

Santuit Pond Land Bank

Acres: 16

Trail Length: .6 mi



The Eastern Box Turtle is terrestrial and can be found in habitats ranging from woodlands to bogs, stream banks, and more. On average they are 4.5 to 6.6 inches in length and are tan, brown, or black in coloring with splotches of red, orange, and yellow. They have a distinctly high domed shell.*

Land Features

This property was acquired in 2002 through grant funds, Mashpee Land Bank funds, and funds from Barnstable County. The land was set aside to preserve the open natural space for fish and wildlife conservation, natural habitat protection, and unobtrusive public recreation. The conservation land is a mix of upland forest habitat, vernal pools, and cranberry bogs. Part of Santuit Pond and the headwaters of the Santuit River are included in the parcel and they are habitat for herring, Brook trout, and American eels. The parcel is also habitat for rare species including the Eastern Box Turtle, the Spotted Turtle, Spotted Salamander, and Worm-eating Warbler.

Parking: Parking is located off of Shields Lane.

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