



Walking in Massachusetts

Bearshen Conservation Area in Athol

On the map there are 2 parking locations, one off Bearden Road and one off South Royalston Road. The one off Bearden is the main entrance and parking is free.

Highlights of this space include: There are over 10 miles of trails with great look out platforms and walking along the Miller River. You can even reserve the use of Paige Cabin or the Shelters at the Duck Pond or Buckman Brook (for pictures of these shelters and directions on how to reserve them-[click here](#)).

Hike idea: Make sure to have a print out of the map with you before heading out. This hike option may be tiring and can be time consuming- know what other options you could do to change this route if needed. Take Bearden Road to Fire Road to Scotts Corner and check out the Duck Pond Shelter. Then head up the Sheep Rock Trail to the platform. Head to Deep Cut Bypass trail to a nice climb up Bemis Hill. Catch the Round Top Trail and enjoy the views at the platform and back to the parking lot!

Dogs are allowed on a leash. Lace up your sneakers or hiking boots, bring your microspikes, grab mosquito and tick spray, sunscreen, a hat, dress in layers, bring a copy of the map, have your trail app ready, bring a snack and LOTS of water- ENJOY!

For more detailed information, [click here](#). For a trail map with blazed loops, [click here](#).

“Nature is the purest portal to inner-peace.”

– Angie Weil and Crosby