

MILES OF TRAIL: 1.5



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DIRECTIONS:



From the center of Northborough, on Route 20, follow Church Street

northwest 0.2 miles. Turn Right onto Howard Street and continue 0.9 miles. Bear left onto Green Street. After approximately 0.8 miles, the parking lot will be on your left.

Just south of Mount Pisgah, the open field on the corner of Green Street provides a sweeping view of this Town-owned property. In 2011, Northborough purchased the land using Community Preservation Act funds and in 2014 granted a conservation restriction to Sudbury Valley Trustees, further protecting the land's many conservation values. Another one of SVT's conservation restrictions, the Rawstron property, borders the land to the south. Several agricultural CRs and other protected lands are found nearby as well.

A small pond in the north central portion of the property serves as a reminder of its agricultural past. Until recently, cows grazed the open pasture and made use of the man-made watering hole. The forested portion of the property is dominated by mature eastern white pines, with occasional oaks, beeches and other hardwoods scattered throughout.

Trails installed and cared for by the Northborough Trails Committee guide visitors across the field, over Howard Brook (a coldwater stream and tributary to the Assabet River) and onto the steep wooded hillside. A sloped bridge crosses the stone wall and the brook along Green Street. This bridge allows access from the northern point of the property and perhaps one day will serve as a connector to additional trails.

