Description
The Mill Pond Area is an extensive region containing the pond and undeveloped land to enjoy. Its core is the SuAsCo A1 reservoir and surrounding land that the state acquired for flood control in the late 1960s. In addition to 380 acres owned by the state are 250 acres of Town land, including the Country Club, the Pazo Property next to Gibbons School, the Headwaters Conservation Area, and Veterans Freedom Park.

The area is suitable for hiking, cross-country skiing, and related passive recreation. The trails are easy to hike with mild grades. During summer months, the area features a rich variety of woodland and shoreline wildflowers.

Recommended Walks
From Mill Road, walk down the boat ramp and turn left on the road to the pump building. To the right of pump building, you will find the Charm Bracelet’s John Malley Trail, which leads you along the south shore of Mill Pond. In 0.15 miles you will reach Veterans Freedom Park with the Ranger Trail around the property. Continuing along the shoreline, you will reach a trail junction with the Pumphouse Trail in 0.65 miles. Continue to follow the Charm Bracelet signs along the shoreline to reach the extension of Andrews Street (also the Pumphouse Trail) in 0.2 miles. Take a left on the road, then another left on the side road to return to the John Malley Trail in 0.2 miles. From there it is another 0.8 miles back to the start for a nice 2-mile walk.

You can extend this walk by venturing further into the Headwaters Conservation Area. Or for something different, start at Gibbons School and follow the Gibbons School Spur and the Fox Hill Trail 0.8 miles to Mill Road.

Directions
From Westborough center, follow West Main Street (Route 30) west toward Grafton. A little past the Country Club, turn right onto Mill Road and follow it to the pond. Parking is available on both sides of the road near the boat ramp.

Westborough Community Land Trust
The Westborough Community Land Trust (WCLT) is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization created to protect Westborough’s essential natural resources and to preserve open space for future generations. Membership is open to anyone committed to protecting open space in Westborough. Help preserve Westborough’s valuable open space and rural character by joining WCLT.

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Charm Bracelet continues via sidewalks to Wile Forest