



Walking and Hiking Shrewsbury

There are many places to take a walk or hike in Shrewsbury. The paths may be paved or not, easy or rugged, level or hilly. Some are very short, others have some length. This brochure describes a few of them in some detail. A map showing all sites as well as trail maps for some sites are available on the Shrewsbury Town website:

<https://shrewsburyma.gov/711/Shrewsbury-Trails-Committee>

The Shrewsbury Trails Committee, a Town volunteer group, provides this information to encourage residents to explore and make use of these and other Shrewsbury recreation areas. The Committee is supported in its efforts by the Town's Planning, Parks

and Recreation and Engineering Departments.

Camp Wunnegan

45 acres and 1.7+ miles of interconnecting trails

This former Girl Scout Camp is a hidden Shrewsbury treasure. Mature forest, rocky outcrops and remains of the camp are features. The entrance trail may be wet after heavy rain. Access is on Grafton Street (No. 645) and street parking is available on Crimson Drive or Hickory Drive. There is a kiosk with map at the entrance.

Carlstrom Forest and Shrewsbury Town Land

153 acres and 2+ miles interconnecting trails

These land parcels include mature forest, interesting terrain, stone walls and streams. Carlstrom Forest is owned by the New England Forestry Foundation. Its trails connect to Town land trails. Access is at 26 Gulf Street where there is a small parking lot.

Parking is also possible on nearby Wheelock Street.

Dean Park

79 acres and 1.8+ miles of interconnecting walks

The most well-known paved walking area in Town also has one main wooded trail and a few "informal" trails. The pond and mature woods make a pleasant place for easy strolling, running, biking and just relaxing. The entrance is on Main Street where there is plenty of parking and shelters and tables for picnics.

Hills Farm Pond

14 acres and 0.2 miles

This short walk on a mulched path follows a portion of the shore of Hills Pond. There is a short side path onto private property where the public is welcomed. Various decorative features such as sculptures make for a unique stroll. The walk leaves Stoney Hill Road opposite the

junction with Nightingale Drive. Park on the street.

Jordan Pond

22 acres and about 1.2 miles path

A paved path runs along one side of the pond and a wooded path and dirt road runs along the other. (At times, water in the dirt road may prevent doing full circuit of the pond.) Access is at Plainfield Avenue and Ridgefield Road where there are several parking spaces.

Lake Street Park

90 acres and at least 1.3 miles of looping and one-way trails

There is a short paved wooded path and more extensive trails through woods and meadow. Part of the main loop trail passes a wetland area good for bird watching and skirts the Town athletic fields. There are at least two “one-way” trails off the loop that pass through interesting wooded terrain. The Park Entrance is on Lake Street immediately next to the SAC Park, which is private. There is plenty

of parking, and a few picnic tables are available.

Prospect Park

71 acres and 2.3+ miles of interconnecting walkways

This site of former Juniper Hall, the Whittall Mansion and estate, offers both paved walks and scenic wooded trails. The stonework remains of formal gardens near the top of the hill afford a glimpse of the Park’s estate past. Some of the Park’s vegetation is a reminder, too, of this history. The Friends of Prospect Park, a nonprofit volunteer organization, is dedicated to maintaining and improving this historic Town property. The Park entrance is on Prospect Street where there are several parking spaces.

The Shrewsbury Trails Committee

was formed in 2011 at the recommendation of the Town Open Space Plan.

The mission: to help preserve, promote, protect, connect and expand Shrewsbury’s trail system for the purpose of recreational enjoyment, outdoor exercise, and the appreciation of our natural environment.

The Committee:

Maps and maintains existing trails

Establishes new trails

Sponsors guided trail walks

Partners with community groups

Promotes public awareness of trails

The Committee’s bimonthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend and to join the Committee.

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