

Assabet River

Recreation Guide



Access site	Open space
Caution	Hiking trail nearby
Carry-in access	Bicycle trail nearby
Boat ramp	Biking trail
Dam	Walking trail
Wetland	

0 1 Mile

1 Assabet Reservoir (Mill Pond), Mill Road, Westborough



Access: paved boat ramp off Mill Road. Parking: 5 cars in lot, plus roadside. The reservoir is the headwaters of the Assabet River, created in 1968 for flood control and wildlife recreation. Westborough's Charm Bracelet and other connecting trails run around much of the pond.

2 Assabet Reservoir (Mill Pond), Arch Street, Westborough



Access: small trail off of Arch Street just south of RR bridge. Parking: 7 cars, roadside. Small channel to the main reservoir. Shallow in the summer.

3 Oak Bluffs, Nipmuck Drive, Westborough



Mile 2.0
Access: path by gate at end of cul-de-sac. Parking: 3 cars. Westborough Community Land Trust's Oak Bluffs property abuts the river; the trail is about 600 feet from parking to river.

4 Hudson Street, Northborough



Mile 6.3
Access: from paved footpath under aqueduct or next to parking up-

stream of aqueduct. Parking: 2 cars roadside. Very scenic with a short paddle upstream, bounded by old mill dams. Easy access to trails in the Edmund Hill Woods area, just to the west of Hudson Street.

5 Yellick Conservation Area, Hudson Street, Northborough



Mile 6.5
Access: small trail off lot. Parking: 20 cars in lot. Natural stream with riffles, meanders through forest and wetlands downstream. Shallow at low flows. "Coyote Trail" connects to Boundary Street and Route 20.

6 Boundary Street, Northborough/Marlborough



Mile 7.6
Access: Southwest corner of bridge. Parking: 2 cars for loading, 10 cars in lot east of bridge at trail head. Natural stream meanders through forest and wetlands upstream and downstream. Shallow at low flows.

7 Robin Hill Street (downstream of dam), Marlborough



Mile 8.1
Access: off Robin Hill St. just west of the bridge. Short, gentle path at kiosk, but a steep muddy bank. Parking: 6 cars in lot.

8 Donald Lynch Boulevard, Marlborough



Mile 8.8
Access: path off the northeast corner of the parking lot behind shopping center at 739 Donald Lynch Boulevard (Shops at the Pond). Stone steps to river. Parking: many cars.

9 Riverside Park, Chapin Road, Hudson



Mile 12.2
Access: entrance with stone pillars near ball fields. Boat drop-off 75 feet from river. Parking: 8 cars in lot. A scenic and quiet stretch of river.

10 Hudson Library, Rte 85/62, Hudson



Mile 13.7
Access: short, steep path from back left corner of parking lot behind library. Parking: 10 cars in right corner of lot. Paddle upstream past Riverside Park, downstream limited by dam.

A Lake Chauncy, Westborough



Access: gravel ramp off Chauncy Street. Parking: 10-15 cars. Lake Chauncy, a natural Great Pond, is bordered by the old Westborough

State Hospital land (now town-owned) and the Westborough Wildlife Management Area.

B Little Chauncy Pond, Northborough



Access: dirt road off of Lyman Street. Parking: 12 cars, but can be muddy. The dirt ramp is suitable only for small boats and canoes, and is part of the Westborough Wildlife Management Area. Tranquil fishing.

C Bartlett Pond, Northborough



Access: paved road off Lyman Street at sign for Watson Park. Parking: 10 cars. Paved ramp suitable for small boats and canoes.

D Fort Meadow Reservoir, Bolton Street (Rte 85), Marlborough



Access: short trails to Fort Meadow Reservoir from parking lot for "The Grove." Parking: 20 cars in parking area. Short hiking trails through the conservation area.

RIVER SAFETY

Although most of the Assabet River flows gently, please be aware that dams, high water (and low bridges), downed trees, and seasonal rapids can pose serious hazards to boaters. Please be careful and wear a life jacket. You can check with OARS if unsure of the conditions.

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