



West Bridgewater State Forest

West Bridgewater State Forest, along with West Meadows Wildlife Management Area (WMA), constitutes a block of approximately 490 acres of permanently protected open space. These two properties are interconnected both physically and from a management perspective. The state forest is managed for passive recreation including hiking, mountain biking, nature observation, kayaking, hunting, and fishing. Although all these activities also take place on the WMA, it is primarily managed for wildlife habitat and wildlife-related recreation (i.e., fishing, and hunting). There is little development at either property.

Top Attractions

- Trails network
- West Meadow Pond

Friends Group

- None

Partners & Permittees

- MassWildlife

Conservation Opportunities

- Barricade the upstream and downstream slopes of the West Meadow Pond Dam in a manner that prohibits OHV access while allowing for ongoing vegetation management.
- Gate or otherwise block access points to stop illegal access by four-wheel-drive vehicles and OHVs.

Park Inventory

Date Established: 1935

Landscape Designation
Parkland

Management

This park is managed by staff from F. Gilbert Hills State Forest.

Park Size (acres)

Total Area:	246.0
Wetlands:	138.6
Lakes and Ponds:	0.1

Rare Species

State-listed:	3
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Cultural Resources

Documented:	1
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Miles of Roads

Paved:	0.0
Unpaved:	0.1

Miles of Trails

Official:	1.2
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DCR Recreation Facilities

Boat Launch:	1
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