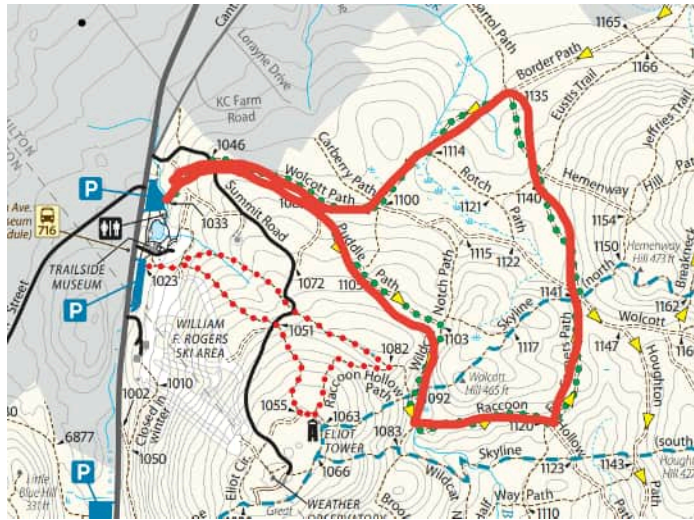


1. Parking at N Parking Lot of TrailSide Museum:



Easy–Moderate • Scenic Views • Vernal Pools

- a. Description of the Hike
 - i. This easy-to-moderate hike is just under 3 miles with a gradual elevation gain, making it perfect for a relaxed yet slightly challenging outing. The trail is clearly marked with green dot and yellow triangle blazes, so navigation is simple. After your hike, consider stopping by the Blue Hills Trailside Museum to learn more about the local wildlife, plants, and natural history of the area. It's a great way to combine outdoor activity with a bit of educational exploration.
- b. Quick Stats
 - i. Distance: 3 miles
 - ii. Difficulty: Easy - Moderate
 - iii. Time: 1.5 - 2 hours
 - iv. Trail Type: Loop
- c. Trailhead Info
 - i. Start Location: Trailside Museum
 - ii. Parking: [Trailside Museum](#)
 1. 1904 Canton Ave, Milton, MA 02186
 - iii. Notes: Can fill up on weekends and in the Winter for the Ski Resort
- d. Seasonal Tips
 - i. Trails can be muddy in spring
 - ii. Hot and exposed near the summit in summer
 - iii. Check out the Trailside Museum after the Hike
- e. Good For
 - i. Peaceful hike • Nature • Photography •
- f. Stewardship Reminder
 - i. Please help protect the Blue Hills:
 - ii. Stay on marked trails
 - iii. Pack out all trash

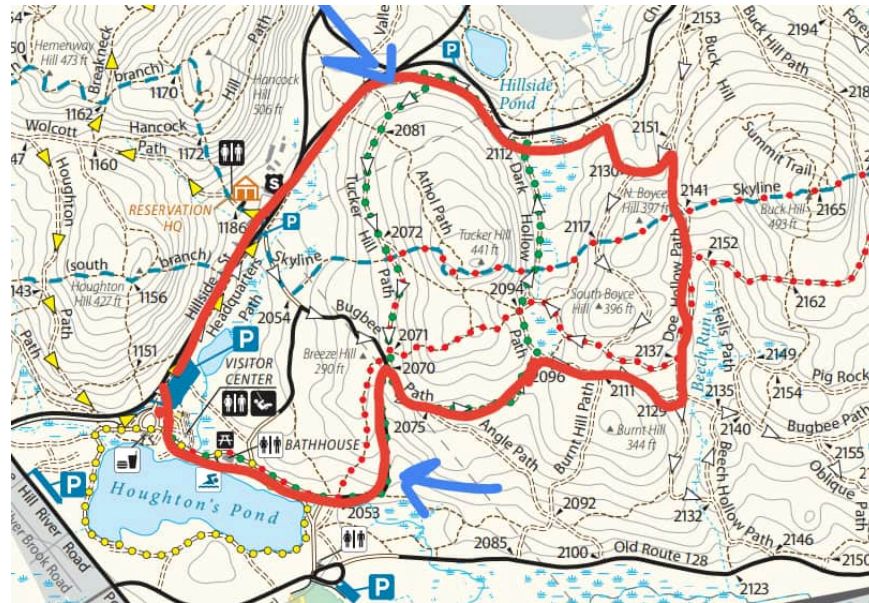
2. Historical Walk about Houghton's Pond and Old Highway 128



Easy–Moderate • Scenic Views • Vernal Pools

- a. Description of the Hike
 - i. This easy loop around Houghton's Pond is just under 3 miles with very minimal elevation, making it perfect for a relaxed morning or afternoon walk. Along the trail, you can observe new beaver activity and enjoy the peaceful pond surroundings. Hike past portions of the historic Old Route 128, which once served as a key roadway connecting towns before the modern highway system was developed. Walking these trails gives a glimpse into the Blue Hills' history and the evolution of the surrounding landscape.
- b. **Quick Stats**
 - i. Distance: 3 miles
 - ii. Difficulty: Easy
 - iii. Time: 1.5 - 2 hours
 - iv. Trail Type: Loop
- c. **Trailhead Info**
 - i. Start Location: Houghton's Pond
 - ii. Parking: [Houghton's Pond](#)
 1. 840 Hillside St, Milton, MA 02186
 - iii. Notes: Can fill up on weekends
- d. **Seasonal Tips**
 - i. Trails can be muddy in spring
 - ii. Hot and exposed near the summit in summer
 - iii. Also explore old Highway 128
- e. **Good For**
 - i. Peaceful hike • History • Photography •
- f. **Stewardship Reminder**
 - i. Please help protect the Blue Hills:
 - ii. Stay on marked trails
 - iii. Pack out all trash

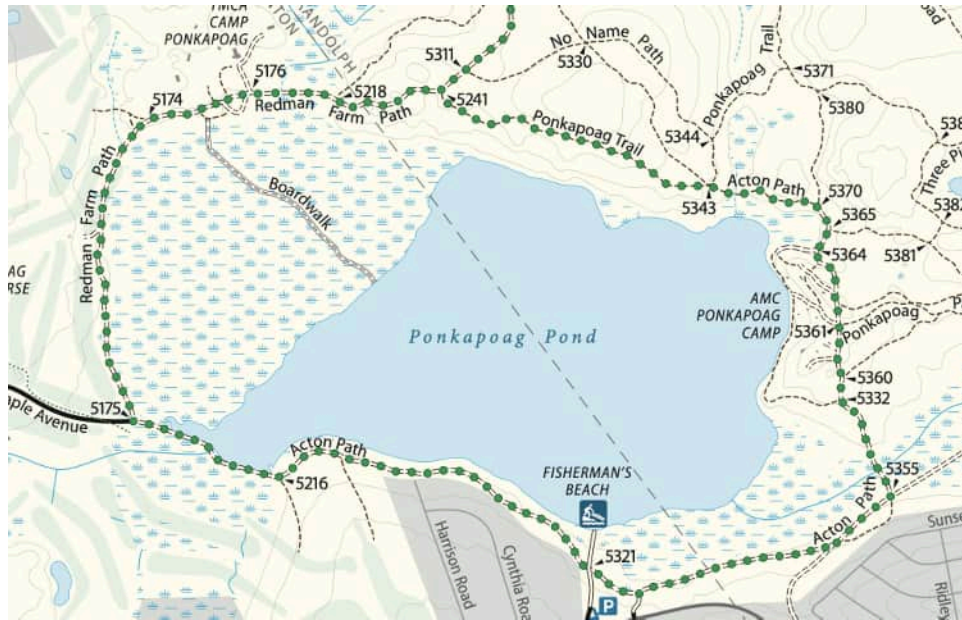
3. **Moderate Hike In the Houghton's Pond Section** [Blue arrows are challenging sections of the hike]



Easy–Moderate • Scenic Views • Vernal Pools

- a. **Description of the Hike**
 - i. This moderate hike takes you along the rolling ridges of the Blue Hills, offering a mix of shaded forest trails and open viewpoints. Along the way, you'll experience a variety of wildlife and plant life, and the terrain provides a good workout without being too strenuous. Ideal for hikers looking to enjoy nature while getting a moderate challenge.
- b. **Quick Stats**
 - i. Distance: 3 miles
 - ii. Difficulty: Easy–Moderate
 - iii. Time: 1.5 - 2 hours
 - iv. Trail Type: Loop
- c. **Trailhead Info**
 - i. Start Location: Houghton's Pond
 - ii. Parking: [Houghton's Pond](#)
 - 1. 840 Hillside St, Milton, MA 02186
 - iii. Notes: Can fill up on weekends
- d. **Seasonal Tips**
 - i. Trails can be muddy in spring
 - ii. Hot and exposed near the summit in summer
 - iii. In the Spring look for Vernal Pools
- e. **Good For**
 - i. Peaceful hike • View seekers • Photography •
- f. **Stewardship Reminder**
 - i. Please help protect the Blue Hills:
 - ii. Stay on marked trails
 - iii. Pack out all trash

4. Loop of Ponkapoag Pond [Green Dot]



Easy–Moderate • Scenic Views • Ponkapoag Pond

a. Description of the Hike

- i. A gentle and enjoyable hike, this loop around Ponkapoag Pond offers beautiful views of the water and surrounding forest. The trail is great for spotting wildlife like birds, turtles, and other local animals, and you'll have the chance to enjoy a variety of native plants along the way. Perfect for a relaxing walk, this hike is suitable for all skill levels.

b. Quick Stats

- i. Distance: 4 miles
- ii. Difficulty: Easy–Moderate
- iii. Time: 2–2.5 hours
- iv. Trail Type: Loop

c. Trailhead Info

- i. Start Location: Fisherman's Beach
- ii. Parking: Available at [Fisherman's Beach](#)
 1. 1060 Randolph St, Canton, MA 02021
- iii. Notes: Can fill up on weekends

d. Seasonal Tips

- i. Trails can be muddy in spring
- ii. Hot and exposed near the summit in summer
- iii. Can be buggy in the summer

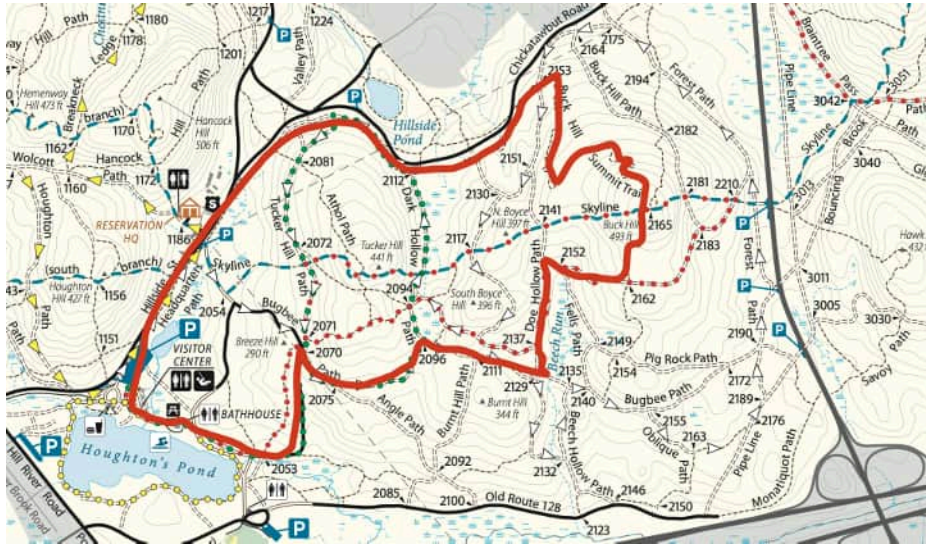
e. Good For

- i. Peaceful hike • View seekers • Photography •

f. Stewardship Reminder

- i. Please help protect the Blue Hills:
- ii. Stay on marked trails
- iii. Pack out all trash

5. Houghton's Pond to Buck Hill



Moderate–Challenging • Scenic Views • Boston Skyline

a. Description of the Hike

- i. A challenging but rewarding hike, this route from Houghton's Pond to Buck Hill offers some of the best views in the Blue Hills. Follow scenic trails as you make your way to the summit, where you'll be rewarded with a stunning panoramic view of the Boston skyline. On a clear day, you can spot Boston Harbor, the Prudential Building, and take in sweeping views of the surrounding Blue Hills.

b. Quick Stats

- i. Distance: 3.5 miles
- ii. Difficulty: Moderate–Challenging
- iii. Time: 2–3 hours
- iv. Trail Type: Loop

c. Trailhead Info

- i. Start Location: Houghton's Pond
- ii. Parking: Available at [Houghton's Pond](#)
 1. 840 Hillside St, Milton, MA 02186
- iii. Notes: Can fill up on weekends

d. Seasonal Tips

- i. Trails can be muddy in spring
- ii. Hot and exposed near the summit in summer
- iii. Best visibility on clear, crisp days

e. Good For

- i. Challenging hike • View seekers • Photography • Training hikes

f. Stewardship Reminder

- i. Stay on marked trails
- ii. Pack out all trash
- iii. Respect wildlife and other hikers