



PUDDLESTOMPERS™ NATURE EXPLORATION

Newton Locations & Directions

Nahanton Park

GPS Address: 455 Nahanton Street, Newton

(This is both an outdoor location and the back-up indoor location)

Set along the Charles River, Nahanton Park encompasses 25 acres of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and community gardens.

- **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.

Hammond Pond (also called Webster Conservation Area)

Closest GPS Address: 55 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill

(This is the address for the movie theatre that is in the same parking area as the trail entrance. Follow the directions below to find the smaller parking lot that leads to the entrance of the forest.)

This is the largest conservation area in Newton, encompassing 114 acres of land. The trail begins at Hammond Pond, next to the movie theatre side of the Chestnut Hill Mall. The group will meet at the parking lot in between Hammond Pond Parkway and Hammond Pond.

- **If coming from Beacon St.**, turn onto Hammond Pond Parkway and follow it to the second set of lights just before the Route 9 ramp (on your right) and Boylston Street. At the set of lights take a left into the large parking lot for 'The Street at Chestnut Hill'. Make an immediate left into the first (smaller) parking lot you see. There you will find a signboard and the trail entrance, we will meet there.
- **If coming from Route 9 Eastbound**, take the exit for Hammond Pond Parkway and then turn left onto Hammond Pond Parkway. At the second set of lights turn right into the large parking lot for 'The Street.' Make an immediate left into the first (smaller) parking lot. We will meet past the sign at the trail entrance.

- **If coming from Route 9 Westbound**, exit right onto the Hammond Pond Parkway, then turn right into the large parking lot for 'The Street'. Make an immediate left into the first (smaller) parking lot. We will meet past the sign at the trail entrance.

Cold Spring Park

Closest GPS Address: 78 Duncklee Street, Newton Highlands

Located in Newton Center, Cold Spring Park is 67 acres and full of good family hiking trails. While the main entrance is off of Beacon Street near Beaconwood Road, we will enter off of Duncklee Street.

- Access Walnut Street from either Beacon or Center Street. Coming from Beacon Street, Duncklee will be a right turn, whereas coming from Center Street, it will be a left turn.
- Follow Duncklee until it ends, park on the street at the intersection of Duncklee St. and Beverly Rd. and walk up the access road to the path.

Crystal Lake

Closest GPS Address: 15 Rogers Street

Located in Newton Highlands, Crystal Lake covers 33 acres and was acquired by the City in 1894 and used for ice fishing in the 19th century. Our meeting place will be on the bank off of Lake Avenue just near where Lake Ave meets Rogers Street. This GPS address will lead you to the house across from where we will met.

- Access Walnut Street from either Beacon or Center Street. Coming from Beacon Street, follow to Lake Avenue and go left. Pass through a stop sign at Hyde St, look for parking as you approach Rogers St.
- From Centre Street, coming from Newton Center, turn right onto Allerton Road, follow one block and turn right onto Rogers Street. You will see Crystal Lake on your right, look for parking on a nearby street.

Kennard Park/Lost Pond Sanctuary

GPS Address: 246 Dudley Road, Newton

Located in the northwest corner of Brookline, Lost Pond Sanctuary is part of a collection of open space that also includes Lost Pond Reservation and the Kennard Park and Conservation Area in Newton. In all, this beautiful and hidden area encompasses 30.2 acres and is home to active wildlife and plant life (lots of large frogs in the spring/summer!). Lost Pond itself is a so-called Kettle Hole, a remnant of the receding glaciers of the Ice Age. On it's northern edge, it has developed into a quaking bog and is considered one of the most interesting and unusual types of wetlands found in New England. Take special care when walking on the planks over the quaking bog as a misstep can result in deep immersion in the mud. With care, the pond can be enjoyed by all and is well worth it. We will access Lost Pond at Kennard Park (actual address in Newton), located on 244/246 Dudley Road in Newton.

From Rte. 9 West

- Turn left at Hammond Street (at light where Star Market/CVS is located).
- Follow to rotary, take second right out of rotary onto Newton Street.
- Follow for about .7 mile and turn right onto Dudley Road.
- Follow Dudley Road for about .7 mile, passing through a residential area and one stop sign.

- Entrance to Kennard Park is located on the right side and is marked by a Newton Park/Rec Sign and the street number 244/246. Park just after entering on grass.

From Rte. 9 East

- If headed east on Rte. 9, Dudley Rd. will be on your right, about 0.5 miles after the Newton Centre entrance to Rte. 9.