

# Hubbell Preserve

- Location:** Hubbell Preserve is located between Indian Trail and Gannett Road.
- Parking:** Parking for the Hubbell Site is along the street on Indian Trail across from #128 Indian Trail, and along the Street between #s 154 and 162 Old Gannett Road. There is no parking lot.
- Purchased:** Richard Hubbell donated the first tract of land in the 1960s, and the Town for the Conservation Commission purchased 16 acres more recently.
- Acreage:** 40 acres.
- History:** The entire Indian Trail area was a summer encampment for the indigenous Native American tribes. The existing trail on this site was cleared as part of an Eagle Scout project in 2015.

## Description / Unique Features:

**Trails:** The main trail is limited in size, without looping, and connects Indian Trail with Gannett Road. The entry from Indian Trail runs along a ledge outcrop of Cohasset granite rock.

**Views:** In winter, the overlooks on the highest elevations provide views to both east and west into narrow valleys with wetlands in their centers, and to the Atlantic Ocean.

**Contrasting Landforms:** There is a wide contrast between the wetlands and the much drier habitats on the bedrock outcrops. The small and large boulders are strewn about and formed into stone walls.

- Geology:** There are locations of open bedrock, boulders, and stones mixed with the soils at the toe of some of the steep slopes. There are a few stone walls on the site that traverse over some of the higher elevations along the bedrock outcrops.

## Flora and Fauna:

In the wetland areas, the woodland/shrubland is quite dense, and provides excellent cover, breeding, nesting and food for wildlife. Conversely, the woodland on the thin soils on the bedrock ledge is much more open at eye level, and provides excellent over-wintering, roosting, breeding, nesting, and cover for wildlife in and around the mature trees on site, particularly the oaks and hickories. The large trees provide great roosting for the predatory birds (hawks and owls), as well as the smaller nuthatches, chickadees, and warblers.

On the right hand side of the entry trail is a wetland complex, with tupelo, red maple, yellow birch, and northern red oak, all growing on hummocks, along with sweet pepperbush, greenbrier, and cinnamon fern.