



open and shaded space. It sits beside a wooded wetland.

3. **The Hardy Pond Conservation Area** footpath passes through 35 acres of woods and wetlands. This area provides habitat for deer, coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, and muskrat, as well as nesting sites for snapping turtles, wood ducks, screech owls, mute swans and other wildlife.
4. **Smith Point** is a 0.2-acre parcel of undeveloped waterfront with direct views of the pond. Smith Point is named after the family that farmed the land for over 200 years. It is owned by the Waltham Land Trust and open for public enjoyment.
5. **Shore Road / Lakeview Avenue** footpath follows the shoreline with an excellent view of the pond.
6. **Lazazzero Park** is on the southern shore of the pond. The park offers excellent views of the pond and features a 1/4 mile walking path, playground equipment, aquatic spray facility, fishing pier, basketball court, baseball fields, boat ramp, benches and picnic tables.
7. **Lakeview Shore Conservation Area** is three undeveloped waterfront parcels owned by the Waltham Land Trust. Like Smith Point, these parcels are open to the public.

For more information visit
hardypond.walthamlandtrust.org



Site Facts

Trail rating and elevation

gain: Easy — Developed walking route uses paved surfaces and footpaths. Elevation gain is insignificant.

Hazards: Unprotected access to waterways. Busy roads are part of the route.

Special rules: Dogs must be on leashes.

Access and parking: Small parking areas on Pine Vale Avenue next to Graverson Playground, and on Princeton Avenue at Lazazarro Park.

Public transportation:

- Bus 61 – Lake Street at Bowdoin Avenue for Lazazzero Park, or Trapelo Road at Sheffield Road for Graverson Playground.

Contact: Waltham Land Trust

**Please help us
keep these areas clean!**

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

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Waltham Land Trust Guide to Open Spaces

Hardy Pond

Overview

The **Pondside Walkway** weaves through residential neighborhoods in the northwest corner of Waltham. It is relatively flat and is a combination of footpaths, boardwalks, streets, and sidewalks. Please use trash receptacles and respect private property. Also, do not interfere with wildlife and stay on the footpaths to protect fragile plant life.

Points of interest

1. **Hardy Pond** is a 43-acre Great Pond. It is a popular site for bird watching, fishing, boating, and ice skating. Regular visitors to the pond are great blue herons, painted turtles, or Canada geese. Lucky observers may also encounter bald eagles, ospreys, mink, muskrats, or different species of hawks, warblers, woodpeckers, waterfowl, fish, turtles, and frogs.
2. **Graverson Playground** offers a 1/4 mile walking path, playground equipment, aquatic spray facility, tennis court, bocce court, pickleball, benches and picnic tables. The park has plenty of