











Charles River Reservation in Waltham: West Section

Legend

-  Paved road or sidewalk link
-  Trail
-  10-foot contours
-  Charles River Reservation
-  Other open space
-  Points of Interest
-  Parks
-  Parking
-  Commuter Rail
-  Bus



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Trail continues on "Charles River Reservation, East Section" map

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appearance of suffragist Lucy Stone, features wooded trails.

3. Purgatory Cove is a small pond with a bridge over the connection to the river. This area is a popular fishing spot.
4. * Former site of Waltham Water Works, located at the current Mt. Feake Cemetery across the river, was built in 1894.
5. Cram's Cove is a small inlet named for Stephen B. Cram, who purchased a farm adjacent to the cove in 1865. The flat area just northeast often flooded and was often referred to as Flowed Meadow.
6. Woerd Avenue Boat Launch is the site of the historic Waltham Canoe Club.
7. * Mt. Feake Cemetery was designed in 1852 by renowned landscape architect, Robert Morris Copeland.
8. * Waltham Watch Factory mass produced precision watches on this site from 1854 to the 1950s.
9. Site of former Nuttings on the Charles, originally a boat and canoe club and later a dance hall, burned down in 1961.
10. Site of the former Waltham Ice Company, founded by Joseph Peterson in 1868, harvested ice for refrigeration.

The **Waltham Land Trust** invites you to join in helping preserve, protect and maintain Waltham's open spaces.

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Site Facts

Terrain: Relatively flat with some wooded areas and some developed ones.

Trail rating and elevation gain: Easy — Developed walking areas including paved and groomed trails.

Hazards: Unprotected access to waterways. Busy roads.

Special rules: Dogs must be on leashes.

Access and Parking: Contact DCR for up-to-date conditions and accessibility.

Public transportation:

- Bus #558 Multiple stops on Crescent Street
- Bus #'s 70, 553, 554, 556 Carter Street opposite Commuter Rail stop
- Bus # 553 Moody and Pine Streets
- Fitchburg Commuter Rail, Waltham stop

Contact: MA DCR, (617) 626-1250; mass.parks@state.ma.us

Websites: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/upper-charles-west-map>

11. The first branch of the Historic Fitchburg Railroad from Charlestown to Waltham opened in 1843.
12. Site of the dock of the White Swan Steamship, established by Col. William Gibbs in 1873. The boat ran from the Moody Street Dam to Auburndale.
13. Cronin's Landing is the site of the former Grover Cronin Department Store, established in 1893.

Another important site, off the map, just upstream (southwest) from Mt. Feake accessed by Charles River Road is Stony Brook Confluence, and the location of Roberts Paper Mill.



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Park Overview

The Charles River in Waltham is located in the southern part of the city, where Moody Street divides it almost equally into western and eastern sections. Portions of the shoreline and abutting lands are owned and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The remainder of the walking trail is accessed by public streets and sidewalks.

The West Section of the river trail in Waltham as described in this pamphlet extends from Forest Grove Park on the Newton City line to Moody Street.

History and Points of Interest

** Indicates point is, or was, on the National Register of Historic Places*

1. Harrington's Grove was originally owned by Benjamin Harrington. At this site, the Waltham branch of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society featured speakers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and others.
2. Forest Grove Park, site of the last public