

## TRAILS & CONSERVATION AREAS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

(Bold trail sections are part of Ipswich River Greenway)

SITE NAME / TRAIL SECTION		ACRES	LENGTH (MI)	DESCRIPTION
BARE MEADOW CONSERVATION AREA		125.0		
	<b>Greenway from Mattera to Pearl St access</b>		0.15	Monitoring the Pearl Street parking area and the trailhead kiosk are part of this section's tasks. The lovely trail through the meadows to the Mattera trail will need markers. The meadow trails should be grass-whipped for easy passage.
	<b>Greenway from Pearl St access to Haverhill St trail section</b>		0.32	This old woods road has white blazes that need to be maintained and some wet areas to traverse. XC skiers use it in the winter. The treadway has been raised in one area.
	<b>Greenway: Haverhill St section</b>		0.24	This new section of trail will need regular upkeep until it is well established. There is a bridge and a boardwalk to maintain. White blazes.
	trails north of Greenway		0.75	Lovely and well established. Yellow blazes need to be maintained. Bittersweet and buckthorn need to be removed from some trails.
	trails south of Greenway		0.75	The Trails Committee recently re-established one trail and blazed it red. Blazes and the trail itself need to be maintained.
	Franklin St access to Greenway		0.36	A trailhead kiosk off Franklin Street and a trail that skirts Wood End Cemetery need to be maintained. The trail from the back of Wood End Cemetery to the Greenway has a narrow boardwalk and a bridge to maintain. Blue blazes.
HIGGINS PROPERTY		9.0		This area sees lots of use by neighbors cutting through to the Birch Meadow complex. It needs general maintenance and perhaps some short bridges.
KURCHIAN WOODS		44.0		
	Franklin St access		0.14	Parking, a trailhead kiosk, and a boardwalk need to be maintained. This is the main access to Kurchian Woods.
	north of gas line		1.15	Through-trails are well marked. Trails and blazes need to be maintained. Trails in the northeast section near Rocky Road could be reestablished. Trash and fire pits need to be cleaned up.
	south of gas line		0.34	Access off Fairchild Drive needs to be patrolled for unauthorized uses. Trails and blazes need to be maintained. Trash and fire pits need to be cleaned up.
	Pondview Lane access		380 ft	This trailhead needs to be better established and patrolled for unauthorized activities. This could be a real neighborhood asset.
LOBS POUND MILL SITE		0.9		
	<b>Access trail and picnic area</b>		250 ft	The State built an accessible trail and fishing platform here. They will also improve the parking lot. The area needs to be mowed, trash picked up, and a kiosk, signs, and picnic tables maintained.
	River dikes		330 ft	There are two dikes going upstream from Mill Street at the Lobs Pound Mill site. One forms the river bank, the other goes out into a marsh adjacent to the river. The latter is part of the proposed greenway. Though both are short, dead-end trails, they are great for birdwatching; they should be kept clear.

MAILLET, SOMMES & MORGAN LAND	18.8	500 ft	Access is from Willow Street and the trail used to go through to Lee Street, but beaver activity has flooded much of the area.
MARION WOODS	8.4		
Marion Woods section of Greenway		0.15	There is a parking area (shared with the Lobs Pound Mill Site), trailhead kiosk, and signs to maintain. The trail gets light use and needs blazing. It does not yet connect with the contiguous sections of the Greenway. There are trailside wildflowers and the trail terminates in a witch hazel grove.
Marion Woods trails		0.4	There is a trail along the river passable only in low water or in frozen conditions, plus several upland trails. Together they make a nice day-use site with the picnic area at the Lobs Pound Mill site. The combined area is known as the Biller Conservation Area.
MATTERA CONSERVATION AREA	2.1		
Mattera Trail		400 ft	This accessible trail will have to be kept clear of sticks and erosion will have to be prevented. Maintaining the trailhead kiosk and trailside benches are part of this task.
Mattera cabin grounds			DPW mows the area annually. Branches need to be picked up and there are gardens that could be maintained. The ramp to the cabin should be maintained.
PINEVALE CONSERVATION AREA	16.4		
southern half		0.4	The main access to this medium sized conservation area is at Pinevale Avenue. The sign needs to be maintained, the parking lot kept free of trash, and trails maintained. Scouts have recently worked in the area.
northern half		0.4	There are multiple neighborhood access points to be maintained. Trails should be rationalized, blazed, and mapped. Wet trails should be blocked off and there are several small bridges to maintain. Work with Conservation and DPW to clear accumulated trash and invasives from access points.
SCHNEIDER WOODS	2.6	0.25	This small conservation area has a limited number of trails and one bridge. No designated parking.
SLEDGE WOODS / NICHOLS WOOD LOT	12.4	0.14	Trail parking is off a private driveway at the end of Pasture Road. A trail needs to be developed from the existing Sledge Woods trail, through the Nichols Wood lot (permission must be obtained from Reading Open Land Trust), to the Kurchian Woods trails.
LINNAEA THELIN BIRD SANCTUARY	11.8		Across the railroad tracks from the Maillet, Sommes, and Morgan Land, access is off Hancock Street. The area is primarily wetlands and would need lots of work to make it inviting. A Scout recently improved the entrance.
TOWN FOREST	290.0		
Wood End School trail to Cranberry dam.		0.23	The trail consists of an old woods road that goes from the Wood End School playing field to the Cranberry Dam where it becomes the Great Island Trail. The Cranberry dam bridge needs to be rebuilt.
Great Island trail: Cranberry dam and "alligator alley" boardwalk.		0.29	This is a big commitment, but a great trail. The trail is a continuation of the Wood End Trail and runs from the Cranberry Dam, through a witch hazel grove and over the "Alligator Alley" boardwalk ending at the pine plantation in the Town Forest. The boardwalk is about 2/3rds complete.

	Dividence Meadow Trail		0.21	This trail was recently blazed. It follows the edge of Dividence Meadow starting near the Cranberry Dam, and then makes a steep climb to an old council ring (?) near the Wood End School playing field. The steep section should be reengineered. The council ring would make a great outdoor classroom if benches were added. White blazes.
	Lynn Village Trail		0.28	A Scout built this trail, which includes a well-built bridge, in fall 2009. The trail crosses a small, rock-strewn stream valley and provides access to the Town Forest for a large neighborhood. Signs are needed at both ends. Blue blazes.
	Pine Ridge trail		0.27	The trail follows an esker and features a lovely stand of Mayapple. Steps and a short section of boardwalk were installed by the Boy Scouts and will need to be maintained.
	Esker Trail		0.13	This trail follows an esker. The trail was once blazed through from the fire road to the Great Island Trail. It goes through the marsh to do so, so it probably gets little use. It's a pretty trail and has winter use potential.
	Overlook trail		0.17	This short, steep trail was recently blazed. It will need steps built and erosion controlled. There are potential overlooks that could be developed.