

Take-Your-Own Trail Walk: Historic Old Reservoir and Valente Land from Page Road, by Mark Levine, Bedford Trails Committee

Known as "**The Old Rez**," the Old Reservoir land is one of the Town's most interesting and popular municipal open space areas. This trail walk has original 1908 water supply features including a pump house, dam, reservoir, and a vernal pool, streams, and open and dense woods. It offers a network of trails with diverse terrain surrounding the picturesque Old Reservoir. The dam and well house, with its historical renovations completed in 2013, add to the appeal of this serene wilderness area. The reservoir itself is no longer in use as a public water supply but the area has been maintained for passive recreation.



The mile-long Blue trail encircles the reservoir (see *picture at right*), passing over a number of steep hills, and through low-lying areas and streams. The trail meanders under tall pine, maple, oak, and beech trees. Bog bridges are placed over gently running streams and other wetland areas. A variety of native plants grow along the trail, including inkberry, spicebush, lady slipper, skunk cabbage, and jewelweed. Remnants of stone walls add to the trail's charm. The embankment-like ridge (esker) along the Orange trail just west of the reservoir provides a panoramic view of the water and surrounding woodlands.

Difficulty Level: **Moderate-Difficult:** This walk is approximately 2 miles, 1-1.5 hours long, with steep slopes, but may be slippery, muddy and wet. One of the significant features of the terrain is its changing grade. Steep inclines and declines provide for more strenuous hiking and biking than typically found on other trails within the Bedford trail network.

Driving Directions: From the Bedford Library at 7 Mudge Way, turn right on The Great Road (Routes 4/225/62). After 0.8 miles, turn left (north) on Rt. 62. After 0.7 miles, turn right onto Page Rd. Follow Page Rd. 0.8 miles and turn right into the grass parking lot (see *map*).

Parking: (see *map*) Please park at the grass parking lot just before the home at 4 Page Rd., Bedford (see *map*).

Walking Directions: (see *map*) From the grass parking lot, follow the Yellow and Orange blazed trail to the Blue-blazed Trail, and follow directions on the map. View the reservoir from the Esker, then descend to the reservoir near the pumphouse and dam, and continue around the reservoir.

Legend

- Main Trail (Blue Blaze) 0.9 mi
- Secondary Trail (Orange Blaze)
- Access Trail (Yellow Blaze)
- Other Trail (No Blaze)
- Bog Bridge
- Wheelchair Access Trail
- Contour
- Stream
- Property Boundary
- Stone Wall
- Bridge
- Parking Area

Map by Bedford Public Works
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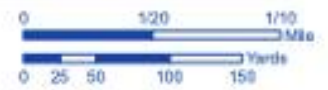
Start Here
Corey / Page Road Conservation Area

OLD RESERVOIR / VALENTE LAND

TRAIL MAP



Town of Bedford
Massachusetts



Note: Note that all walks at your own risk. Depending on the time of the year, ticks may be out, and poison ivy may be active. Please wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes or boots that can handle wet or mud, and ice and snow in the winter. Children and dogs on leash are welcome.

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