



About This Property

At a little over 14.1 acres, the Barton Farm Conservation Land is a remnant of what was once roughly 400 acres owned by William Hunt. This land was divided between his two sons. One of them, Israel, had a daughter name Mary Susan. In 1851, she married a man from nearby Concord, a union that would produce three children. It would also result in the transferal of Israel's land to her husband. This man was George W. Barton.

Standing nearby on privately-owned land is a farmhouse, built by Israel circa 1820. Associated barns sit directly across Marlboro Road from the farmhouse. These were built in the mid-1800's, replacing earlier barns that were completely destroyed by fire in February of 1847. It has been claimed that the smallest of the barns was the original post office for North Sudbury, and was formerly located at the depot between Haynes and Pantry Roads.

The larger, historic farm stretched west as far as Mossman Road, where a few distinctive landmarks still remain. The fields of the farm were each given a unique name so that family and hired help could easily find them. "Three Corner Piece" abutted Marlboro and Haynes Roads and is adjacent to the parking area. Not far from there lay "Noyes Hill". To the west was "Maple Grove", where maple saplings were grown and sold to other area farms. To the south was "Noyes Flat", while nearer to the railbed and surrounded by stonewalls, a ditch, and Sawmill Brook sat "Noyes Island". Further east lay the "Rocky Piece", near a pond that once hosted a gristmill on its southern shore. Some of these fields are currently under Agricultural Preservation Restrictions held by the Town, and support active commercial farming.

Nestled amidst the fields is the site of a former iron-ore deposit, noted on a map of Sudbury from 1875. From the earliest days of colonial settlement, bog iron was extracted from the edges of the bog meadows and farms in the Pantry Brook Area. This resource was quickly depleted, but evidence of its existence can still be seen in the form of an orange, oily film coating the surface of the water in many of the streams and wetlands.

Several town-owned Conservation Lands are located nearby to Barton Farm. Less than a half-mile to the southwest as the crow flies sits Poor Farm. Frost Farm and Davis Farm are just a bit further to the northeast, and are accessible from the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (formerly the railbed of the old Penn Central line).

While not accessible, the Pantry Brook and its bordering vegetated wetlands are a prominent feature of this property, meandering across it for over 2,000 feet. The brook flows in a southerly direction from Marlboro Road, before turning east and passing under the Rail Trail.

Access to the Barton Farm Conservation Land is via a small gravel parking area at 296 Marlboro Road. Visitors are welcome to walk the perimeter of the two small fields directly beyond the parking area.

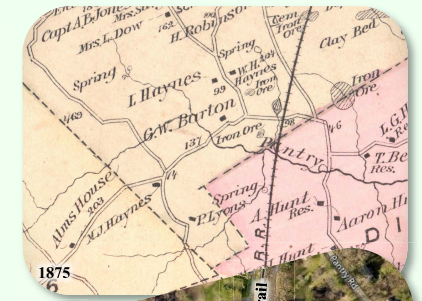
Land Use Regulations

- Conservation Land is open to the public ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.
- No trails shall be cut or marked, nor dams built, nor any structure such as lean-tos, bridges, towers or handrails constructed.
- No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any rock, building, fence, bench, bog bridge, sign or other structure or property, or have possession of any part thereof.
- Depositing or leaving rubbish, litter, demolition or yard debris, garbage, excavated fill or any hazardous waste is prohibited.
- No person shall engage in business, sell, or expose for sale, post, place, or give away any goods, wares or circulars.
- Fishing, trapping, catching, injuring, destroying or interfering in any way with birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals or any other wild animals is prohibited.
- Hunting prohibited except as permitted by the Conservation Commission.
- Horse riding is allowed on designated trails. The Conservation Commission reserves the right to close any trails to horses at any time should trail conditions warrant closure. Riders are expected to remove any horse waste from the trails and not dispose of it in any wetland area. Groups of more than five riders or organized horseback activities require a permit from the Commission.
- Dogs shall be restrained in accordance with the General Bylaws (Chapter 117 – Article II). More than 4 dogs per person shall require written permission from the Conservation Commission. Dog owners/walkers are expected to remove any dog waste from the property. Dog owners/walkers shall yield to horse riders and other trail users. All dog waste must be removed from the property and properly disposed of.
- Possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- Possession of weapons or the discharge of firearms, firecrackers, rockets, sparklers, or fireworks is prohibited, except as permitted by the Conservation Commission.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed except for government emergency vehicles or vehicles authorized, in writing, by the Conservation Commission.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. The Conservation Commission reserves the right to close any trails to bicycles at any time should trail conditions warrant closure.
- Public nudity is prohibited.
- Swimming and wading is prohibited.
- All trash, litter, cans, refuse, bottles etc. shall be removed from the land by the user and disposed of or recycled properly.
- No glass bottles or containers or any kind are permitted on conservation land.
- Please park to maximize the space available. Please do not block the emergency entrance gate.
- Camping permitted by permit. Open fires are prohibited.

A fine of not more than \$100.00 per day shall be imposed for any violation of these regulations, or of a permit issued under these regulations, according to the following schedule: \$150 for a second offense, and \$200.00 for a third or subsequent offense. These fines may be imposed, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40 Section 21D, by the Police or by Commission members or staff. Each day shall constitute a new offense.

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Trail Guide



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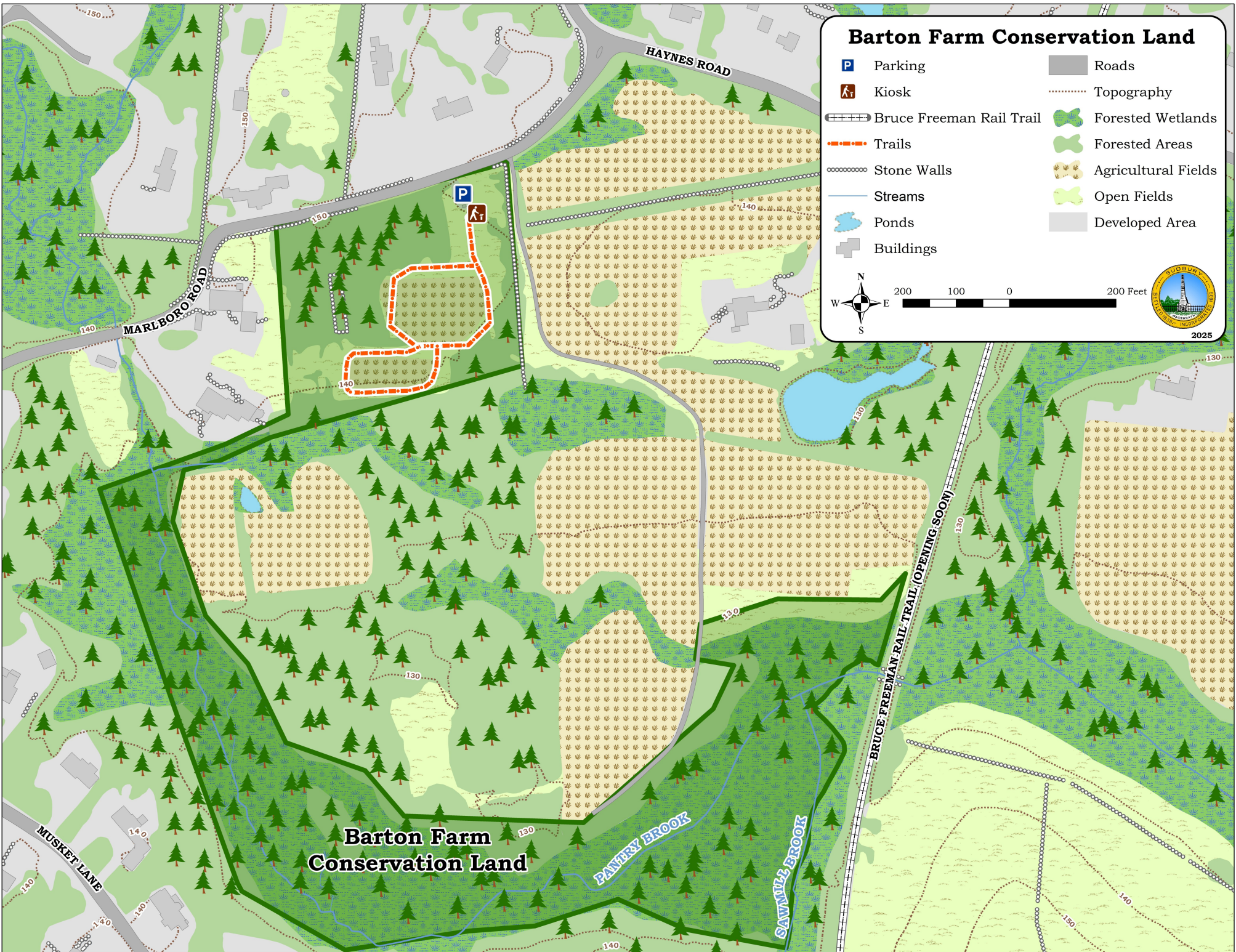


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Barton Farm Conservation Land

Parking	Roads
Kiosk	Topography
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	Forested Wetlands
Trails	Forested Areas
Stone Walls	Agricultural Fields
Streams	Open Fields
Ponds	Developed Area
Buildings	

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