

Nicky's Park

Nicky's Park is a sanctuary consisting of approximately four acres, half wooded and half wetland. The primary wetland area is Jimmy's Pond. It is nearly an acre in size and is a shallow, acidic body of water. It is surrounded by blueberry shrub and red maple swamp. This type of land has been described by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as "one of the most threatened and ecologically essential areas for rare plants and animals in Massachusetts" and as one of the "most important targets for biodiversity conservation".

Directions: Nicky's Park is located between Route 6 and Harry Kemp Way. Parking is available on the side of Harry Kemp Way

Nicky's Park is habitat for six state listed rare species, one endangered, two threatened, and three species of special concern.



Jimmy's Pond may be the only site in southeastern Massachusetts where the bog twayblade orchid (*Liparis loeselii*) can be found.

It is also the town's most important habitat for the water-willow borer moth (*Papaipema sulphurata*), and the threatened few-flowered sedge (*Carex oligosperma*)



Running northwest through Nicky's Park is the remains of a cart path which may have been linked to a more extensive cart path that was in use in the early 1920's. Perhaps the villagers then wanted access to Jimmy's Pond wetland to pick berries from its blueberry swamp, or for ice cutting.

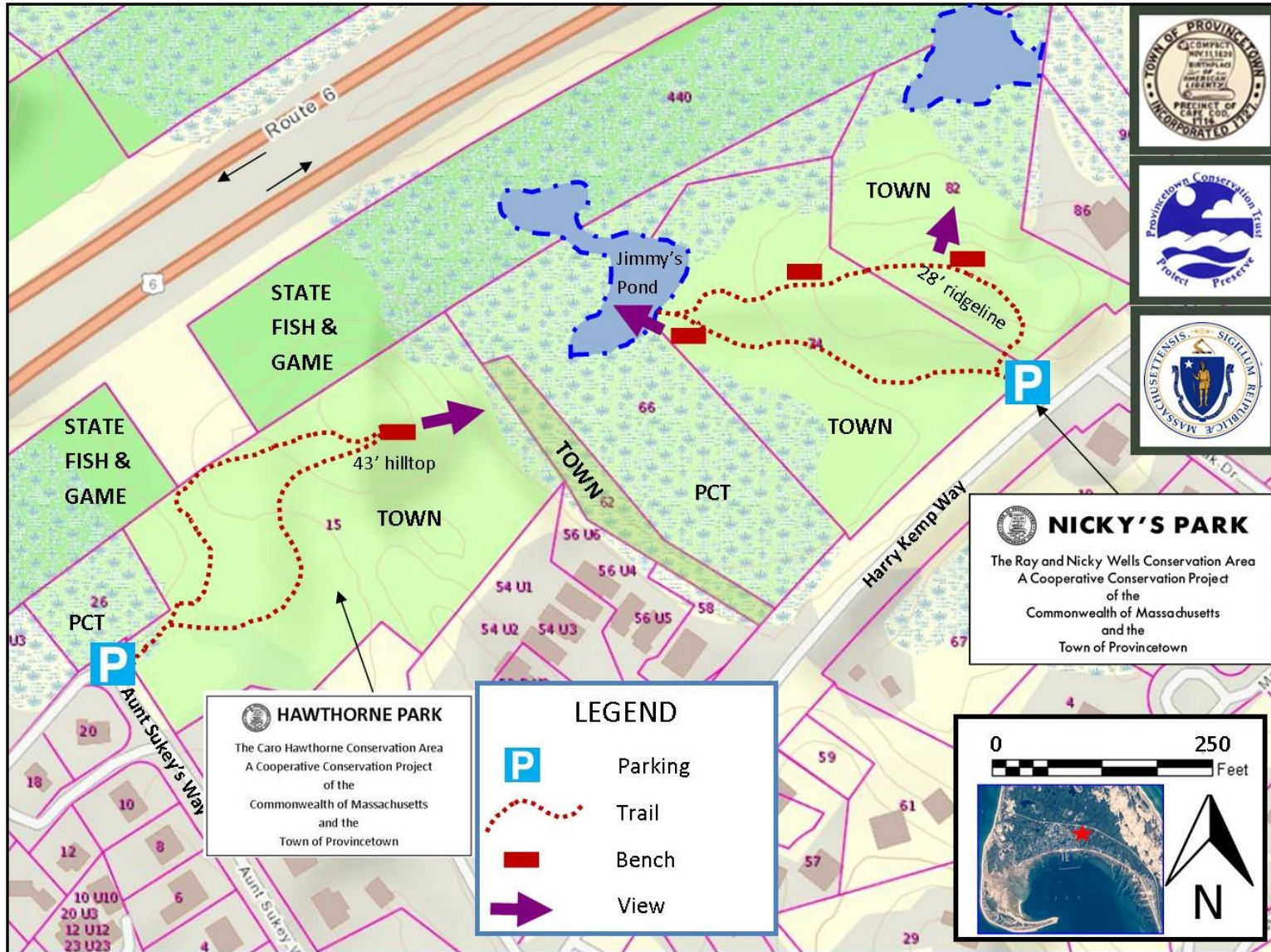
Along the trail atop the 30 foot high ridgeline there are three manmade depressions of unknown origin. Some have speculated that these were used by hunters shooting over the wetland in a time before there were trees to block their line of sight. Another suggestion is that they were created by "pot-hunters" looking for relics of the Nauset tribe.



The Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) can be found at Jimmy's Pond, along with a number of other birds.



Wooded path in Nicky's Park



HAWTHORNE PARK and NICKY'S PARK TRAIL MAP

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