

George Washington Forest/Town Forest

South Pleasant Street & Charles Street
Hingham, MA

Also known as the Hingham Town Forest this open space offers 197.6 acres of rolling land presents an aspect of open conifer groves, winding eskers, and fern carpeted swales not found elsewhere in Hingham. Vehicles are not allowed, but pine needle covered maintenance roads and trails make for excellent walking. The forest uplands are mainly composed mainly of Red and White Pines and Norway Spruces. Wetland depressions are full of maple shrubbery. The forest is east of Fulling Mill Pond, and glacial ridges and hills surround the area. Many people come to the forest to birdwatch, jog, and horseback ride. A small pull off parking area is available along South Pleasant Street.

The George Washington Town Forest was diagnosed with “Red Pine Scale” and the “Pine Shoot Beetle” which has contributed to the wide-spread mortality of the Red Pine Trees in the forest. After extensive research and plant diagnostic site work performed by the University of Massachusetts Extension’s diagnostic team it was determined that all trees that could potentially fall onto the roads or trails should be removed for Public Safety. The forest continues to be closed for safety of the public during the work. The Town Forest roads were cleared and made passable by the DPW and Tree & Park to allow a contractor to remove the affected trees. A contractor was selected which performed the work through the winter. About 80% of the trees that were a threat to the public have been removed and an on-going tree removal program is in place which evaluates and removes any threats to the public.



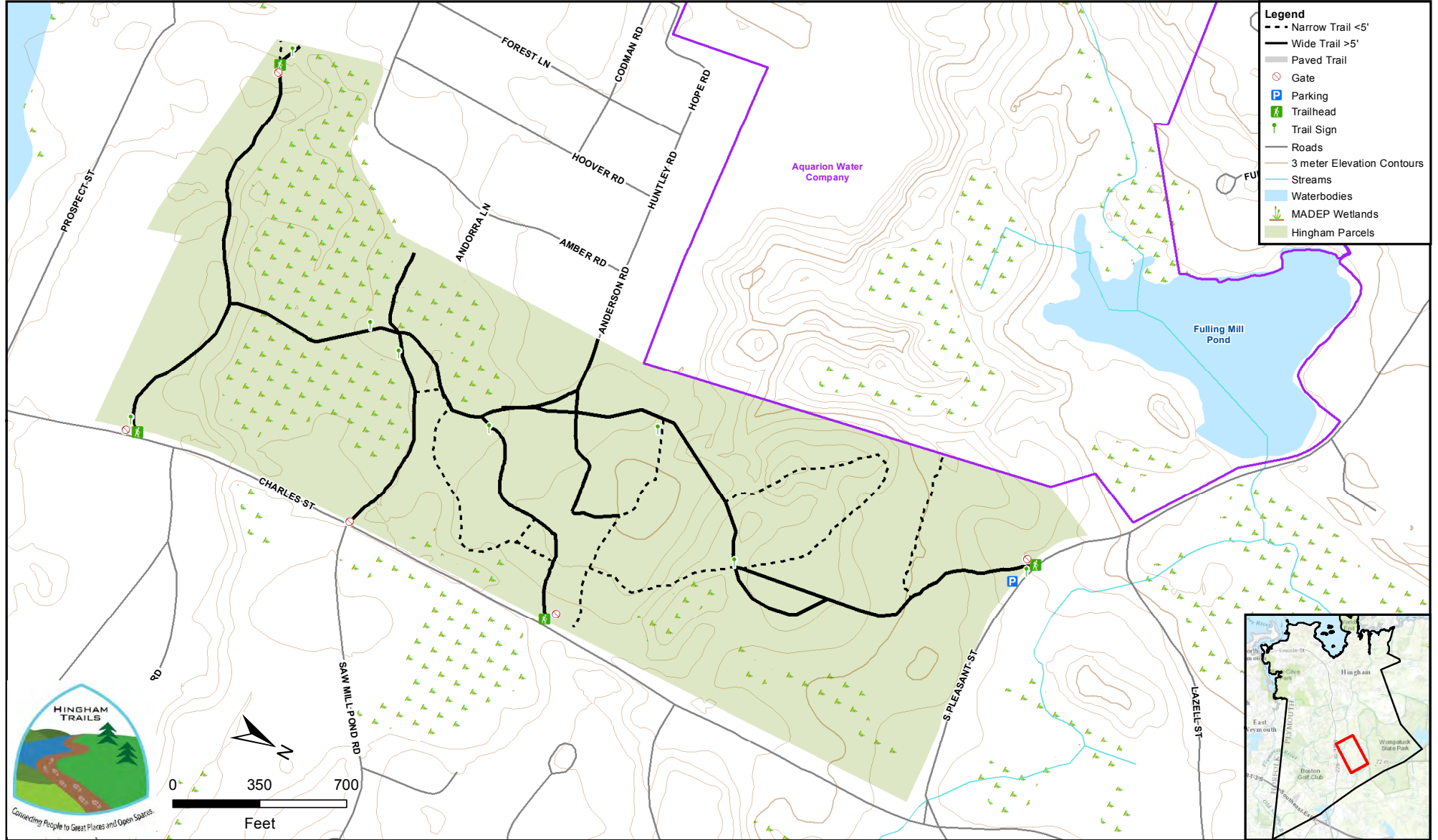
Parking	Trailhead	Paved Trail	Single Track Trail	Wide Forest Trails	Benches	Scenic/View	Cultural Sites	Picnic Area	Interpretative Signs	Fishing Access	Portage Area	Connection to Other Open Space	Connection to Commercial / Transportation Areas
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GEORGE WASHINGTON FOREST

Open Dusk to Dawn
 Town of Hingham, DPW
 Contact: (781) 741-1430

Approx 3 miles
 Pleasant Street

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