



Walking in Massachusetts

Beebe Woods, Falmouth

Special tips for this location: There are a few parking areas including The Cape Cod Conservatory at the end of Highfield Drive (look on the right for “Hiker’s Lot”), Ter Heun Drive, a small unpaved parking area west of Gosnold and others you can find on the [map](#). Hike suggestion is from the Highland Hall and Gardens parking lot.

Highlights of this space include: For a fee, if you are interested visit the Highland Hall which was the original owner’s summer estate. Regardless of if you go inside or not, don’t miss visiting the gardens surrounding the hall, which are free to view. To read more about the history of the owners and the estate, click [here](#). To learn about hosting a private event, click [here](#).

The Beebe Woods surround the hall and they lie across the top of the glacial moraine that stretches from Woods Hole to beyond the Cape Cod Canal. The hills were created at the close of the last Ice Age and are still scattered with glacial erratics and the “Punch Bowl” (a deep kettle pond). The area is filled with different types of trees such as oak, pine, beech, tupelo, Atlantic white cedar, sassafras, and hickory. Beebe Woods and Peterson Farm have about 7 miles of trails.

Hike idea: Park at the Highland Hall to check out the house and gardens and then enter the woods. Have a print out of the trail map and have your trail app on. A suggested hike is to check out the Punch Bowl and then venture southwest toward Ice House (Miles) Pond and to Peterson Farm. After rounding the farm fields, walk back toward Beebe Woods on the carriage roads to your parking area.

Leash up your dog. Lace up your sneakers, hiking boots, (microspikes if icy) grab mosquito and tick spray, sunscreen if needed, 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, [click here](#).

“The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness” – John Muir

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