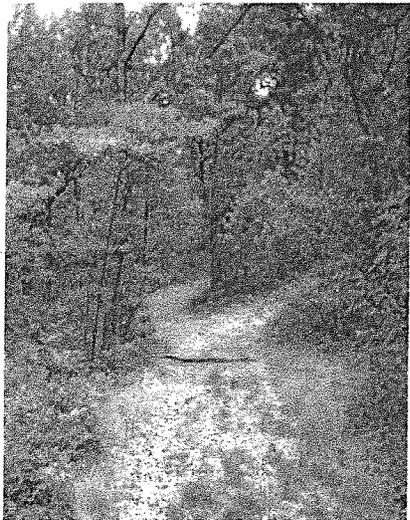


- Do not feed the wildlife
- Cutting, removing or damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited
- Outdoor fires and overnight camping are not allowed without Fire Chief and the Parks Department notification and prior approval
- Trash dumping is prohibited - if you carry it in, you must carry it out
- No unauthorized motor vehicles, including ATVs, motorcycles, and snow mobiles.
- No alcoholic beverages or drinking of such
- No hunting, trapping, discharge of firearms, or use of bow and arrows
- All town bylaws governing the use of town land must be observed

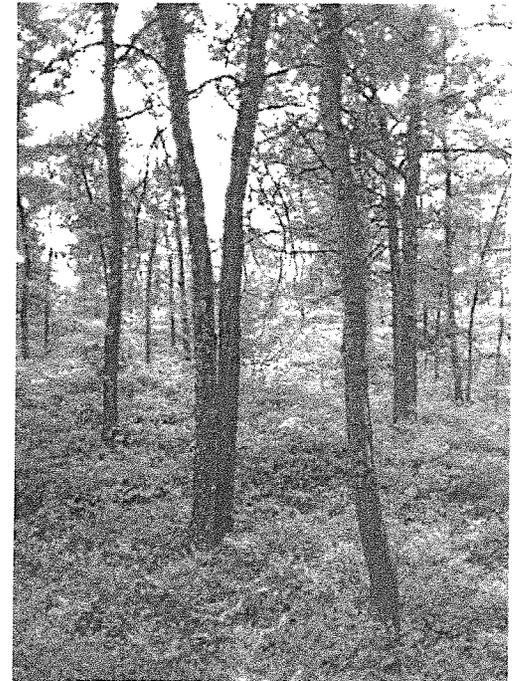


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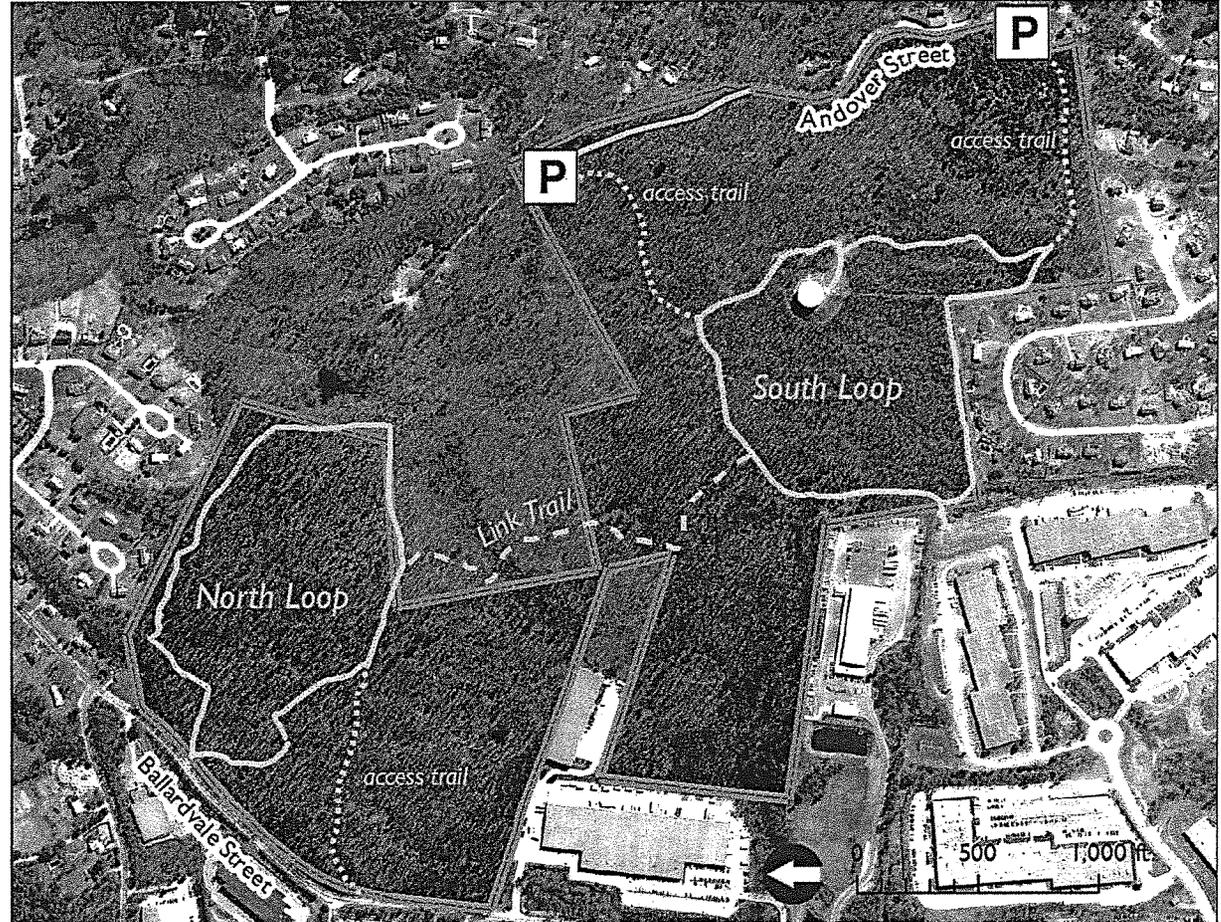
HISTORY

The Town of Wilmington acquired the 154-acre Town Forest in 1975 and set it aside for the enjoyment of all through passive recreation. Priorities of management include public access for passive recreation, preserving scenic beauty, enhancing wildlife habitat values, protecting water quality, and providing opportunities for learning.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The property includes extensive oak woodlands, tall white pines, a red maple swamp, and small wetlands which drain to the Shawsheen River. The vegetation in the southern section of the property shows the effects of periodic ground fires and provides excellent habitat for uncommon birds and butterflies. The low, open-canopy nature of the oak woodland reflects the sandy, dry, low-nutrient characteristics of the soils, which are derived from glacial material weathered from the underlying granite bedrock. The glacier also left large boulders which can be found throughout the forest.

The southeast corner of the property was mined for sand and gravel until recently. The *early successional* vegetation in this area demonstrates nature's ability to recover from disturbance. Pitch pines, white birches, and quaking aspen trees all indicate recent clearing of the land. Pitch pine and sweetfern shrubs indicate the dryness of the soils here.



PARKING & TRAILS

Parking is available at the end of Research Drive and off of Andover Street. Trails include some moderate slopes and uneven surfaces. Exceptional views are available from the area near the water tower. Trail length and estimated time:

- South Loop – 1 mile (25 minutes) – moderately sloped, through mature forest and open woodland
- North Loop – 0.8 mile (20 minutes) – moderately sloped, through mature oak forest
- Link Trail – 1/3 mile (8 minutes) – level trail through oak forest and beside red maple swamp
- Access trails – ~1/5 mile (5 minutes) – short sloped sections, through open woodland in southeast