



## Area 44

### GREAT POND/LAURELWOOD



View of Great Pond from the trail

Size: 65 acres

**ACCESS/PARKING:** The north entrance to this space begins on Laurel Lane. There is also parking at the Martin Pond parking lot. [GPS Address: 50 Great Pond Road]

**DIFFICULTY:** Mostly easy with a moderately difficult section at the south end. 45 minutes.

**FEATURES:** The trail travels south through a wooded upland descending to a wetland area, including a stream crossing. Once over the stream, the trail continues through a woodland, passing the back of the Laurelwood complex. The trail then climbs up steeply to overlooks over Great Pond, with a great seasonal viewpoint, and past “Sphinx Rock.”

The southern portion of the trail leads sharply downhill to the north end of the parking lot at Great Pond. The wetland on this property requires protection since it includes the main feeder stream for Great Pond, one of Ridgefield’s most treasured natural resources.

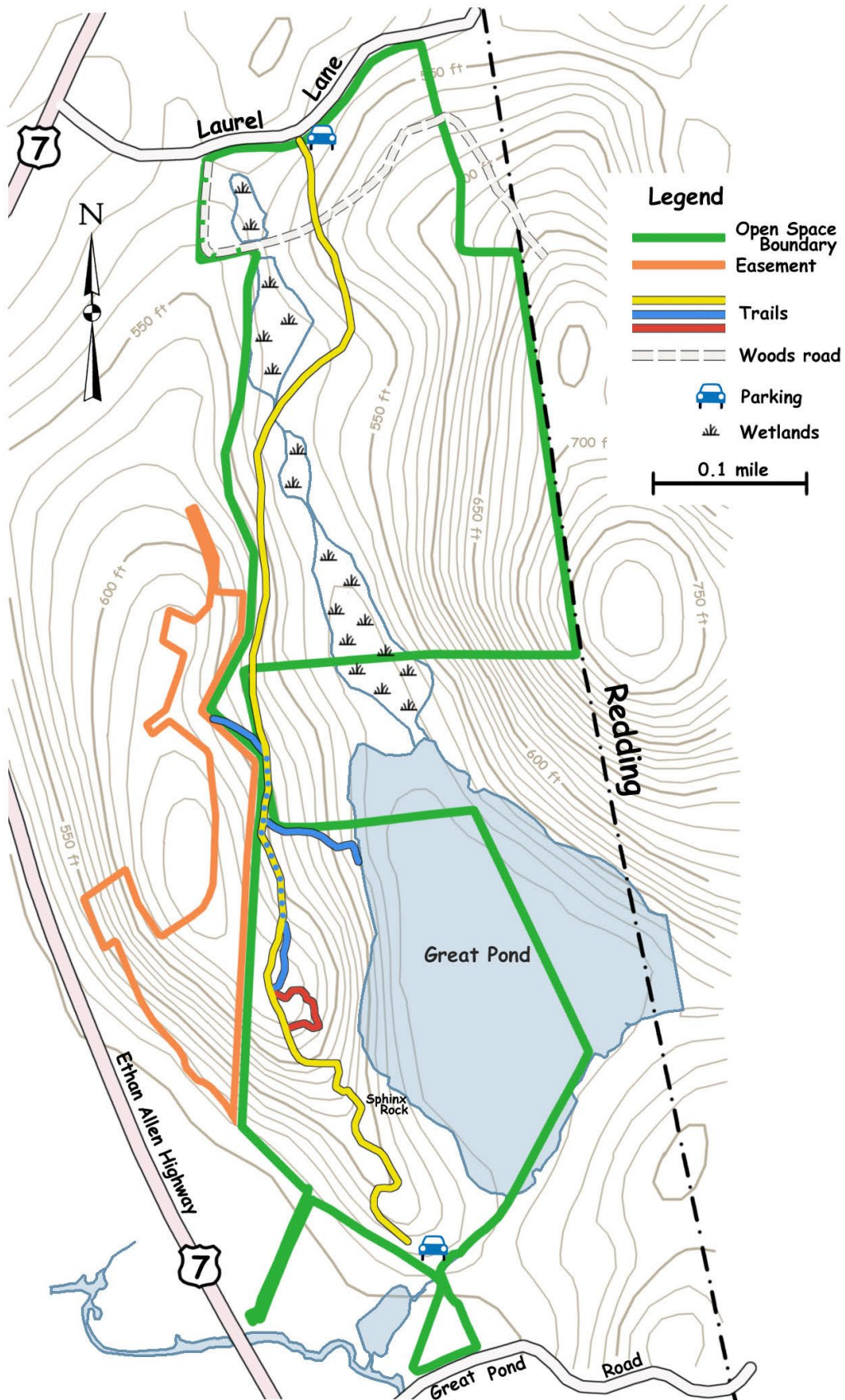
**HISTORY:** Like many open spaces in Ridgefield, the land was acquired by the Planning and Zoning regulation that developers contribute a certain percentage of their land to the town for open space and by supplemental purchases. The land was originally part of Camp Adventure.



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