

HLCT Property Report 2013

Eel River Woods – Don Kidston, Steward

A gift of Mary Niles, Eel River Woods offers a serene woodland walk near Cushing Pond. Access is provided on Cushing Street near the intersection of Pioneer Road. Visitors can park on the newly cleared shoulder of Cushing Street and enjoy nature along over a half mile of cleared trails. Volunteers to help keep trails clear are always welcome. Please contact us if you are interested.

Whortleberry Hollow – Bob Courchesne, Steward

Although Whortleberry Hollow suffered extensive tree damage and downed trees on the trails and in the meadow this past winter and early spring, several chain saw outings by five board members and much generous assistance by volunteers Nick Sowles and Bill Reardon completed the clean-up in late May. Spring improvements also included a welcoming property sign on Cushing Street and an updated informational display board at the beginning of the trail. This thirteen-acre HLCT property off Cushing Street continues to be well trodden and much enjoyed by walkers and joggers alike. Its wide trails through a canopy of maples, oaks, beeches, cedars and sassafras lead to a peaceful meadow and abut a white pine forest. The trail continues through the deciduous trees with added berry bushes, ferns and a gentle stream. Wildlife and vivid colors also await you this fall before you return for nature's winter quiet.

Jacobs Meadow – Charles Willse, Steward

Due to the winter storms a good deal of trail cleanup was required this year. The entrance kiosk information has been updated and we are considering removing some of the invasive plants at the entrance to improve the grassland. We had some difficulties trimming the walking path through the meadow this year as my lawnmower was not up to the task. If anyone has an operable riding lawn mower they would like to donate to the HLCT we would be very grateful. Remember its tax deductible! Call Corky 781-749-0632.