

## Mashpee River Woodlands

Acres: 250.4

Trail Length: 8 miles



Interpretive nature tours are offered by the Mashpee Conservation Commission from April to October. All tours are free and are great for children and families! Tours generally last about 1-1.5 hours and schedules can be found on the Conservation Commission website.

### Land Features

This land was purchased in 1986 with funds partly from the national Self-Help program and with the strong support of the Friends of the Mashpee River. This purchase was the culmination of 10 years work to protect the Mashpee River. Previously, this land was an important fishing area and means of transportation for the Wampanoag Tribe; it was also privately owned by the Mashpee River Trout Club. The land was bought to protect the scenic value of the river and to protect the quality of water and wildlife. This large parcel has walking trails for public use. The river itself is exceptional habitat for herring and rare American Brook Lamprey, while the marshes and forests are home to the Northern Parula, a rare Warbler. The area is also the site of important archeological sites such as Native American camp sites.

**Parking: For Woodlands South**—From Mashpee Rotary take Rt 28 toward Hyannis. Take first right onto Quinaquisset Ave, then right onto Mashpee Neck Rd. Parking area is 1.1 mi on right at Conservation Area Sign.

**Woodlands North**—From Mashpee rotary, take Rt 28 toward Hyannis and take first right onto Quinaquisset Ave on the right. Parking area is on the right.

**Woodlands West**—From the Mashpee rotary take Great Neck Rd South 1.1 mi. turn left onto River Rd. Park at end of paved road.

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