



## PUDDLESTOMPERS™ NATURE EXPLORATION

### Needham Locations & Directions

#### **Ridge Hill Reservation**

463 Charles River Street, Needham

Owned by the Needham Conservation Commission, Ridge Hill Reservation is a 350-acre parcel of land encompassing woodlands, open meadow, and pine groves. There are numerous walking trails, including a Fit-Trail in one area and a loop walk with comprehensive markings put in by the Needham Garden Club.

- **From Rte. 128/95**, take Highland Ave exit towards Needham. Follow all the way to Great Plain Avenue (also called Rte 135). Landmarks along the way include the library, Sudbury Farms Supermarket, and Town Hall. All on your right as you go. At Great Plain Ave/Rt. 135, go right. Follow directions below.
- **From Needham Center**, take Great Plain Avenue (Rt. 135) towards Wellesley. Turn left onto Marked Tree Road -- second left after the post office. Follow through the stop sign until it dead-ends at Central Avenue. Turn left onto Central Ave and follow for about a mile (past Needham Town Dump). Turn right onto Charles River Street and follow about .5 miles where you will see a sign for Ridge Hill Reservation on your right. Turn into the driveway and follow driveway up to the main parking area on the right side (you will pass two smaller parking areas on your way).
- **From Wellesley Center**, take Grove Street towards Needham to the end of the road. At the stop sign, take a left onto Charles River Street and follow about .5 miles where you will see a sign for Ridge Hill Reservation on your left. Turn into the driveway and follow up to the main parking area on the right side (you will pass two smaller parking areas on your way).

#### **Town Forest**

Closest GPS Address is the Town Recycling Station: 1421 Central Avenue, Needham

The entrance that we use for the Needham Town Forest is located on Central Avenue, across from the Town Recycling Station/Dump.

- **From Rte. 128 or Needham Center**, follow above directions for Ridge Hill and take a left into the driveway just after turning left onto Central Avenue.

- **From Wellesley Center**, take Grove Street towards Needham to the end of the road. At the stop sign, take a left onto Charles River Street and follow about 1 mile where you will come to a stop sign at Central Avenue. Go left and follow past the Town Dump on your left. About 50 yards up on your right, turn into the driveway for the Town Forest.

**Indoor Location: Nahanton Park Nature Center, Newton**

*455 Nahanton Street, Newton*

- **From Newton Center**
  - Follow Center Street towards Needham. Pass under Route 9 and follow to a light at the intersection of Dedham Ave, Needham Street and Winchester St.
  - Go straight through light, at which point you will be on Winchester St and follow until it ends at Nahanton St.
  - Go right onto Nahanton, pass through a light at Wells Ave (LSJCC is on the right), and follow about 50 yards to a driveway on the right for Nahanton just BEFORE crossing over the Charles.
- **FROM I95/Rt.128:**
  - Take the exit for Needham Street, towards Needham. At first light (with Muzi Ford on your right), take a left.
  - Follow to the next light at Kendrick Street and go left again, follow down hill and through one light.
  - Just after crossing over the Charles River, turn left into a driveway for Nahanton Park.