Welcome to Opacum Woods,
a 266 acre conservation area owned and
stewardship 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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Opacum Land Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
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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