

Huckins Farm is nestled on 290 acres of unique pastoral farmland surrounded by forest and borders the Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge, a 3,000-acre national conservation area. There are miles of roadside and wooded walking and riding trails.

### TRAIL WALKS

- A 1-mile trail (orange) from the trail sign located at Dudley Rd and Cozy Lane to the Concord River and Two Brothers Rocks. This historic trail is the old cow path that was used to herd livestock to the river.
- A 1-mile trail (brown to blue) from the fire access road adjacent to the HF Clubhouse to Harvard Pond, the Concord River and the Two Brothers Rocks.
- A 1-mile trail (orange) located off Dudley Road across from Cozy Lane. This trail bisects the trail behind the Huckins Farm Equestrian Center that leads to Secret Meadow.
- A 2.5-mile trail (blue) accessible at Dudley and Emory Roads leads to the Minnie Reid Conservation area parking lot and Harvard Pond.

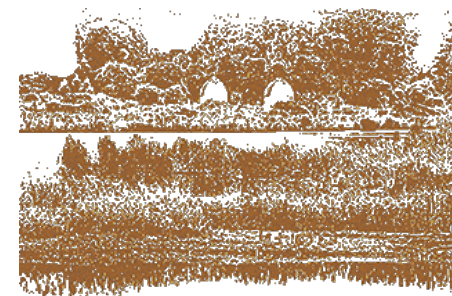
#### The Two Brothers Rocks

When the first residential governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop, and his deputy Thomas Dudley viewed their lands in early 1638, they decided to use two great stones on the site to divide the property. They named the rocks "The Two Brothers". The rocks are located on the east bank of the Concord River in the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.



#### Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1944, the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge consisted of freshwater marsh and riverine habitat and associated wetlands along 12 miles of the Concord and Sudbury rivers. The refuge is managed primarily for migratory waterfowl and wildlife. The protection of this area as a bird sanctuary makes it also suitable as a wetlands conservation area, including the conservation of endangered species or threatened species. The early settlers called this area along the Concord River, "Great River Meadow" because they could harvest hay along the grass banks when the water retreated each summer. There are deer, coyote, turkey, cottontail rabbit, fox, raccoon, muskrat, beaver, weasel, and over 200 species of birds seen here. On rare occasions, black bear and moose have also been seen.



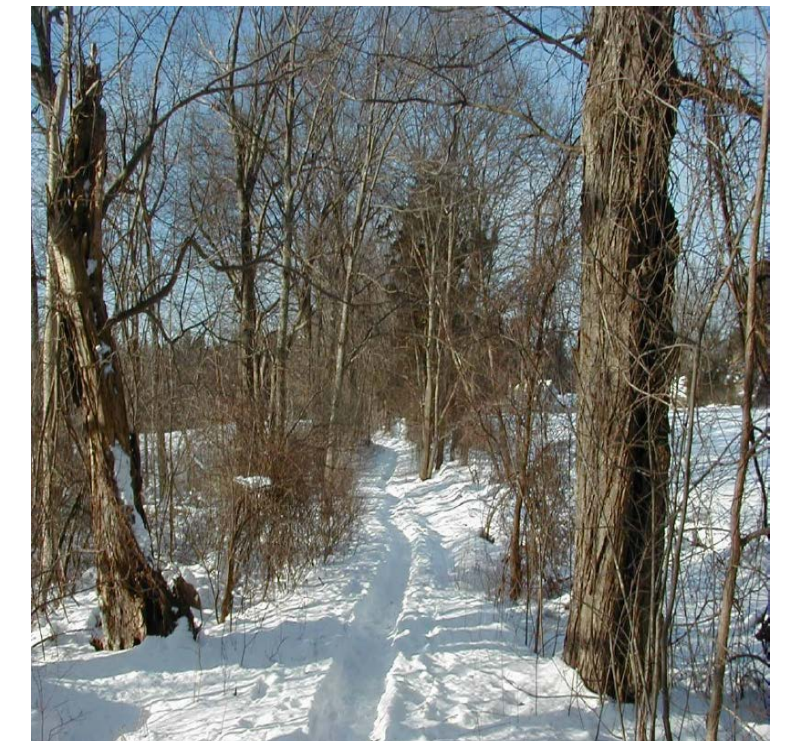
#### Minnie Reid Conservation Area

Minnie Reid is 21 acres of varied habitat that borders Huckins Farm. The Town of Bedford acquired the land in 1986 from Minnie Reid. The Minnie Reid Trail passes through stone walls, which designate a one-time living and farming area. If you look carefully, at least four foundations exist. The trail is lined with tall white pines and then drops dramatically to the lowlands. A vernal pool harboring salamander eggs in springtime lies hidden nearby. Near the back border of this conservation area, the trail continues through a stone wall onto a built-up dike and a simple planked bridge over a stream. There once were cranberry bogs here.

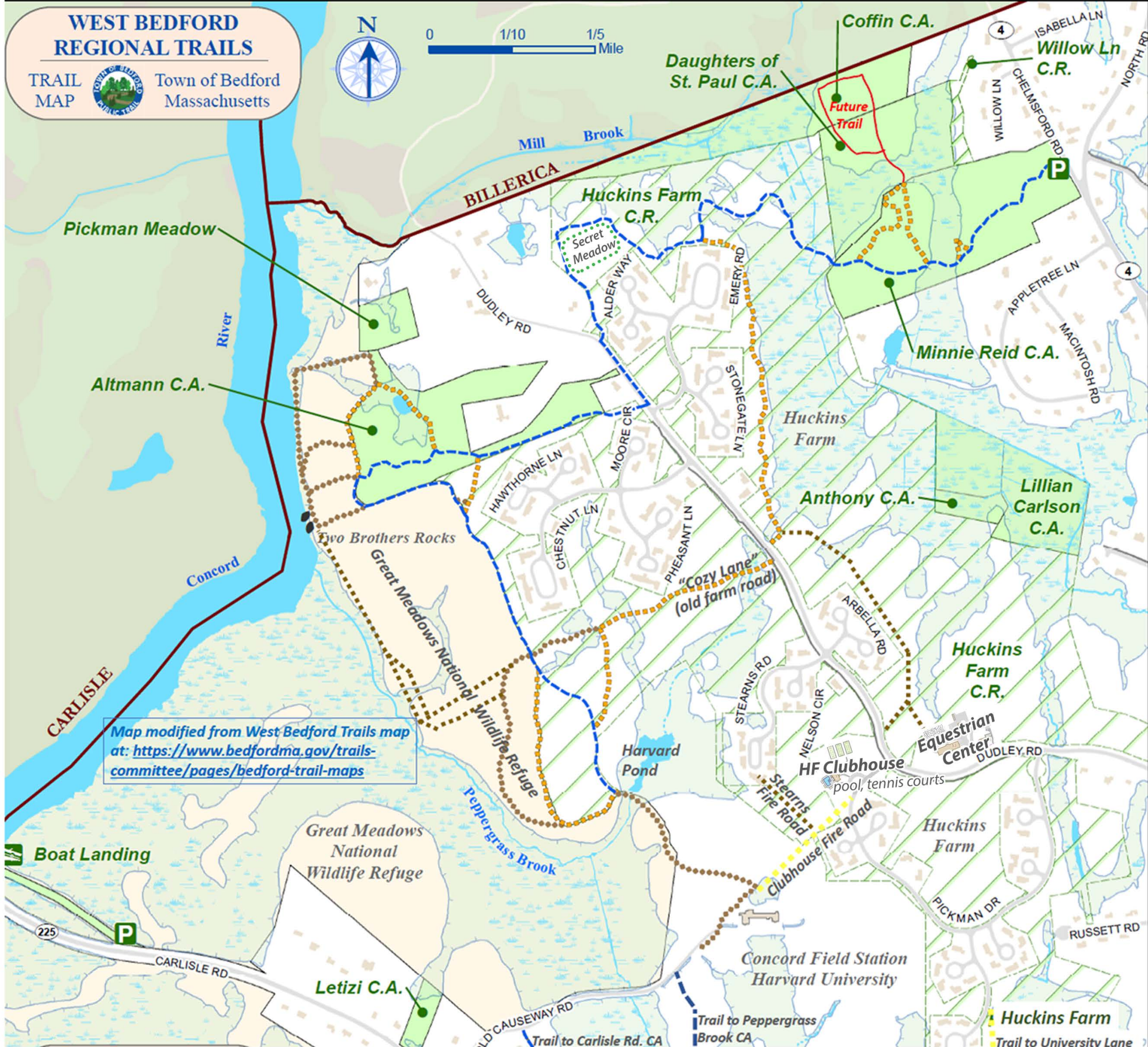
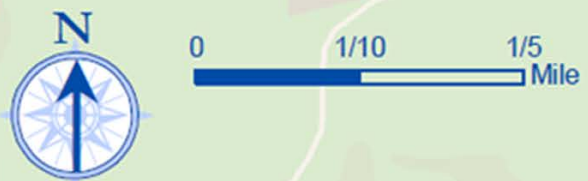
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## TRAIL MAP



**WEST BEDFORD REGIONAL TRAILS**  
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 Town of Bedford Massachusetts



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