

Tufts Branch Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Location: Between 21 and 29 Healy Road

Size: 81.28 acres

Parking: Small parking lot accommodates 3-4 cars

Trails: Boardwalk starts at Kiosk to Sofie's Way and knoll trails
Sofie's Way-gentle uphill switchback trail to knoll
Knoll Trail-short and steep -straight up to knoll
Runway Trail-easy, flat terrain from knoll to Loop trail
Si-Na-V-Spunk Trail-gentle hillside trail from knoll to Loop trail
Loop Trail-up and down gentle hills and across stream

Special Features:

Open meadow on the knoll with bench for views east to Dudley Hill and south to Connecticut
Wildlife includes deer, raccoons, rabbits, possum, skunk, fishers, coyotes, and bobcats.
Dogs are allowed but must be on-leash at all times
Footbridge over scenic tributary stream
Vegetation includes witch hazel bushes, low bush blueberries, oak, birch, white pine and shag bark hickory trees

Rules: Open sunrise to sunset all year.
Trails occasionally closed due to ice or mud.
Please stay on trails to protect plants, wildlife and yourself.
Please carry out trash and anything else you carried in.
Dogs allowed but must be leashed at all times. Dog poop must be scooped in bags and carried out.
Refrain from fishing, hunting, or trapping.
Refrain from building fires, smoking, or consuming alcohol.

Trail Safety:

Please stay on trails for your safety and safety of wildlife.
Be sure to carry water to stay hydrated.
Poison Ivy and ticks are common in Massachusetts, so learn how to identify each
Wear proper footwear.
Check yourself and dogs for ticks following your hike.

Steward: Mark Smith, 508-949-2468

Keekamoochaug Wildlife Sanctuary

Location: West of 21 Healy Road - adjacent to Tufts Branch Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

Size: 6.58 acres donated by Flora Beth and Prescott Grout

Parking: Parking at Tufts Branch Valley Wildlife Sanctuary between #21 & #29 Healy Rd

Trails: Trail begins at "Keekamoochaug Wildlife Sanctuary" sign near 9 Healy Road and follows a moderately challenging terrain for 1/5 mile, eventually joining the Tufts Branch Sanctuary on the boardwalk or continuing back to starting point.

Special Features: A diversity of trees including oak, shag bark hickory, black cherry, ash, maple and hickory. Scenic view from the top of the hill towards Dudley Hill in winter. Grout dedication plaque. Several intermittent streams, and two benches along the trail for rest and nature observation.

Steward: Keith Kirkland, 508-461-6198

