

## Pine Barrens

Acres: 300 acres  
Trail Length: 3.4 miles



Atlantic White Cedar Swamps grow in sandy glacial deposits with standing water. These unique areas are a distinct change from the scrub oak habitat surrounding them. Currently they are threatened by development and hydrologic disruptions.

### Land Features

The Mashpee Pine Barrens are an important ecosystem on the Cape as they are home to the New England Cottontail, a species that is of concern. The dense shrub oak found of the parcel provides ideal habitat for this rabbit. In order to preserve the vital habitat this parcel has been burned to remove overgrowth, such as pitch pines, that reduces the amount of low growing scrub oak. In addition to pine trees and scrub oak there are also pockets of Atlantic White Cedar Swamps. Be sure to take the two side trails to see these rare environments.

Parking: From the rotary take Great Neck Road South 1.5 miles. Turn right on dirt road opposite Punkhorn Point Road and Old Dock Lane and park in open area on the left.

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