



Map 13 – Pembroke

BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route

(map dated May 2008)

North to South (here, actually west to east)

Pembroke:

Trail is blazed with occasional white rectangular markers placed high on trees, utility poles, or stakes. Offset double blazes indicate a turn in the direction of the upper blaze. The BCT logo is used where the trail crosses a road and as a confidence marker.

P 42°03'37" 70°50'26"

0.0 From the Town Line of Hanson/Pembroke follow Maquan St southeast.

There is a large cranberry bog on the right side of the road. Cross

Matakesett St. *Pizza shop and convenience store about 100 yards to the left if food or drink are needed.* Turn right on Matakesett St and proceed to Phillips Rd, about 100 yds.

42°03'30" 70°50'07"

0.38 Turn left onto Phillips Rd (E/SE). **Great Sandy Bottom Pond**, on the right, is a reservoir for Rockland/Abington waterworks. On the left is **Furnace Pond**, used for swimming, boating, fishing and ice skating. Bear right onto Ridge Ave, which becomes a dirt road bordered by woods. The pavement starts again as the road crosses a small stream.

R 42°02'55" 70°49'52"

1.46 Bear left at the intersection with Glenwood Rd and proceed S/SE where there are nice views of old cranberry buildings and bogs. **Little Sandy Bottom Pond** can be seen in the distance. Take the left fork and continue as the road becomes bordered by woods.

42°02'40" 70°49'45"

1.77 At the top of the hill turn left onto a rutted dirt road. Cross the paved road (Sandy Ln) and continue on the old logging road. When you can see the brick school, look for the path to the left and follow it. Turn right at the intersection and follow the wooden electric poles behind Bryanville Elementary School. At the bottom of the steep hill, turn right and follow the bog road around a left curve and out to Center St (Rte 36).

42°02'38" 70°49'12"

2.44 Walk to the far left side of the opening onto the street by the mail box. Cross Center St and enter the paved driveway briefly. In about 20 feet, step off onto the dirt path on the right. *Please stay within the narrow corridor of marked path until you climb the hill as the public way closely skirts private property between two houses in this area.* The path passes between some rock outcrops and makes a couple of sharp turns as it goes over the

hill and down to **Tubb's Meadow**, an area of old cranberry bogs and ponds.

42°02'39" 70°48'59"

2.69 Turn left on the bog road and follow it to the cut-through on the left, which leads out to a large sandy area. A stone ring, of unknown origin, is located here. Its spokes accurately point north, south, east and west. The BCT follows the bog road to the left and continues around the perimeter of the open area. Many species of birds live here. Watch for ducks, swans, Canadian Geese and Great Blue Herons.

When the path crosses a cement culvert, turn left and shortly thereafter, continue on the main trail as it bears right (south). Continue on main trail past the pump house on the right.

At the next intersection, bear left, keeping the water on the right. Continue straight to the large Y fork and bear left away from the water.

At the next intersection turn left. After a very short distance follow the primary trail as it bears right. Continue to the fork and follow the path on the right down the hill, past the red pump house and around to the left where it enters the main parking area for **Tubb's Meadow Preserve** (P=10).

S 42°02'32" 70°48'34"

3.72 Exit the parking area, turn right onto Monroe St (S) and proceed to School St (Rte 27) and turn left. Before the top of the hill, look on the right for two white posts with a low connecting chain, entrance to **Veterans Commemorative Town Forest**.

42°02'10" 70°48'17"

4.27 Enter the **Veterans Commemorative Town Forest** at the white posts. Follow the trail to a T junction and turn right. The trail follows the top of a glacial esker until the first very obvious side trail. Take this trail, which cuts back sharply to the right, down to the bottom of the esker and then parallel to it.

At the T intersection turn right. At the next T turn left.

When the trail offers a Y junction, follow the main trail to the left. *(Detour onto the right trail for a beautiful overlook of Silver Lake just a short walk up and to the left of the trail. Silver Lake is a reservoir for Brockton and is a beautiful, peaceful body of water with no boating or swimming allowed. Bald eagles have been seen in the area).*

Continuing on the main trail, at the T intersection the BCT (main trail) goes left. *(A short detour right goes to another view of the lake and offers a bench.)* Continuing on the main trail, bear right at the Y and go down the hill.

Very quickly come upon the next intersection and bear left. Follow the trail up the hill.

Near the top, take the right fork and proceed on the wider path. Proceed straight past intersecting trails on the right and left.

At the Y take the left leg and follow it for a distance out to the main entrance and parking (P=10+) where you will exit the **Veterans Commemorative Memorial Forest**.

T 42°02'00" 70°48'04"

A temporary trail from this point to the Kingston town line has been blazed along School Street (Rte 27). The Pembroke BCT Committee is working to establish an off-road route.

5.25 Turn right onto School St. (Rte 27) and head south. *Caution:* There are fairly wide shoulders on both sides of the street, but traffic can be heavy and fast.

U 42°01'16" 70°47'36"

6.2 The Town line of Pembroke/Kingston is the end of the BCT in Pembroke. The Kingston trail starts just ahead on the right. Barse's Lane is the access road to the **Silver Lake Sanctuary**.

Map 13 – The JEWELS

Pembroke:

Willow Brook Farm Preserve (Wildlands Trust) - trails thru varied habitats including old cranberry bog and a red cedar grove. Observation tower for views of swamp and Herring Brook. Parking on Barker St. (Rte 14) southwest of Rte 53.

Hobomock School area - Wide paths running through a densely wooded area, including a historic cart path marked on early maps. Old fieldstone walls criss-cross the property. Best hiked as a linear path, starting at the parking lot at the very end of Learning Lane (off Hobomock St). Main trail marked with painted white blazes; many unmarked and unmapped side trails.

Veteran's Commemorative Town Forest - This beautiful pine forest nestles on the shores of Silver Lake. Many trails crisscross this hilly preserve and occasionally offer lovely views of the peaceful reservoir. Parking at the main entrance on Rte. 27 near the Pembroke Community Middle School.

Tubb's Meadow Preserve - 125 acres of diverse habitat including old cranberry bogs, dirt roads, a large reservoir, unaltered wetlands and acres of oak and pine uplands. It is home to many animals and birds. Two parking areas are located off Mill St. near Center St. and off Monroe St.

Map 13 – FOR MORE INFORMATION

maps and trail guides:

Relevant USGS topo maps are 7.5 x 7.5 Whittman, Bridgewater, Hanover, and Plimpton

land and water protection organizations:

Pembroke Conservation Commission – 100 Center St, Pembroke 02359 781-293-3844

Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts - A non-profit land conservation organization founded in Plymouth in 1973. Works with private landowners on gifts of beloved land, conservation restrictions, and (rarely) purchases land. The Trust now owns or holds conservation restrictions on more than 140 properties, protecting over 4,500 acres of land in 26 communities and growing. Membership applications on line at www.wildlandstrust.org POBox 2282, Duxbury MA 02331 781-934-9018

Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife – manages Burrage Pond WMA www.mass.gov/dfiwele/

Pembroke Watershed Association – Mission is to educate the public and to restore and preserve the ponds of Pembroke for clean and safe recreational use. Events and photos on website. www.pembrokeponds.org P.O. Box 368 Pembroke, MA 02359-0368

North and South Rivers Watershed Assn – river and stream protection and activities. Events and membership info on-line www.nsrwa.org POBox 43 Norwell 02061 781-659-8168

Charles River Wheelmen - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout BC area. Excellent website lists rides, membership & other info www.crw.org

The **Bay Circuit Alliance** headquarters is located in the Moor and Mountain store at 3 Railroad St., Andover, across the tracks from the converted old RR station. 978-470-1982 <baycircuit@junio.com> www.baycircuit.org