

WATER STREET

SWASEY CANAL

HIGH STREET

# SWASEY PARK

WALKING PATHS  
MEREDITH PARKS & RECREATION



Meredith  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



WAUKEWAN AVE

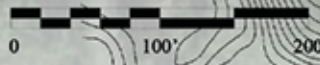
WAUKEWAN ST.

Canoe/Kayak Landing

Turtle Rock

Large Rock

TO DOWNTOWN  
PARKING - 300 YARDS



CHESTER DRIVE

### TRAIL LEGEND

- PARK ENTRANCE
- SCENIC VIEW AREAS
- CANOE/KAYAK LANDING
- TRAIL CLEARING
- HEMLOCK/BEECH-PINE FOREST
- RED OAK/PINE HABITAT
- OAK/SUGAR MAPLE HABITAT
- PUBLIC PARKING
- NO PARKING
- LARGE RED OAK (265 YEARS OLD)
- PICNIC TABLE (HCA)
- PARK BENCH
- CANAL TRAIL .13 MILES
- SWASEY LANDING TRAIL .06 MILES
- TUPELO TRAIL .13 MILES
- BEEHIVE TRAIL .17 MILES
- DOG BAG STATION



LOCUS MAP

## History

Swasey Park encompasses over 7 acres within the town of Meredith along the shores of Lake Waukewan and the Swasey Canal. Prior to European settlement, the area adjacent to the outlet of Waukewan was home to Native American tribes. In 1816, John Bond Swasey constructed the canal, creating a new outlet from Waukewan to Winnepesaukee and jump-starting Meredith's industrial revolution. Swasey's descendants gave the park to the Town in 1976.

## Natural Features

Swasey Park is an iconic remnant of the natural shoreline that once surrounded Lake Waukewan. Its forested slopes above clear, slow-moving waters

reflect back to a time when native Abenakis once plied these waters and fished from its banks. Although fairly small, this wooded gem is replete with a rich diversity of flora and fauna, including an unusual black gum tree, a red pine rocky ridge, ancient red oaks, stately white pines, and a fish and waterfowl-filled shoreline. Come taste a sample of Meredith natural past in your backyard!

## Please Remember

- Carry In - Carry Out
- No Bathroom Facilities
- Stay on the trail
- No Fires, Fireworks, Smoking
- Please clean up after pets
- Do not venture onto wetlands or ice in winter as water flowing under ice makes it unsafe.

## Directions:

From Downtown Meredith take Main Street to High Street, .2 miles to park entrance.

## Parking Walk Times:

- P-1** 500 ft, 2 minute walk
- P-2** .2 miles, 3 minute walk
- P-3** .3 miles, 6 minute walk
- P-4** .3 Miles, 6 minute walk

Public Boat Launch and Porta Potty (seasonal) located .4 miles to the west.

**When using the park please keep in mind that it is located in a residential area.**