, spurs, and loops through the Calf Field Pond area.

**Round trip trail length:** 2.5 mile outer loop from South Parking. Inner loops provide for shorter walks.



**Directions:** From Stony Brook Road, turn on to Run Hill Road and travel 1.2 miles to where it turns to gravel. There is a public parking lot on the left. There are two trailheads, one at the eastern side of the parking lot where the Seymour Pond Trail also starts, and the other approximately 50 yards back on Run Hill Road. The northern portion of the Calf Field Pond Trails can also be accessed from a dirt road and informal parking area off Run Hill Road just north of the power lines.



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## 8 Eagle Point Trails

Eagle Point is one of the most accessible paths in the Town's vast (over 900 acres) Punkhorn Parklands. The Town acquired the property for conservation in 1986 from the Carleton Francis family. The State paid half of the purchase cost. There are several loop trails that include bluffs overlooking Upper Mill Pond, and a view of an old cranberry bog. The path crosses the dike separating the bog from the Pond, and stretches through beautiful woods of pine, oak, and huckleberry understory. The Punkhorn Parklands play a valuable role in protecting the area from which the Town draws part of its water supply.

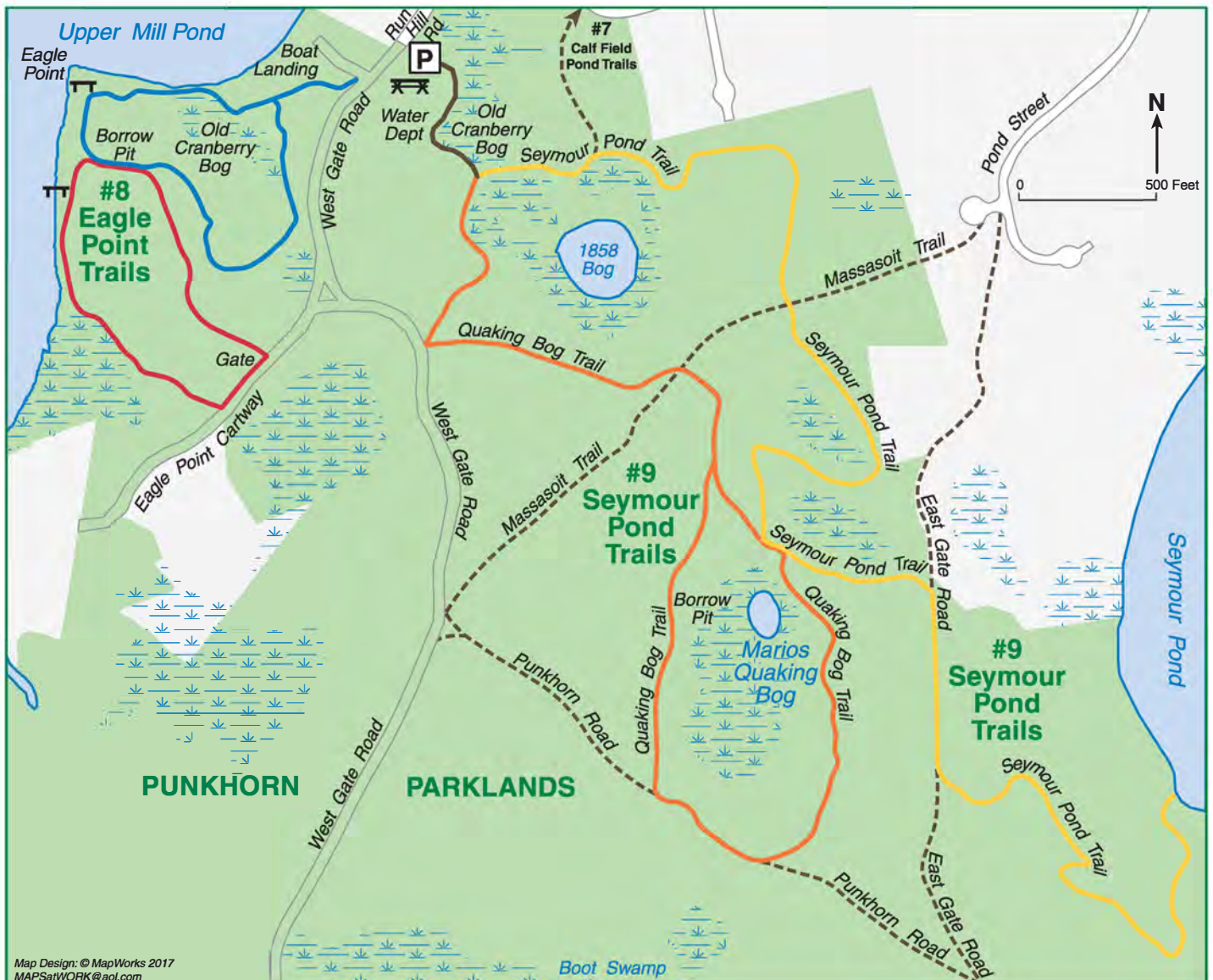
**Round trip trail length:** 1 mile Blue and Red outer loop.

**Directions:** From Stony Brook Road, take Run Hill Road to where it turns to gravel and there is a public parking lot on the left. The Eagle Point Blue Trailhead is on the pond side of West Gate Road near the Boat Landing access road. The Seymour Pond Trailhead is at the rear of the parking lot.

## 9 Seymour Pond Trails

Seymour Pond Trail network is in the heart of Brewster's vast Punkhorn Parklands and passes through many of Brewster's diverse habitats – abandoned cranberry bogs, red maple swamps, bogs, and upland mixed pitch pine and oak forest with huckleberry understory. Midway along the trail is Marios Quaking Bog, with its unstable floating vegetative layer. The trail ends at Seymour Pond where a high bluff provides a view over the pond.

**Round trip trail length:** 3 mile Yellow and Orange outer loop to Seymour Pond and back.





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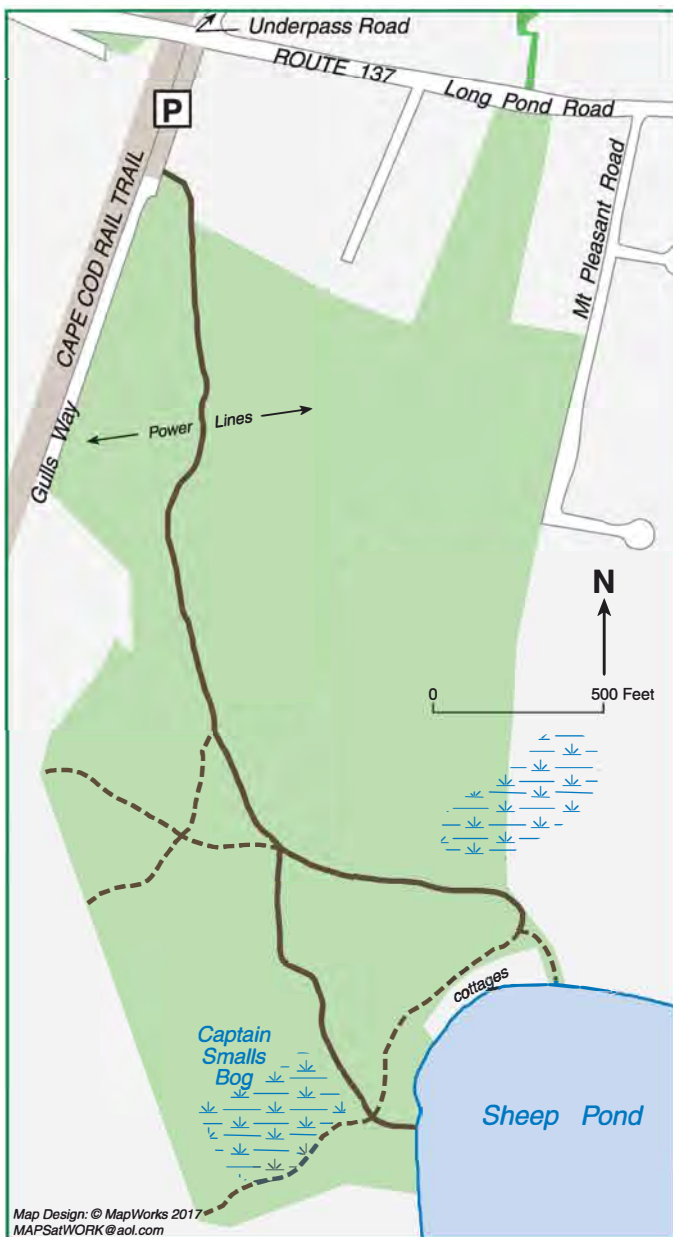
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## 10 Sheep Pond Woodlands

The trail passes through mixed oak and pitch pine forest with occasional stands of white pine. At the southern end of the trail there is a kettle marsh and an abandoned cranberry bog (Captain Smalls Bog), which is connected to the pond by a pipe. Sheep Pond, one of Brewster's deepest ponds, has high water quality and is stocked with trout and salmon by the State.

**Round trip trail length:** 1.3 miles.

**Directions:** Parking for the Sheep Pond Trail is located at the intersection of Route 137 and Underpass Road, adjacent to the Cape Cod Bike Trail.



## 11 Spruce Hill Conservation Area

The Spruce Hill Conservation Area runs north from Route 6A to Cape Cod Bay. It is named after the grove of tall Norway Spruce trees. From the parking lot, a wide path runs beneath a canopy of oak and pine. Before the path crosses the dune to Cape Cod Bay, there is a low area with swamp azalea, viburnum and a stand of black gum.

**Round trip trail length:** 0.8 miles.

**Directions:** The parking area is located off Route 6A, 0.3 miles to the east of the Cape Cod Sea Camps entrance.





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## 12 Bakers Pond

Bakers Pond is on the boundary with Orleans, with some of its shoreline protected by each town. A short blue loop in Orleans and a longer one in Brewster provide good pond overlooks. Huckleberry Hill is located further west via the yellow trail. Cart paths and foot trails traverse a 90-acre assemblage of BCT and town-owned conservation lands. In some places trails run close to unmarked private land, so please stay on color-coded trails. There is a peaceful valley with a vernal pool, and then a 120 ft. climb up Huckleberry Hill. The mixed forest has some white pine, mockernut, sassafras, and a grove of American beech. In the autumn, the carpet of knee-high huckleberry shrubs turn wine-red.

**Round trip trail length:** 2 mile Yellow loop.

**Directions:** Take Rt. 6A east to just after the Orleans town line, turn right on to Bakers Pond Road and travel 0.6 miles. The parking lot for Bakers Pond Conservation area is on the right. Color coded trails start at the parking lot; the Yellow Trailhead is at the right end of the lot and Orleans Blue Trailhead at the left.

