

Some Featured Places to Walk in West Newbury.

Compiled by the West Newbury Open Space Committee – November 2008

- 1. Mill Pond / Pipestave** – Multi use trails of varying length, type and difficulty. Some marked and maintained. Trails from Page side to Riverbend and Indian River Dam (ruins). Parking is available on site and at Page School during non school hours. No swimming. See web site and kiosk for color coded map and specific rules for use.
- 2. Riverbend / Page School** - Outstanding walk along Merrimack shore on woods road. Good birding. Route connects River Road across Indian River to Way-to-River Road passing bridge over Indian River inlet and Tupelo Trail. Also, uphill walks to field areas and connecting trails to Page School, Pipestave and Mill Pond. Outstanding view behind Page. Task force developing management and improvement plan. Parking: River Road, and distant parking at Way-to-River Road. Parking also is available at Page during non school hours, with a walk down the steep downhill trail to river.
- 3. Quaker Cemetery** – Short walk passing through old cemetery to Upper Artichoke Reservoir.
- 4. Ordway Reservation** – About a one mile marked circuit hike. Marked and maintained woods trail, on Greenbelt property. Map available here or on web at ecga.org/properties/ordway/html.
- 5. Pikes Bridge Road** – Walk on woods road, wet at some points. Start from gate. Best conditions are from the Turkey Hill Road gate. Great birding site.
- 6. Indian Hill Farm Reservation** – Land acquired and managed by Greenbelt, protected by a town held conservaton restriction. Marked trails to hilltop meadow and long views including the remnants of the Indian Hill Farm gardens and walls. Parking lot available on Indian Hill Street. Volunteers needed – see below.
- 7. Indian Hill Reservoir** – A flat paved walk along the reservoir to two earth dams from the gate near Brickett and Moulton. Unmarked and wet trail around other side. Owned by Newburyport Water Department. Good for birding. No boating or swimming.
- 8. Crane Pond Wildlife Management Area** – Many unmarked trails with great variety. Hunting is a focus of land use, wear orange (but Sunday hunting is not permitted). Trail Map on this web site. Shotgun Deer Season Begins December 1.
- 9. Brake Hill / Craven Woods** – Park on Hilltop Circle respecting resident lawns. Enter up 400' gravel drive left of #19. The main trail leads through the red gate and up the gravel way to the water tank/standpipe.
- 10. Chestnut Hill Farm Conservation Land** – Easy walking on grass pathways through fields and along the Merrimack River. This is another good birding site. The public space lies beyond the parking area and east of the house. No dogs, horses, bicycles, fishing or boating are allowed.

NOTE: You are 100% responsible for your own safety on all properties (see Mass. Gen. Law Chapter 21 Section 17C). Many trails are unmarked and not maintained. Expect Ticks and take precautions. Please obey all posted rules and respect private property. Unless specifically permitted, areas are only open from dawn to dusk, and no hunting, fires, alcohol or motorized vehicles are allowed. Wear Orange in December: Hunting Season.

WANT TO HELP? Sign up to assist with maintenance of trails and submit condition reports at trails@westnewburyopenspace.net, or at the Library. Also watch for special events and updates at our web site westnewburyopenspace.net and at the Library.