

The Lane Homestead was purchased by Foxborough in 1988 for \$1.5M from the estate of Clifford and Edith Lane.

Combined with adjoining conservation parcels, the area contains 90+/- acres of preserved open space on Neponset Reservoir, with 1½ miles of shoreline, 3 hay fields, forests, two sandy lakefront peninsulas, Blueberry Island, and the dam.

Lane Learning Center opened in 2017. It was the brainchild of the Friends of Foxboro Conservation, who initiated the project after receiving a grant for \$100K from Schneider Electric. This environmental education project soon morphed into an enthusiastic community project, built by Foxborough volunteers including members of the Friends group, contractors, craftspeople, Schneider employees, DPW, boy scouts, and contractors.

The All Person's Trail is a wheelchair-accessible path between the parking lot and a large deck overlooking Crack Rock Pond. Through the clear sections of the deck's railing, visitors can observe the pond's wide variety of wildlife, such as otters, great blue herons, orioles, kingfishers, blue birds, frogs, and turtles.

The Story Book Trail, which begins at the parking lot, follows an old dirt road through a peaceful pine forest and along the Neponset Reservoir, before it circles back via a woodland trail to its start.

Fishing is allowed, but catch and release is recommended.

Please Remember Foxborough's conservation areas don't have any bathrooms, trash receptacles or potable water, so plan accordingly.

Please carry out what you carry in.

Conservation Land Rules and Regulations

The Lane Homestead Conservation Area is open from dawn to dusk. For the protection and enjoyment of all, ***the following are prohibited:***

- * Littering
- * Unauthorized motorized vehicles
- * Alcoholic beverages, glass bottles
- * Pets, except on a leash (*please pick up after your pet*)
- * Hunting or trapping
- * Open fires and/or campfires
- * Cutting trails, damaging vegetation
- * Collecting plants and/or wildlife
- * Disruptive conduct

The following activities ***may*** be allowed with the written permission of the Commission:

- * Use of fire pit at Learning Center
- * Camping by scouting groups
- * Group (10+ individuals) use of building

A complete version of the conservation land rules and regulations is available online and at the Conservation Office in Town Hall.

For additional information, please visit the Conservation Commission's website at:
www.foxboroughma.gov/conservation

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Lane Homestead Conservation Area

North Street, Foxborough

Trail Map

***Learning Center,
David Risch Garden,
All-Person's Trail &
Story Book Trail***

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Access:

- * Laprelot Road, off North Street near RR tracks; large gravel parking lot.
- * Munroe Street, park at end of road.
- * Chestnut Street, east of the RR, trailhead at sign; small parking area.