



Walking in Massachusetts

Farandnear in Shirley

Special tips for this location: There is a medium sized parking lot off of Center Road, Shirley. Open sunrise to sunset, seasonal use of bathrooms, and no fees. Great location for picnicking, relaxing, hiking and hosting events.

Highlights of this space include: The property gets its name from a previous resident who considered this location “far enough” from his home in Wollaston and “near enough” to be a vacation home! The property has a pavilion and fire pit that are first-come, first-served. If you want to reserve the space for a group outing, email fruitlands@thetrustees.org. You can also use this location for weddings and other events, for more information, [click here](#).

Hike idea: Make sure to have a map with you before heading out. Go to the gate that protects the land from animals and follow the trail. Take a right when you get to the blue trail and follow the loop around about .75 miles. If you want to add to this hike, take Bog Road and follow the yellow loop around, about 1 mile. To return to your car, take Bog to the blue trail and back to your car.

Dogs are allowed- but must be leashed at all times. Leave your mountain bike at home. 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](#).

“Less noise and more green” – Tolkien