

## Station 1: Welcome!

Welcome to Hayes Woods! This 46-acre land parcel was the generous gift of Joseph and Elsa Hayes who donated it to the Groton Conservation Trust in 1994. Philip Lyons of BSA Troop 3 took on the task of creating this nature trail, complete with bridges. Brad Taylor later added the [original stations](#) and paper brochures for his Eagle Scout project for Troop 1. Now twenty-some years later we have digitized and updated his work to increase accessibility and address the natural changes which inevitably happened in the course of two decades.

The Groton Trails Committee provides [this interactive map](#) which notes all of the trailheads and conservation land in the town, as well as live location tracking, links to navigation, and many beautiful photos taken by visitors. It also allows visitors to report any trail hazards (downed trees, flooding, missing trail markers) directly to the team responsible for the creation and maintenance of our beautiful trails, so it is definitely a link worth saving.

As you continue on this trail you will encounter 15 more stations just like this one, each with a unique subject and short description to accompany it. Have a wonderful walk!

