

MARBLEHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Preventing woodland fires in town is a matter of commonsense:

- If you see a fire, **do not** try to put it out alone. Report it to the MFD.
- If you see flammable materials in the woods such as paint cans, trash, etc., report it to the Fire Prevention Officer
- Do not smoke in the woods, particularly during dry seasons
- If you must smoke, extinguish all smoking materials carefully
- Open fires are not allowed without permission of the Conservation Commission. If you see an illegal fire or signs of one, report it to the MFD
- Stay in safe areas and on the trails
- **Abutters to conservation land** do not allow yard waste to accumulate or dispose of it in conservation land. Buy an extra length of hose to protect your house in the event of a fire in conservation land

Fighting fires in the woods is difficult and dangerous for the fire fighters; it is easier to prevent them.

Thank you.

Marblehead Fire Dept. – (781) 631- 0142
Fire Prevention Officer – (781) 639-3428

MARBLEHEAD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marblehead Conservation Commission encourages the use of its conservation lands at Steer Swamp, Hawthorn Pond, Wyman Woods, Ware Pond and Forest River. We hope that you will enjoy the woods for picnicking, walking, hiking, horse back riding, snowshoeing and cross country skiing as well as nature study.

Cutting or removing plants, trees, etc., the disturbance of wildlife and the use of motorized vehicles is prohibited. Littering and disposal of yard waste on conservation land carries a fine of \$100.

Overnight camping and open fires require a permit from the Commission, and the fires have to be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Marblehead Fire Department.

Please take advantage of our enjoyable open spaces. There are many wonderful plants and animals that make their homes in these areas. Enjoy the peace and sense of wonder that comes from being in nature and help us keep these lands pristine for generations to come.

Thank you.

Marblehead Conservation Commission
(781) 631-1529

MARBLEHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Marblehead Police Department hopes that you will enjoy your open space experience in our Conservation areas. Forests, cliffs, ponds, trails, fallen trees, loose stones, and many other aspects of the open spaces can present safety issues. We urge you to think carefully about your safety.

In addition there are many laws regarding what citizens may and may not do in these areas. Basically they may be used for walking. Areas are meant to be kept in a natural condition, so activities like the following are prohibited: picking flowers, cutting any vegetation without permission, starting fires, digging and removing any natural items (removing trash is encouraged!). If you encounter any misuse or vandalism in the Conservation areas, please call the Marblehead Police Department – use 911 for an emergency or 781-631-1212 for other issues.



MARBLEHEAD CONSERVANCY TRAILS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Trails Committee is to preserve, protect, and improve access to Marblehead's open spaces for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. We also want to educate the public about open spaces.

We do this by:

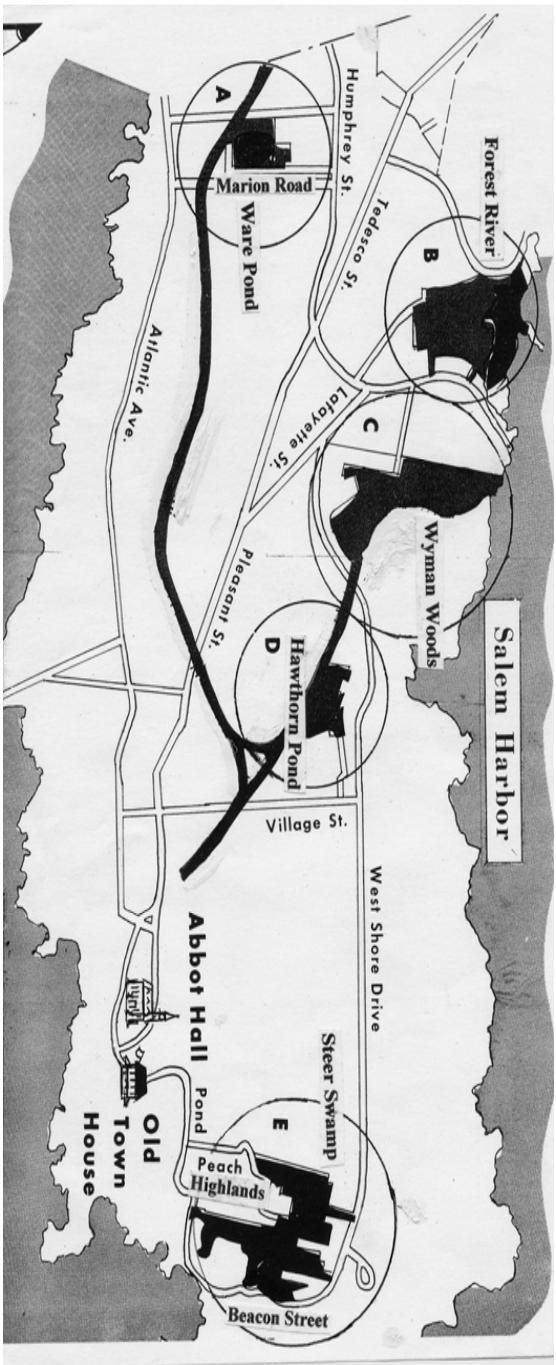
- Working with property owners to develop master plans for open spaces
- Recruiting, training and organizing trail crews
- Providing professional forestry guidance and supervision
- Maintaining and improving the trail system in Marblehead
- Removing invasive plant species and replanting with native plants.
- Organizing trails projects for groups.
- Providing education and programs for the public.
- Securing grants and funding from other sources

TRAILS TRAINING

Volunteers are the backbone of our effort and our most important asset.

Training is offered the first Saturday morning of the month.

Contact Don Morgan 631- 1243 for more information.



- A. Ware Pond – This area of 7 ¾ acres is located in the Clifton section of town. The pond occupies half the area and is a rich wildlife refuge for birds, particularly during migration periods. During the winter, the pond is used for skating. Its surrounding area supports a variety of plants and animals including water lilies, large turtles, muskrat and wetland plants.
- B. Forest River - Located along the Forest River between Salem and Marblehead, this 25 acre parcel is the only estuarine land in town. Subject to tidal action it is a spawning ground for much marine life as well as a home for waterfowl. Ledge outcroppings and an old sand and gravel operation lend interest to this lovely area.
- C. Wyman Woods – These 33½ acres of land extend from Gatchell's Field to Salem Harbor. It is mostly an undeveloped upland and an ideal hiking area with well maintained trails. The Shore Lea cabin is where the Marblehead Conservancy Trails Committee holds its monthly trainings for volunteers.
- D. Hawthorn Pond – these 8½ acres of woodland, pond and swampland provides walkers and hikers with a variety of environments. The small pond hosts a variety of waterfowl, local and migratory birds. Good hiking trails provide a pleasant walk around the pond and adjacent woodlands.
- E. Steer Swamp – The largest of the conservation areas (43 acres) is ideal for hiking with good trails and a wide variety of ecosystems, plants and animals to enjoy. Views from ledge outcroppings overlook the swamp and Black Joe's Pond where winter skating is a favorite pastime. A wide variety of birds, plants and small animals are in residence.



MARBLEHEAD WOODLAND FIRE PREVENTION GUIDE



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