



Updates from the Trail: March 2023

Project spotlight: Eddy Bay Trail Signs

As you may know, the Eddy Bay Trail located on Lower Road is BCT's most popular trail, and if you've walked it, you'll understand why! With the vibrant red berries of the holly grove and the stunning view of Cape Cod Bay from the highest natural bluff in Brewster, it might be one of your favorites as well.

Now, through the contributions of a generous donor you can learn more about many of the special features and vegetation on this 31-acre property. Ten identification signs were installed to provide more information about what you see as you meander down the walking path. You will learn about the glacial erratics, wolf oaks, bayberry, and more!

While simply wandering the path and taking in the beauty of this pine and oak forest is rewarding enough, learning about the property's history and the natural elements it contains is fascinating. For example, an old farmhouse foundation can be seen just beyond the parking area. As you walk along the trail, you will notice other remnants of this land's farming history, like the remains of a stone wall used for keeping livestock from grazing in neighboring pastures or as a property boundary.

Be on the lookout for the rare lady slipper orchid that can be spotted along the trail in late spring and early summer! But please enjoy it from a distance as this species is a Species of Special Concern under the Native Plant Protection Act.

To visit the Eddy Bay Trail from Route 6A near the Brewster Store, take Lower Road west for 0.5 miles. The trailhead is located on the road's northern (right) side, approximately 150 yards past the Community Garden and Eddy Sisters Trail entrance. There is limited parking at the trailhead, but additional space is available at the Eddy Sisters Trail.



'The Blowdown' educational sign. (2/16/2023)



The 'Rock Wall' educational sign. (2/16/2023)