

## Pickerel Cove

Acres: 78

Trail Length: 1.8 miles



Kettle ponds are a feature left behind by retreating glaciers. Large pieces of ice detach from the glacier and are left behind. These ice blocks are then surrounded by deposited rock materials. Over time the ice melts, forming a pond.

### Land Features

Mashpee acquired this land in 2008 to preserve the natural and open space for wildlife conservation, habitat protection, and public recreation. There is a main access road and multiple walking trails on the property. There are three main types of plant habitat: upland forest, forested woodlands, and pond habitat. While walking the trails you may be able to see rare species for which this land is important habitat, including the Eastern Box Turtle. Additionally, Wakeby and Mashpee Ponds have been designated Living Waters Core Habitat for three rare freshwater mussel species by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. These kettle ponds are also home to Terete Arrowhead which is a rare plant. This land is part of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge.

Parking: Parking is located at 759 Main St (Rt 130).

