Description

THE WILE FOREST is owned by the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF). This 87 acre woodlot was donated in 1986 by William H. Palmer Wile.

THE LIBBEY CONSERVATION AREA (LCA) was a gift to the town in 1995 by William C. Libbey and Mary Ellen Libbey. This 110 acre parcel is adjacent to the Wile Forest. In 2003 WCLT acquired an additional 2.5 acres adjacent to the LCA.

The trails take walkers deep into undeveloped woods. The trail passes through many wet areas, so choose footwear accordingly, especially in spring and early summer. These wet areas are marked by lush fern growth and wetland plants such as spicebush (Lindera benzoin) with its small early-spring blossoms and aromatic bark and leaves. The trail also crosses lovely wooded uplands and follows scenic stone walls left over from earlier days when these woods were farmland.

Recommended Walks

From Carroll Drive: Walk into the property on the Libbey Trail. At 0.1 mile, turn left onto the Farm Spring Trail to pass through mixed hardwoods and follow old stone walls. The Crosscut Trail branches right in 0.6 mile, providing a cutoff to return to your car, for a total walk of 1.4 miles. For a longer walk, stay on the Farm Spring Trail, which leads into the Blackstone River watershed. In 0.2 mile, bear right at the intersection with the Libbey Trail and follow that trail, passing the Crosscut Trail on your right after 0.7 mile and returning to your car after another 0.5 mile, for a total walk of 2.1 miles.

Directions

From Westborough center, follow Route 30 west towards Grafton. At Nourse Farm, turn left onto Jasper Street. At the end of Jasper, turn left onto West Main Street and take the first right onto Kendall Drive. Then take the first right onto Frances Drive, turn left onto Carroll Drive and follow it to the cul-de-sac. Park on the cul-de-sac. Please be considerate of the neighborhood.

Westborough Community Land Trust

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