

TRAILS & CONSERVATION AREAS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

(Bold trail sections are part of Ipswich River Greenway)

SITE NAME / TRAIL SECTION	ACRES	LENGTH (MI)	DESCRIPTION
BARE MEADOW CONSERVATION AREA	125.0		
red-blazed trail		0.41	Blazes and the trail itself need to be maintained. The entrance off Pearl Street should be kept clear of trash and dumped yard debris.
Franklin St access and blue-blazed trail		0.36	A trailhead kiosk off Franklin Street and a trail that skirts Wood End Cemetery need to be maintained. The trail from the back of Wood End Cemetery to the Greenway has a narrow boardwalk and a bridge to maintain. Blue blazes.
Evergreen Trail on Kylee drive	19.4	0.33	A boardwalk is being built on this trail. The trail crosses easements over 2 private lots to connect Baker Road to Kylie Drive to Charles Street. A loop through Reading Open Land Trust's (ROLT) Evergreen lot is planned.
KURCHIAN WOODS	44.0		
blue-blazed trail		0.37	Access off Pondview Lane needs to be patrolled for unauthorized uses. Trails and blazes need to be maintained. Trails in the northeast section near Rocky Road could be reestablished. Trash and fire pits need to be cleaned up.
LOBS POUND MILL SITE	0.9		
Access trail and picnic area		250 ft	The State built an accessible trail and fishing platform here. They also improved the parking lot. The area needs to be mowed, trash picked up, and a kiosk, signs, and picnic tables maintained.
River dikes		330 ft	There are two dikes going upstream from Mill Street at the Lobs Pound Mill site. One forms the river bank, the other goes out into a marsh adjacent to the river. The latter is part of the proposed greenway. Though both are short, dead-end trails, they are great for birdwatching; they should be kept clear.
LINNAEA THELIN BIRD SANCTUARY	11.8		
LONGWOOD CONSERVATION AREA	6.9	0.15	Across the railroad tracks from the Maillet, Sommes, and Morgan Land, access is off Hancock Street. The area is primarily wetlands and would need lots of work to make it inviting. The entrance was recently improved.
MAILLET, SOMMES & MORGAN LAND	18.8	500 ft	An old trail starts at the end of Longwood Road and dead-ends below new apartments in Woburn near RT 93. The trail condition is unknown. New trails could be built to better serve this neighborhood.
MARION WOODS	8.4		Access is from Willow Street and the trail used to go through to Lee Street, but beaver activity has flooded much of the area.

	Cranberry Dam Trail: Cranberry dam and "alligator alley" boardwalk.		0.29	This is a big commitment, but a great trail. This trail section runs from the Cranberry Dam, through a witch hazel grove and over the "Alligator Alley" boardwalk ending at the pine plantation in the Town Forest. The boardwalk is about 80% complete. The Cranberry dam bridge will need to be rebuilt in the future. The trail should be blazed red.
	George Perry Trail / Wood End School loop		0.51	The trail consists of an old woods road from the Wood End School playing field to the Cranberry Dam and then a single track trail that circles back along Dividence Meadow. The steep climb from Dividence Meadow up to an old council ring needs to be reengineered to prevent erosion. The council ring would make a great outdoor classroom if improved. The access trail from the foot of the Wood End School driveway near Sunset Rock Lane should be maintained as well. The loop and access trail should be blazed blue. A kiosk near the playing field needs to be maintained.
	Cross-Country Ski Trail		0.32	This trail skirts the council ring area. Fallen branches should be kept clear and it should be blazed purple.
	Overlook trail		0.17	This short, steep trail was recently blazed. It will need steps built and erosion controlled. There are potential overlooks that could be developed. Blazes are yellow.
	Esker Trail		0.13	This trail follows an esker. The trail was once blazed through from the fire road to the Great Island Trail. It goes through the marsh to do so, so it probably gets little use. It's a pretty trail and has winter use potential.