



About This Property

The 78-acre Lincoln Meadows Conservation Land is located in the northeastern corner of Sudbury. The land is a part of a larger, unspoiled 1,080-acre area in the Sudbury River Valley. This area includes the Great Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary (U.S. Fish & Wildlife), the Pantry Brook Reservation (MassWildlife), and Round Hill (Sudbury Valley Trustees), all of which are contiguous.

Lincoln Meadows, purchased by the Town of Sudbury as two parcels in 1965 and a third parcel in 1971, is located at the base of Round Hill. Lincoln Meadows and the surrounding areas include fields, marsh, woodland, ponds, and streams. Many kinds of plants and small animals are found in the wetland and upland terrain of Lincoln Meadows. It is situated in a major flyway, where migratory birds can be observed in spring and fall.

Round Hill was purchased in 1964 by the Sudbury Valley Trustees, Inc., a private land trust. Round Hill is a drumlin (a glacial remnant of the Ice Age), and stands at an elevation of 227 feet above sea level. It is the most prominent geological feature in the area. Round Hill is not part of the Lincoln Meadows property.

Lincoln Meadows features the Sudbury Community Gardens. The program exists for gardeners to grow vegetables and flowers in the summer in a sunny location with rich soil. Some garden plots are restricted to organic horticultural methods only.

The cost of each 30 foot by 30-foot plot is \$30, while half-plots are available for \$20. The fee covers plowing, manure, staking, and other incidental expenses. A hand pump accesses surface water into the early summer. Gardeners may obtain more than one plot. A kiosk with a posted plot map provides guidance to the area. Plots are also available for residents of neighboring towns. Information on the Community Gardens is located at <https://sudbury.ma.us/conservation/>.

Both Lincoln Meadows and Round Hill are managed for quiet recreational use by the public, and are subject to the regulations adopted by the Commission. The trail at Lincoln Meadows along the community gardens is wide and flat. The Round Hill trail has a moderately steep slope to the top of the hill with some rocks and tree roots.

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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