

The Fields, Shady Hill & Martina Gage Conservation Lands



Conservation Lands

Shady Hill and Martina Gage conservation lands are located on the northwestern bank of Nuttings Lake. The Fields Conservation Land is directly north of Shady Hill. All conservation lands are managed for the preservation of flood plains, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

- Rod and Fly Fishing
- Lake Access & Views
- Bird Watching & Nature Study
- Snow Shoeing & Cross Country Skiing
- Hiking & Dog Walking
- Mountain Biking

Rules and Regulations

- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No Littering
- No Plant/Wildlife Removal
- Dogs must be leashed at all times

Directions

These lands are most easily accessible via bikes or walking.

The Fields is located at approximately 423 Middlesex Turnpike.

Shady Hill parking is very limited. Some side streets off of Blackwood Ave. have room for 1 or 2 cars, but there is no official lot.



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History

The **Narrow Gauge Rail Bed** ran through these three conservation lands and is an important historic feature of the town.

The Billerica railroad was built in 1877 to demonstrate the advantages of a 2 foot gauge. Passenger service stopped on the last day of 1931 and the line was used as a freight line until it was completely abandoned around 1980.

The two locomotives were named after William Shakespeare's sprites, Ariel and Puck. Today, only the Bedford & North Billerica stations still stand.



The **Bay Circuit Trail** is a Massachusetts recreational trail which, when complete, will form an arc through the outlying suburbs of Boston from Plum Island in Newburyport to Kingston Bay in Duxbury, a distance of 200 miles. The trail, first proposed in 1929 and imagined as an outlying version of Boston's Emerald Necklace trail, spans fifty towns and cities and four counties.

The eastern track will eventually pass through the towns of Bedford, Billerica, and Tewksbury. It has not yet been built in Billerica, but there are plans for it's completion in the coming years.

Town of Billerica Conservation & Recreation Lands

The Fields Conservation land
Shady Hill Conservation Land
Martina Gage Conservation Land
59 Acres

