

## Welcome to Opacum Woods,

a 266 acre conservation area owned and stewarded by the Opacum Land Trust, and containing about four miles of hiking trails. Donated in June 2003 by Robert Moss & Brendon Properties, Opacum Woods offers woodland ponds, wetlands, vernal pools, historic and prehistoric sites, and habitat for both rare and common species.

The Blue Trail skirts the edge of Opacum Pond. While on this trail, you will experience cool, dark hemlock woods where you can listen for the ethereal notes of the wood thrush in summer or look for the tracks of resident wildlife in the winter snow. Watch for an ancient rock shelter, used by Native Americans, near the southern loop of the Blue Trail. See map key for approximate location.

Along the eastern border of Opacum Woods, the Blue, Yellow, and Red Trails follow the route of Old Walker Road, which once connected what is now Wells State Park with the center of Sturbridge. The Massachusetts Turnpike now bisects this historic road.

Part of the Yellow Trail follows the watercourse draining Opacum Pond. While walking, look for chewed trees and other signs of beaver. You may catch a glimpse of ducks or even the great blue heron that frequents this area.

The Green Trail will take you to Perry's Point, a peninsula reaching out into Opacum Pond. Dragonflies, damselflies, wood ducks, heron, deer and beaver are just some of the wildlife you have an opportunity see here.

## About Opacum Land Trust

Opacum Land Trust was formed in 2000 to conserve land of high ecological and historical interest in South Central Massachusetts. We focus on preserving priority habitat and ecosystems, working woodlands and agricultural land, historic and pre-colonial archaeological remains, and scenic land for outdoor recreational activities.

**DIRECTIONS TO OPACUM WOODS:** Take New Boston Road from Rt. 20 in Sturbridge, just east of the Rt.131 intersection. Take your fourth right into The Preserve subdivision, and then your second left onto Old Brook Circle to the end of the cul-de-sac.



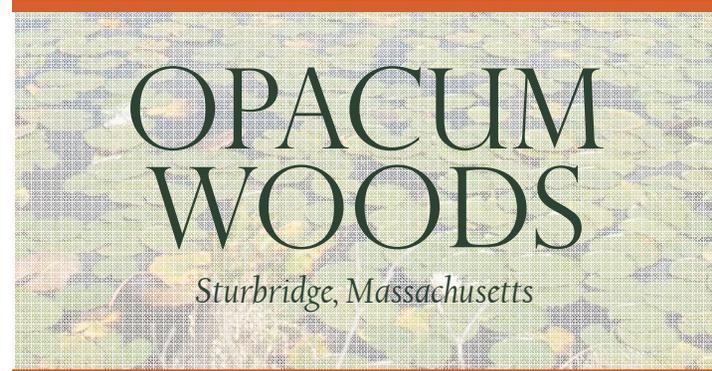
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All donations are tax deductible.*

*Contributions to the Opacum Woods Stewardship Fund are welcome, and can be sent to Opacum Land Trust.*



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.2 miles

- Parking & Trailhead
- White Trail - .25 mi
- Blue Trail - 1.02 mi
- Yellow Trail - 1.22 mi
- Red Trail - .31 mi
- Steep Uphill
- Steep Downhill
- 1 Beaver Dam
- 2 Huge Glacial Boulder
- 3 Rock Shelter
- 4 Pasture Pine
- 5 Stately White Pine Grove
- 6 Historic Walker Mt. Road
- 7 Vernal Pool