

PRIVATE LAND

BROAD BROOK-FITZGERALD LAKE  
GREENWAY  
*City of Northampton*

# BROAD BROOK - FITZGERALD LAKE GREENWAY

NORTHAMPTON, MASS

DISTANCE: 2.7 MILES

 Suggested Route  
 Other Trails  
 Streams & rivers



LOCATOR



# A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE AT BROAD BROOK – FITZGERALD LAKE GREENWAY

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Here you will find one of the most ecologically rich areas of Northampton, consisting of nearly 850 acres of rocky woodlands, extensive wetlands, and abandoned fields. Drawing people and wildlife alike to its prominent feature—the lake—this public space includes an accessible paved path, wooden bridge, and boardwalk, that leads through a marsh to a canoe launch.

## SUGGESTED ROUTE

Enter the woods on the accessible trail, noticing the **bench** where you can sit on your return to ponder the wonders of this natural space. Soon you take a right onto a **boardwalk** that passes through marshland and juts into the lake. Take in the view, launch a canoe, or watch birds from the boardwalk's dock. A bench here also provides a peaceful place to sit. Returning to the trail, go right over the **bridge**. Bear right and follow a short loop trail to the water's edge and back to the main trail. At the intersection follow the blue-blazed trail to the right (a red-blazed trail leads left). Then turn right on a trail that brings you to the lakeside. Look for ducks, otter, and beaver. Return to the main trail and turn right. As you pass through a rocky outcropping, notice the **split rock**. Continuing through the wooded terrain, bear right at a sharp intersection and follow the lakeside trail to the earthen dam. A footpath across the top of the dam's short embankment provides an open **view** westward across the lake. Retrace your steps back to the intersection and follow the upper loop, a red-blazed hillside trail, that meanders up and down through the woods. At the intersection, turn right and retrace your steps to the bridge and bench you passed on the way in.

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO HERE



Walk/Jog



Take Photographs



Take in the View



Watch Wildlife



XC Ski / Snowshoe

## DIRECTIONS

- **GPS address: 95 North Farms Rd., Northampton, MA**
- Parking is available in a small lot with a kiosk on North Farms Road

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Boardwalk with canoe launch
- Earthen dam with a sunset view

## YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Open dawn to dusk, year round
- Please keep dogs on leash and pick up after your pet
- Please stay on the trail and do not enter adjacent private property

## PARTNERS MAKE CONSERVATION POSSIBLE

Kestrel Land Trust partners with the City of Northampton to conserve and care for public lands to help everyone connect with nature. This conservation area is owned by the City and managed by the volunteer group Broad Brook Coalition, which maintains the trails and habitat, holds nature programs, and supports conservation efforts. For more information, contact:

### **Broad Brook Coalition**

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