## **WELL AWARE**



## Walking in Massachusetts

## Oak Hill Conservation Land in Littleton

Special tips for this location: There are two parking lots; the main parking area and entrance is off Oak Hill Road and a 10 car lot is on Harvard Rd.

Highlights of this space: Check out Look Out Rock where you may see the Boston skyline on a clear day. Even more interesting, make sure to notice the Tophet Chasm. This was the location of a glacial lake (Lake Nashua) about 15,000 years ago. At one point long ago, the water found an outlet and the water carved out a deep chasm. This became a waterfall 120 feet high. Today there are no falls, the walls are less than 80 feet and nature has filled in the chasm with the Tophet Swamp- but it is impressive nonetheless. You may also run into grooves from late heavy coaches, remnants of antenna towers and a water tower. Please read more about it here.

Hike idea: There are about seven miles of trails. There are three main trails marked red, yellow, and blue. There are a few unmarked trails and also orange marked link trails. I would recommend following the yellow trail to the red look out trail and back, if you have more time try out the other trails!

Dogs are allowed but should be kept on leash the whole time. For more rules and regulations, click <u>here</u>. Lace up your hiking boots (pack your microspikes if icy or snowshoes if lots of snow), grab mosquito and tick spray if it's seasonably warm, dress in layers, wear your blaze orange if its hunting season, bring a copy of the map, have your trail app ready, bring a snack and water bottle- ENJOY!

For more detailed information, <u>click here</u>. For a trail map, <u>click here</u> (scroll down to Oak Hill Map header)

"We still do not know one thousandth of one percent of what nature has revealed to us."

Albert Einstein



