

Damon Memorial Preserve

Acreage and Date purchased:

37 acres, purchased by the Community Preservation Act, through Maxwell Land Trust.

Location and Parking:

The Preserve is located on the south side of Clapp Road just east of Booth Hill Road. The parking access driveway is across from #66 Clapp Road.

History:

The Damon Preserve parcels were assembled together by Roger Damon in memory of his grandson, David William Damon. The Preserve was transferred to the Maxwell Trust by Deb Damon Bartlett and then, in turn, to the Town of Scituate Conservation Commission. The Preserve was used as a Tree Farm before it was transferred to the Town, and before that, there was a house belonging to Elmer Ramsdell at the east side of the access road.

Additional Details:

The Damon Preserve is the southwest shoulder of a drumlin that has the same elevation as its “sister” preserve, the Crosbie Preserve that located west across South Swamp.

South Swamp forms the headwaters of three sub-watersheds. To the northwest is Aaron Brook, that flows into Bound Brook. An un-named tributary to Bound Brook itself, emanates from the northeast corner of South Swamp and flows through the Higgins-McAllister Preserve parallel to Booth Hill Road.

A wide range of wildlife common to New England may be observed in the wooded South Swamp.