

Map 14 - Pembroke, Duxbury, Kingston BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route map dated June 2009

Trail markings:

Pembroke: Proposed route is unmarked. One mile of dedicated trail near Hobomock School has white blazes.

Duxbury: At road jcts BCT is marked with 8"x8" BC logos on wooden posts. At trail jcts, some trailheads, and occasional other sites the traditional 4"x4" BC logos are nailed to trees as confidence markers. The rest of the route is occasionally marked with dollar-bill-sized white rectangular markers, painted or plastic nailed to trees. Double off-set blazing indicates a turn in the direction of the upper blaze.

Kingston: Only trails are currently blazed with plastic markers (see above). BCT along roads may be blazed.

Duxbury BCT route, Northwest to Southeast from Pembroke/Duxbury town line to Bay Farm (BCT southern terminus)

D 42°2'42" 70°45'56"

0.0 (P on south side of Valley St.) Trailhead is on Valley St

.25 mile East of Pembroke border. Head SW on carpath

0.25 Left onto woods rd (before dam)

0.5 At small open meadow, right on carpath into pine woods

0.7 Left at T jct

0.9 Right onto less distinct trail. 75 yds to jct, right up small hill. Trail circles left and downhill, past small marsh

1.1 Left about 100 yds, then cross Summer St (Rte 53). Use caution. This rd is built on "highway" used by the settlers in 1685 going from Plymouth to Boston. (Country store near rd xing sells snack and beverages)

Enter **Trout Farm** Conservation Land, with numbered trail jcts. Turn right at #11, left at #10, left at #9, straight at #8, cross Philip's brook at #7, along brook past #6, cross brook again at #5, left at #4 to Union Bridge Rd

2.1 Right along street 50 yds, then cross Union Bridge Rd; enter a pine forest. Follow winding footpath, generally east, up a rise, down steeply to footbridge

2.35 At T jct go right 90 yds to left turn and then to street (King Philip's Path)

2.6 Left along street 50 yds, then cross street. Follow gravel rd SE 0.2 mile

2.8 Right on footpath parallel to old stone wall for 40 yds, then left and on thru pine and oak woods. Footpath becomes carpath, crosses a wide clearing under two power lines.

Continue past a cottage on a short driveway to Vine St

E 42°2'47" 70°44'17"

3.1 Left along Vine St, left onto Chandler St., right onto Mayflower St

3.6 Right on carpath. Along earthen dam to east shoreline of a small pond. Footbridge to path South along edge of pond and parallel to glacial esker on left, to small meadow and onto carpath and dirt rd along border of cranberry bog to the east.

F 42°2'14" 70°43'26"

4.4 Left onto East St, which crosses over Rte 3

4.9 Right onto driveway and carpath. Take left fork of 2 carpaths heading south. When path narrows and approaches rd on left (Mayflower St) take footpath right (marked with both white and yellow blazes), to east side of **Round Pond**. Right at jct # 1, right again at #2, circling Round Pond to go left at #4 and straight at #3. Follow carpath thru woods emerging by cranberry bog. Right between bog and small pond to dirt rd and Elm St. (Note: left turn at jct #1 leads to parking lot on Mayflower St. across from entrance to MA Audubon's North Hill Sanctuary)

G 42°1'23" 70°43'2"

5.9 Cross Elm St to go south on School St 0.2 miles to merge with Oak St. Continue south to cross Rte 3A. Country store sells sandwiches & beverages

6.4 Continue South on Park St

6.8 Left onto Loring Ave. Continue straight when joining Bay Rd. At **Bay Farm** meadow, go left on mowed tr around perimeter to granite ledge on shore of Kingston Bay, southern terminus of Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway

H 42°0'13" 70°42'40"

8.2 Parking lot for Bay Farm is along trail to right

Pembroke dedicated section, side trail. Hobomock School conservation area, approximately one mile long

(access from parking lot that serves the tennis courts and playing fields. Take Hobomock St to Learning Lane, the long cul-de-sac that serves the schools and playing fields. Parking at end of cul-de-sac)

Trailhead is unmarked but visible from edge of woods near end of parking lot. Side trails abound; main trail has occasional painted white blazes. Wide main trail runs for about 1 mile thru a densely wooded area with stone walls and rolling terrain.

Pembroke BCT continued from map 13.

J 42°02'32" 70°48'34"

0.0 Exit the parking area of **Tubb's Meadow Preserve** (P=10), turn right onto Monroe St (South) and proceed to School St (Rte 27) and turn left. Before the top of the hill, look on the right for two white posts with a low connecting chain, entrance to **Veterans Commemorative Town Forest**.

42°02'10" 70°48'17"

0.55 Enter the **Veterans Commemorative Town Forest** at the white posts. Follow the trail to a T junction and turn right. The trail follows the top of a glacial esker until the first very obvious side trail. Take this trail, which cuts back sharply to the right, down to the bottom of the esker and then parallel to it.

At the T intersection turn right. At the next T turn left.

When the trail offers a Y junction, follow the main trail to the left. (*Detour onto the right trail for a beautiful overlook of Silver Lake just a short walk up and to the left of the trail. Silver Lake is a reservoir for Brockton and is a beautiful, peaceful body of water with no*

boating or swimming allowed. Bald eagles have been seen in the area).

Continuing on the main trail, at the T intersection the BCT (main trail) goes left. (*A short detour right goes to another view of the lake and offers a bench.*)

Continuing on the main trail, bear right at the Y and go down the hill.

Very quickly come upon the next intersection and bear left. Follow the trail up the hill.

Near the top, take the right fork and proceed on the wider path. Proceed straight past intersecting trails on the right and left.

At the Y take the left leg and follow it for a distance out to the main entrance and parking (P=10+) where you will exit the **Veterans Commemorative Memorial Forest**.

K 42°02'00" 70°48'04"

A temporary trail from this point to the Kingston town line has been blazed along School Street (Rte 27). The Pembroke BCT Committee is working to establish an off-road route.

1.53 Turn right onto School St. (Rte 27) and head south. *Caution:* There are fairly wide shoulders on both sides of the street, but traffic can be heavy and fast. Go about 1 mile to Barse's Lane in Kingston.

Kingston BCT route, roughly following the Jones River west to east, from Silver Lake Sanctuary (Pembroke/Kingston town line) to Bay Farm (Kingston/Duxbury town line), BCT southern terminus

(P=20 in informal lot at **Silver Lake Sanctuary** within 200' of lake shore)

From Route 27, use Barse's Lane to access the Silver Lake Sanctuary.

L 0.0 From shore of Silver Lake at Pembroke/Kingston town line, proceed east

0.31 Cross Barse's Brook flowing from the north

0.39 Continue along shoreline, cross another brook from former cranberry bog

0.51 At headwaters of Jones River exiting Silver Lake, cross river (probably not possible at high water in late winter).

Continue along shoreline (*Note: If high water, take trails to Sheridan Rd and continue on Sheridan Rd., Rte 27 and Lake St to M*)

0.57 At permanent bench, proceed left up hill along path

0.59 Go left around building, then between two concrete retaining walls

0.9 Continue on faint trail along side of hill. Keep Forge Pond (part of Jones River) on your left until you reach Lake St

M 42°0'44" 70°47'17"

0.98 Left on Lake St to opening in gate. Enter athletic fields behind Silver Lake HS (P allowed only during non-school hours)

1.14 Cross fields due east to rear right-hand corner of practice field. Right of the goal posts, enter woods rd heading east

1.18 Bear left on a single pole power-line easement

1.27 Continue east on power-line easement

1.4 Bear right on woods rd (power line continues up hill)

1.47 At jct of power line and 4 woods roads, bear right on woods rd

1.68 Bear left at fork

1.73 Bear right and then left along woods rd at cranberry bog. Keep pump house and pond on your left, then bear right between bogs and follow the single pole power line on the dirt access rd

1.83 When you see a storage barn and house, bear right on dirt access rd; keep cranberry bog on right

2.1 (P=6-8, to be constructed) Go thru chain link gate and immediately turn left on a wood rd

2.26 Continue past back of 2 houses on left to a paved rd. Left on Grove St (P=4 or 5 on old side rd called Old Grove St)

(Kingston Bay Circuit supporters are working on an off-rd alternative to access Hathaway Preserve from the northwest. For now, use bypass directions below)

N 42°0'10" 70°46'37"

Continue east along Grove St for 0.6 mile

2.86 Right on Foxworth Lane

3.01 Left at fork in paved rd and then right onto power line

3.06 Cross paved rd. Upon re-entering the open power line area, take immediate left onto small tr by a tall pine

3.31 Stay on tr to 3 consecutive bridges over Jones R.

3.36 After crossing 3rd bridge, follow **Hathaway Preserve** blue-blazed tr to yellow-blazed tr on left. Take yellow tr up hill (*here the current by-pass links with proposed BCT route*)

3.45 Follow yellow-blazed tr to the end. Go left on woods rd toward Rte 106

P 41°59'34" 70°45'47"

3.83 Left on Rte 106 (*CAUTION: Heavy traffic. Walk on left facing traffic until Flower Land. Cross Rte 106 to sidewalk*)

Continue on 106 passing South St on right. After 4 more houses, look for fire hydrant

R 41°59'35" 70°44'55"

4.73 At hydrant turn right toward back of field, passing between barn on left and a set-back old house on right to reach **Sampson Park**

4.83 Continue thru back of field (grown-in) on winding tr

5.09 Cross brook on RR tie bridge

5.24 Left at tr fork

5.55 Left at tr fork

5.6 Left at tr fork

5.7 Left on paved rd, Elm St bridge (P=10. Also picnic area, park, handicapped-access fishing pier)

5.75 Right turn after old stone pump station (Kingston Water Dept). Go to rear of property and bear left along riverbank on small tr to left of picnic table

6.05 Follow tr along side of hill with river on your right. Tr eventually climbs to area with many paths. Stay to right until you see brick buildings thru trees and a clearing to the right.

Go right thru trees and thru field to paved rd between

buildings (elderly housing, Meadow Crest. Trail parking not allowed)

6.25 Follow Meadow Crest driveway east to entrance. Straight on Hillcrest Rd to jct Rte 3A

S 41°59'29" 70°43'31"

6.3 Left on Rte 3A (*CAUTION: heavy traffic*). Immediate right on Linden St

6.39 At end of Linden St turn left on Landing Rd. Continue on Landing Rd under RR bridge; stay right under Rte 3 overpass

6.89 After Rte 3 overpass, immediate left on abandoned rd. Follow rd thru cedar trees to Park St

7.09 Right on Park St; then immediate left on Landing Rd again

7.29 Continue on Landing Rd to entrance and parking area of **Bay Farm** (P=15). Follow tr thru fields

H 42°0'13" 70°42'40"

7.6 BCT southern terminus at shoreline of Kingston Bay

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Relevant USGS **topo maps** (7.5 x 7.5) are Hanover, Duxbury, Plympton, and Plymouth

Pembroke Conservation Commission – 100 Center St, Pembroke 02359 781-293-3844

Kingston Open Space Committee and Conservation Commission - Colored open space **map** with details of 8 properties on reverse. BCT is not specifically identified on the map, but the detailed maps and descriptions do identify properties thru which it passes. Available at Kingston Library, Conservation Commission office, and Town Clerk's office.

Duxbury Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee - Large scale colored **map** with BCT route identified is available at Town Hall. Reverse side gives detailed route description and information on historic sites and natural features along the way.

Detailed self-guiding trail **maps** of the Trout Farm Conservation Land, the Round Pond trail network, and Bay Farm are available at Duxbury Town Hall and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society office on Washington St.

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society - Founded 1883; headquarters on Washington St. 781-934-6106

Duxbury Conservation Commission - 781-934-1104

Massachusetts Dept of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has some **maps** on website: www.mass.gov/dcr Click on Trails

Massachusetts Audubon manages North Hill Wildlife Sanctuary as well as 44 other properties, over 33,000 acres. Guided walks and programs are offered through the South Shore Regional Center in Marshfield: 781-837-9400 <southshore@massaudubon.org> Members receive a beautiful bi-monthly magazine, discounts on programs, and free admission to its many sanctuaries. 1-800-283-8266 www.massaudubon.org

Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts - A non-profit land conservation organization founded in Plymouth in 1973. Works with private landowners on gifts of beloved land, conservation restrictions, and (rarely) purchases land. The Trust now owns or holds conservation restrictions on more than 140 properties, protecting over 4,500 acres of land in 26 communities and growing. Membership applications on line at www.wildlandstrust.org POBox 2282, Duxbury MA 02331 781-934-9018

Taunton River Watershed Alliance – river and stream protection and activities. Membership info on-line. www.savethetaunton.org POBox 146, Bridgewater 02342

Charles River Wheelmen - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout BC area. Excellent website lists rides, membership & other info www.crw.org

The **Bay Circuit Alliance** headquarters is located in the Moor and Mountain store at 3 Railroad St., Andover, across the tracks from the converted old RR station. 978-470-1982 <baycircuit@juno.com> www.baycircuit.org

Map 14 THE JEWELS

Pembroke:

Willow Brook Farm Preserve (Wildlands Trust) - trails thru varied habitats including old cranberry bog and a red cedar grove. Observation tower for views of swamp and Herring Brook. Parking on Barker St (Rte 14) southwest of Rte 53.

Hobomock School area - Wide paths running through a densely wooded area, including a historic cart path marked on early maps. Old fieldstone walls criss-cross the property. Best hiked as a linear path, starting at the parking lot at the very end of Learning Lane (off Hobomock St). Main trail marked with painted white blazes; many unmarked and unmapped side trails.

Veteran's Commemorative Town Forest - This beautiful pine forest nestles on the shores of Silver Lake. Many trails crisscross this hilly preserve and occasionally offer lovely views of the peaceful reservoir. Parking at the main entrance on Rte. 27 near the Pembroke Community Middle School.

Tubb's Meadow Preserve - 125 acres of diverse habitat including old cranberry bogs, dirt roads, a large reservoir, unaltered wetlands and acres of oak and pine uplands. It is home to many animals and birds. Two parking areas are located off Mill St. near Center St. and off Monroe St.

Duxbury & Kingston:

Bay Farm (66 acres; DCR, Kingston, & Duxbury) - purchase of land by Mass. Dept of Conservation & Recreation (then called Dept of Environmental Mgt) was one of the earliest state acquisitions for the Bay Circuit greenway. This is the southern terminus of the Bay Circuit. Unique seaside farmland site provides access to Kingston Bay with beautiful views of Gurnet Light, Saquish, Clark's Island, and Myles Standish Point. Kiosk with trail map at parking area off Landing Rd on the Duxbury side of the town line.

Duxbury:

Trout Farm Conservation Land (Cons. Com; 213 acres) - good trails; look for old fishing weirs along the brook. Access from Union Bridge Rd.

Thaddeus Chandler Sanctuary (Cons. Com; 112 acres) Trails. Access from Valley St.

Loring Bogs (Cons. Com; 199 acres) - Trails with up-close views of active cranberry bogs. Access from East St.

Whiton Woods (Cons. Com; 49 acres) - Trails. Access from Temple St (off this map)

Duxbury Beach (Duxbury Beach Reservation Inc.; leased to town of Duxbury) - Along with adjacent Great Salt Marsh and its tidal rivers, this is one of the top East Coast stopover sites for migratory birds in North America. Public must respect beach closings to protect nesting areas. Beach users need permits, available at Town Hall. Alcohol is prohibited; dogs must be leashed. Parking lot access from Canal St off Rte 139 in Marshfield.

The Central Greenbelt - Most of the trails that link to permit continuous passage between public lands are found on properties in the Central Greenbelt, generally bounded by Rte 14 from Rte 3A to Lincoln St, following Lincoln to Mayflower and out again to Rte 3A. Includes the following open space parcels: North Hill Golf Course and forest (275 acres), Waiting Hill Preserve (125 acres), North Hill Wildlife Sanctuary (Massachusetts Audubon; 156 acres), Knapp Town Forest (28 acres), and Round Pond (Duxbury Rural and Historical Society; 50 acres). Along with smaller related parcels, this entire area of 1000 acres offers a linked system of open space and connected trails. Best parking and access from Mayflower St. Observe rules about permitted trail uses.

Culture: the John Alden House (open seasonally), historic cemeteries, folk music performances at the Tarkiln

Community Center, a first-rate art museum (Art Complex, 189 Alden St), and an art gallery in the library.

Kingston:

Silver Lake Sanctuary (92 acres) - includes 2800 feet of public access to Silver Lake. Numerous cart paths with views of lake. Marked trails proposed for the future. Also includes a small cranberry bog organically maintained. Parking at the end of Bears's Way, a dirt road on the south side of Rte 27 just east of Pembroke town line.

Cranberry Watershed Preserve (270 acres) - abuts the Jones River and contains three brooks and 22 acres of active cranberry bogs. Many cart paths, trails for hiking. Fishing allowed in Howard's Brook impoundment and Pine Brook impoundment. Proposed parking lot off Grove St (take gravel rd on north side of Grove St just west of bridge over RR tracks, bear right at fork in 100 yds). Also access from behind Silver Lake Regional High School

Hathaway Preserve (77 acres) - abuts the Jones River for 1.2 miles. With adjacent water dept land and another small conservation property, over 125 acres make for pleasant walking. Kiosk with trails map near parking area. Entrance on north side of Wapping Rd (Rte 106) across street from Bog Hollow Cranberry Farm. Entrance is a right of way up the hill to the right of line of cedar trees.

Sampson Park (166 acres) and 4 adjacent parcels owned by the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Mass. (25 acres) abutting the Jones River. Kiosk with trails map adjacent to parking lot. More trails planned. Handicapped accessible fishing pier and picnic areas. Parking at entrance on Rte 80 (Elm St) across from Coughlin & Coughlin.

Camp Nekon (193 acres) - A former Girl Scout camp, contains many woods roads, Monk's Hill with a DCR fire tower, and small beach on Smelt Pond. Access by foot from Kingston State Forest or from the old Rabboth Rd.

Kingston State Forest (Mass.DCR; about 225 acres) - contains several small ponds and numerous trails. Unfortunately being cut in half by new Rte 44 construction. Current access from Rte 80 (Bishops Hwy)

Pawtuxet Park (24 acres) - rolling pasture next to Smelt Brook and Foundry Pond, suitable for passive recreation. Possible future use as community farm. Small parking area at entrance off Basler's Lane, west of Rte 3A

