

# Prospect Hill Park Trails

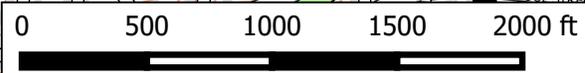


## Legend

- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Scenic View
- Rest Rooms
- Picnic Shelter
- Information Kiosk
- Handicap Parking
- Water Tanks
- Main Road
- Gate
- Secondary Road  
(No Vehicular Access)
- Paved Trail
- Trail
- Vernal Pool
- Wetland
- 10 foot contours
- MBTA stops



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## Site Facts

**Owner:** City of Waltham

**Acreage:** 252 acres

**Terrain:** Hilly, dense woodland with rocky outcroppings and Waltham's highest hilltop

**Trail rating and elevation gain:** Moderate to steep ♦ Elevation gain up to 485 ft.

**Highlights:** Big Prospect ♦ Little Prospect ♦ Dinosaur Rock ♦ vernal pools ♦ east and west views ♦ well-developed trail network ♦ Summer, Sunset and Valley shelters ♦ old stone walls and steps

**Hazards:** Steep cliffs, stairs, rocky terrain, poison ivy

**Amenities:** Picnic areas, comfort stations, maps, entrance kiosks

**Access via:** North Entrance at Totten Pond Road (parking available) ♦ South Entrance at Prospect Hill Road ♦ Wood Trail at Woodland Road ♦ Pine Ledges Trail at Greenwood Lane ♦ Dinosaur Rock Trail at 5th Avenue

**Handicapped accessibility:** Park roadways are all paved. Parking is allowed along park roadway. Little Prospect trail and numerous picnic shelters are handicap accessible.

### Public transportation:

- Bus #70 – Main Street & Everett Street stop, South Entrance
- Bus #556 – Tomlin Street at Summit Street stop, east side of the park

**For special events and activities, please visit our websites or check out the park kiosks**

#### Recreation Department

[city.waltham.ma.us](http://city.waltham.ma.us) or (781) 314-3475 for permit applications and more information

#### Prospect Hill Park Stewardship Program

[Walthamprospecthillpark@gmail.com](mailto:Walthamprospecthillpark@gmail.com) for stewardship information and other volunteer park opportunities

#### Waltham Land Trust, Inc.

[walthamlandtrust.org](http://walthamlandtrust.org) or (781) 893-3355 for open space information and environmental activities

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## Park Rules

- The park is open year round to the general public from dawn to dusk.
- Motor vehicle access from April to October.
- The speed limit is 10 miles per hour.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to paved roadways and designated parking areas.
- Motorized recreation vehicles such as snowmobiles, dirt bikes and all terrain vehicles are prohibited on park property.
- The City's leash law is enforced in all parks. You must clean up after your pets.
- No alcohol allowed on the premises.
- No fires are allowed of any kind.
- Picnic areas must be left clean and neat.
- Trash receptacles are provided for low volume picnic waste only. Large groups are responsible for removing their own trash.
- The dumping of household or commercial refuse on park property is prohibited.
- The harming, trapping, killing or removal of any bird or animal is prohibited.
- The cutting, picking, up-rooting, breaking, altering, or removing of any tree, flower, shrub or living vegetation is prohibited.
- Paint ball is prohibited in the park.
- No person shall in any manner deface, damage, or remove any item of park property, equipment, building or fixture.
- No person shall behave in a manner that will interfere with the use of and enjoyment of park features by the public.

**Please help us  
keep the park clean!**



# Waltham Land Trust Guide to Open Spaces

## Prospect Hill Park

### Park Overview

Prospect Hill Park is located on the west side of Waltham, near Route 128, and is accessible by public transportation. Owned and maintained by the City of Waltham, it is a 252 acre wooded park with protected vernal pools and dramatic topography containing two main summits.

At 485 feet, the higher summit, Big Prospect, is the second highest point in the vicinity of Boston. The lower summit, which measures 435 feet, is known as Little Prospect. Both summits provide some of the best views of the Boston basin.

The main entrance and parking area is located on the northern side of the property at 314 Totten Pond Road. The southern entrance is located off of Prospect Hill Road and is for foot traffic only.

All picnic sites are available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a site for a special occasion, you must purchase a permit at the Recreation Department, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.