



About This Property

Purchased from William Hazen Davis by the Town of Sudbury in 1974, the Davis Farm Conservation Land is a 52-acre tract located in northeast part of town, on the southern side of North Road (Route 117), about a quarter mile east of the North Sudbury Fire Station. It adjoins the 29-acre Davis Field parcel, purchased by the Parks & Recreation Commission in 1975, and the 22-acre Cail Farm parcel, gifted to the Conservation Commission in 2006.

A small parking lot serving trail users is located off of North Road, on the right as you pass Windmill Drive heading toward Concord. Standing at not too great a distance is the old farmhouse. This is thought to have been built circa 1715, making it one of the oldest buildings still gracing the northern part of Town. It once served as an inn for travelers along what was then the "Old Fitchburg Turnpike". In the 18th century it was purchased by Reuben Haynes, a farmer with roots in Sudbury stretching back to 1639.

A walking path connects the lot to the nearby Davis Field. This popular open area is notable for its role as a nesting spot for bobolinks, and as the site of Mass Audubon's annual bird survey.

Beyond a vehicle access gate, a wide, flat, farm road winds its way south from the lot. About 800 feet along on the right lies a small meadow. This is the site of an on-going effort to cultivate native plant species that support the local pollinator population.

The road ultimately opens into an agricultural field located in the southeastern corner, near to Cold Brook. In keeping with tradition, a license to farm this area is held by a local farmer. **Be alert!** The access road and field are frequently traversed by tractors during the growing season. The field, pollinator meadow, and recreational field are all prime spots for birdwatching.

Land Use Regulations

- Conservation Land is open to the public ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.
- No trails shall be cut or marked, nor dams built, nor any structure such as lean-tos, bridges, towers or handrails constructed.
- No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any rock, building, fence, bench, bog bridge, sign or other structure or property, or have possession of any part thereof.
- Depositing or leaving rubbish, litter, demolition or yard debris, garbage, excavated fill or any hazardous waste is prohibited.
- No person shall engage in business, sell, or expose for sale, post, place, or give away any goods, wares or circulars.
- Fishing, trapping, catching, injuring, destroying or interfering in any way with birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals or any other wild animals is prohibited.
- Hunting prohibited except as permitted by the Conservation Commission.
- Horse riding is allowed on designated trails. The Conservation Commission reserves the right to close any trails to horses at any time should trail conditions warrant closure. Riders are expected to remove any horse waste from the trails and not dispose of it in any wetland area. Groups of more than five riders or organized horseback activities require a permit from the Commission.
- Dogs shall be restrained in accordance with the General Bylaws (Chapter 117 – Article II). More than 4 dogs per person shall require written permission from the Conservation Commission. Dog owners/walkers are expected to remove any dog waste from the property. Dog owners/walkers shall yield to horse riders and other trail users. All dog waste must be removed from the property and properly disposed of.
- Possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- Possession of weapons or the discharge of firearms, firecrackers, rockets, sparklers, or fireworks is prohibited, except as permitted by the Conservation Commission.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed except for government emergency vehicles or vehicles authorized, in writing, by the Conservation Commission.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only. The Conservation Commission reserves the right to close any trails to bicycles at any time should trail conditions warrant closure.
- Public nudity is prohibited.
- Swimming and wading is prohibited.
- All trash, litter, cans, refuse, bottles etc. shall be removed from the land by the user and disposed of or recycled properly.
- No glass bottles or containers or any kind are permitted on conservation land.
- Please park to maximize the space available. Please do not block the emergency entrance gate.
- Camping permitted by permit. Open fires are prohibited.

A fine of not more than \$100.00 per day shall be imposed for any violation of these regulations, or of a permit issued under these regulations, according to the following schedule: \$150 for a second offense, and \$200.00 for a third or subsequent offense. These fines may be imposed, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40 Section 21D, by the Police or by Commission members or staff. Each day shall constitute a new offense.

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Trail Guide



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