

The main entrance and parking area for Rosemary Lake is located at Rosemary Pool on Rosemary Street, just west of the Needham Library. The Rosemary Lake area includes trails linking Rosemary Pool on the eastern side of the lake with the camp property on the western side. The lake and trails are on over 37 acres of mixed woodlands and forested wetlands. Trails provide access to varied terrain and scenic views of Rosemary Lake and the adjacent wetlands and streams.

- Total length of all trails: $\frac{7}{8}$ mile
- Condition: The major trail is 2 to 4 feet wide with smaller trails crossing wetlands and bridges
- Difficulty: light/rolling – moderate/steep
- Time: 15 – 20 minutes

The main trail begins at the Rosemary Pool parking area and follows the western shore of the lake. This trail forks on the south side of the lake, one branch connects with the 8-foot wide trail off of Pennsylvania Avenue, the second meanders through a red maple swamp. Both trail branches rejoin at the camp area. Another trail links the camp area with Nehoiden Street, following Meadow Brook. Trails can also be accessed from trailheads on Garden Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Nehoiden Street.

Additional parking is located on Rosemary Street, but does not connect to trails. Closed from dusk to dawn.

Trail Use Guidelines

- All motorized use prohibited.
- No littering or dumping.
- Use extra precaution on bridges.
- Fires and camping are not permitted.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Woodland edges contain poison ivy; for your personal protection, stay on the trails.
- Do not feed, approach, or touch wildlife.
- Take personal protection measures to reduce your exposure to ticks and mosquito bites.
- Dogs must be leashed.

Trail Class Descriptions

- Class 4 – Easy, broad, flat
8 feet wide or greater, <5% slopes
- Class 3 – Easy/Moderate, wide, rolling
4 to 8 feet wide <12% slopes
- Class 2 – Moderate/Challenging, rough
2 to 4 feet wide, <12% slopes
- Class 1 - Challenging, narrow, rough/rocky
< 2 feet wide, <20% slopes

Contact information

For additional information on Needham's trails or to report problems, please go to our website. Or you can email, call, or visit us at the Park and Recreation Office.

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