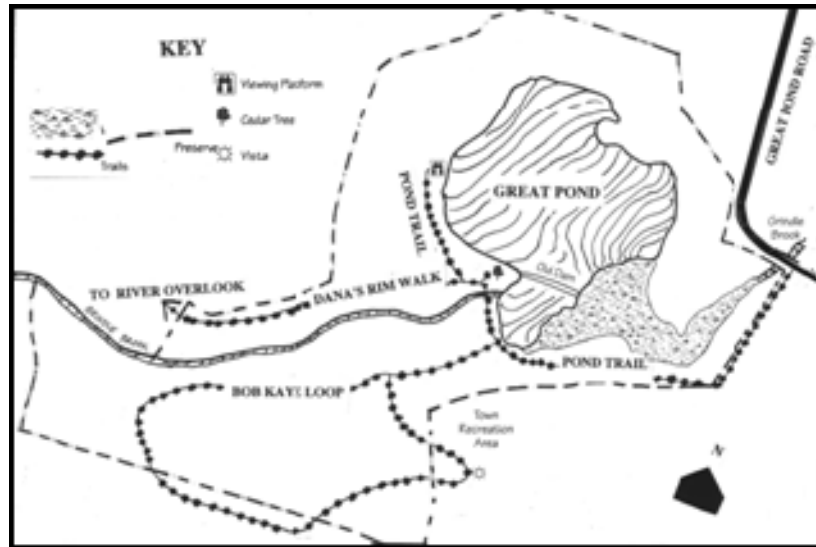


Great Pond Preserve



Park along Great Pond Road near the entrance sign, which is visible from the road

This 70-acre preserve is owned by the town and managed in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy. The terrain is gently rolling with good footing.

Great Pond itself is a 12-acre glacial drawdown pond. It experiences great fluctuations in water level throughout the year. The plants around the pond are specially adapted to survive conditions of total immersion and drought. Along the wooded uplands the preserve provides a home for a diverse community of plant and animal species. On the Pond Trail, just beyond the bridge, you will see the largest red cedar tree in New England. This tree has a circumference of about 10 feet and is 150 years old. The overlook at the edge of the pond is a great place for birding. Migrating waterfowl and wading birds favor this area. A walk to the platform and back is a one-mile round trip.

Dana's Rim Walk is named in honor of Dana Waring who conceived this route while a member of Glastonbury's Conservation Commission. One section of Dana's trail crosses a steep side hill and is tricky going.