Habitat
Education Center & Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy Your Visit

Near visitor parking, watch your children scramble on and over stumps, logs, and wood chip mounds in our nature play area, enjoy a picnic in the designated picnic area and explore our community garden. Below are three suggestions for hikes:

Turtle Pond Loop (0.5 miles from parking lot kiosk at the head of the Meadow Trail and back. This is an ADA compliant, physically accessible trail with an audio tour that can be activated by calling 617-449-7520.)

Around the pond, in spring, look for skunk cabbage pushing up through the mud at the pond's edge and the tiny yellow flowers of the wetland shrub spicebush. In summer, watch for turtles basking and listen for frogs calling and plopping into the water. Enjoy the colorful scenery in autumn. Look for animal tracks at the pond edge in winter.
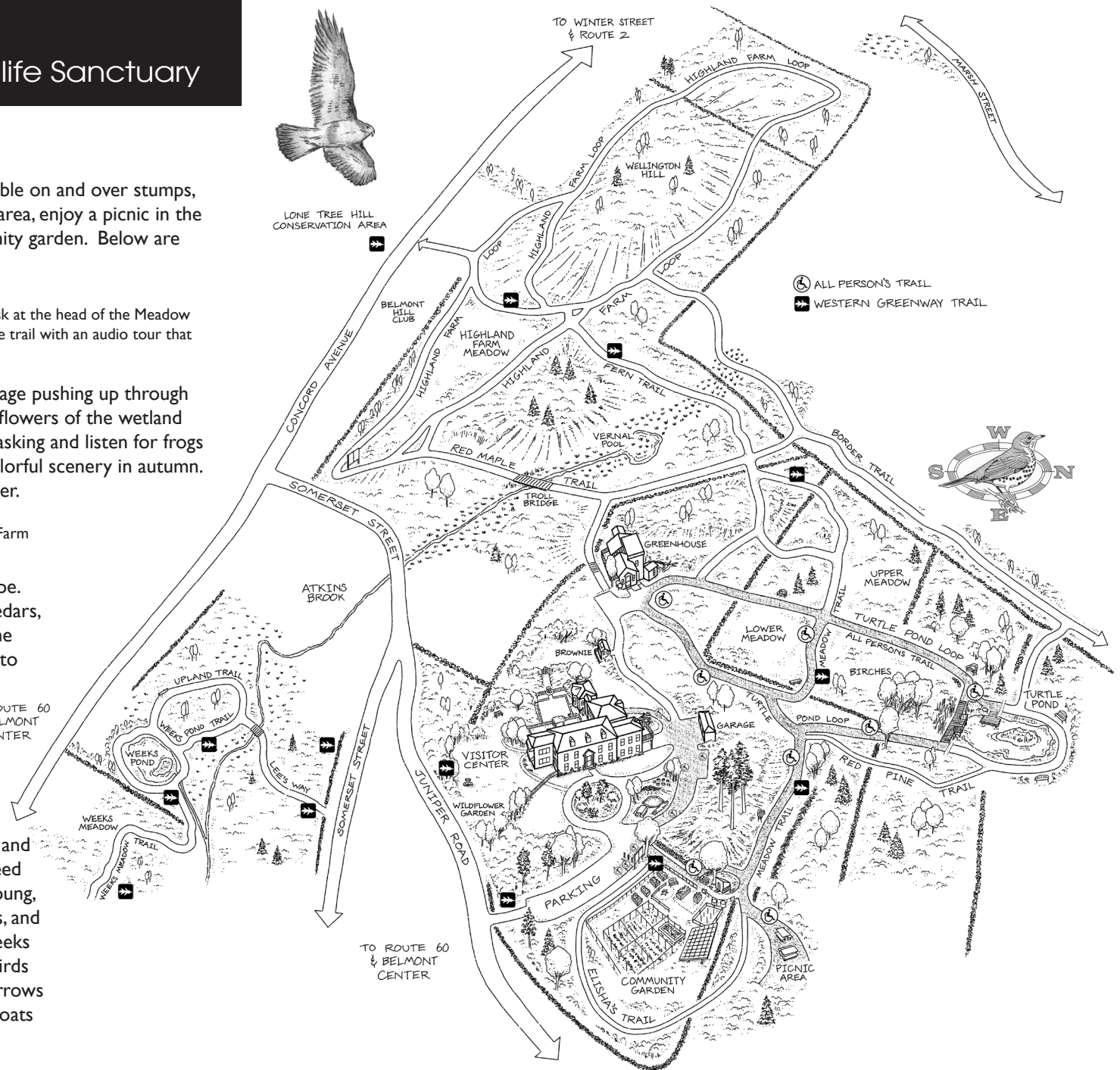
Highland Farm Loop (0.9 miles from Highland Farm kiosk on Somerset St and back)

This trail traverses 45 acres of changing landscape. In the grassy meadow you might observe red cedars, butterflies, tree swallows and flickers. Beyond the meadow, pitch pine-oak woodland transitions into white and red pine forest, a favorite haunt of great horned owls.

Weeks Pond & Weeks Meadow Trails
(0.65 mile from Lee's Way trailhead on Somerset St and back; 1.05 miles from visitor center kiosk and back)

Listen for woodland birds like the wood thrush and red-eyed vireo. At the pond, covered in duckweed in summer, see a mother duckling leading her young, bullfrogs peeking through the tiny floating leaves, and damselflies skimming the surface. Follow the Weeks Meadow Trail and look and listen for meadow birds including Baltimore oriole, bluebird, various sparrows and house wren. Sometimes our small herd of goats can be observed grazing in this meadow.

ALL PERSON'S TRAIL
WESTERN GREENWAY TRAIL

TO WINTER STREET & ROUTE 2

MARSH STREET

HIGHLAND FARM LOOP

WELLINGTON HILL

HIGHLAND FARM LOOP

LONE TREE HILL CONSERVATION AREA

BELMONT HILL CLUB

HIGHLAND FARM

HIGHLAND FARM MEADOW

HIGHLAND FARM LOOP

FERN TRAIL

VERNAL POOL

BORDER TRAIL

CONCORD AVENUE

RED MAPLE TRAIL

TROLL BRIDGE

SOMERSET STREET

ATKINS BROOK

GREENHOUSE

UPPER MEADOW

TURTLE POND LOOP

LOWER MEADOW

ALL PERSONS TRAIL

BROWNIE

BIRCHES

TO ROUTE 60 & BELMONT CENTER

UPLAND TRAIL

WEEKS POND TRAIL

WEEKS POND

LEE'S WAY

SOMERSET STREET

JUNIPER ROAD

VISITOR CENTER

GARAGE

TURTLE POND LOOP

RED PINE TRAIL

TURTLE POND

WEEKS MEADOW

WILDFLOWER GARDEN

MEADOW TRAIL

WEEKS MEADOW TRAIL

PARKING

ELISHA'S TRAIL

COMMUNITY GARDEN

PICNIC AREA

TO ROUTE 60 & BELMONT CENTER

Welcome

Mass Audubon's Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary is 90-acre with four miles of gentle trails winding through evergreen and hardwood forests, meadows and around ponds. The sanctuary is part of the Western Greenway, over 1,100 acres of interconnected open space, including a 7-mile regional trail.

The sanctuary offers a variety of environmental education programs for children, families, and adults. Including preschool, homeschool, school vacation week program, and a summer day camp. We actively bring nature programs to schools, adult communities, and other off-site locations.

The visitor center and formal gardens offer a unique venue for weddings and other festive gatherings as well space for meetings and retreats. Habitat hosts an art gallery with monthly rotating art exhibits.

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Hours

Visitor Center
Monday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Call for weekend hours April–October

Saturday and Sunday
10 am to 4 pm

Trails
Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Mass Audubon protects 36,500 acres of land throughout Massachusetts, saving birds and other wildlife, and making nature accessible to all. As Massachusetts' largest nature conservation nonprofit, we welcome more than a half million visitors a year to our wildlife sanctuaries and 20 nature centers. From inspiring hilltop views to breathtaking coastal landscapes, serene woods, and working farms, we believe in protecting our state's natural treasures for wildlife and for all people—a vision shared in 1896 by our founders, two extraordinary Boston women. Today, Mass Audubon is a nationally recognized environmental education leader, offering thousands of camp, school, and adult programs that get over 225,000 kids and adults outdoors every year. With more than 125,000 members and supporters, we advocate on Beacon Hill and beyond, and conduct conservation research to preserve the natural heritage of our beautiful state for today's and future generations. We welcome you to explore a nearby sanctuary, find inspiration, and get involved. Learn how at massaudubon.org.

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Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts

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TRAIL MAP

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