

- plenty of open and shaded space. It sits beside a wooded wetland.
- 2. Seminole Path 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.
- 3. WLT Smith Point Preserve is a small undeveloped peninsula projecting into Hardy Pond with excellent views of pond wildlife. 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.
- **4. WLT Lakeview Preserve** is a half-acre of undeveloped waterfront owned by the Waltham Land Trust. Like Smith Point, this area is open to the public.
- **5. Shore Road Path** follows the shoreline with an excellent view of the pond.
- 6. Lazazzero Park is a 4.3 acre park 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.

# 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

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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

# **Pondside Walkway**

# **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.

From the trail you can see **Hardy Pond**, 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, and Canada geese. Lucky observers may also encounter bald eagles, ospreys, mink, muskrats, or different species of hawks, warblers, woodpeckers, waterfowl, fish, turtles, and frogs.

## **Points of interest**

1. Graverson Playground offers a ¼ mile walking path, playground equipment, aquatic spray facility, tennis court, bocce court, pickleball, a volleyball net, benches and picnic tables. The park has