







# Other Conservation Organizations

to raise public awareness about our fragile island habitat. organizations that purchase land, protect it and help Working alongside the Land Bank are several other Preserving and protecting Nantucket is a team effort.

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# Enjoying Nantucket Safely

safe and enjoyable: tips in order to ensure your use of Land Bank properties is trails and recreational areas is at your own risk. Follow these resulting from use of this map or its properties. Use of the The Nantucket Land Bank accepts no liability due to injury

possible and check your family for ticks daily. branches. Wear boots with socks and long pants when the trail and avoid tall grasses, shrubs, and hanging diseases in the world. To minimize your risk, stay on Nantucket has one of the highest rates of tick-borne

the moors. near beaches, on wooded trails, near wetlands, and in the most pervasive plants on Nantucket and is found white berries associated with poison ivy. It is one of  $\Bbbk$  Learn to identify and avoid the three shiny leaves and

on Sundays when hunting is not allowed. to enjoy Land Bank properties during hunting season is bright clothing and keep pets on a leash. The best time appropriate season. Pedestrians are encouraged to wear Most Land Bank properties are open to hunting in the

driving on many beaches. particularly sandy patches. A beach sticker is required for four-wheel drive, you may need to reduce tire pressure on be traversable with four-wheel drive vehicles. Even with are maintained on a regular basis and some may only  $\diamond$  Please note that not all of the dirt roads and passable trails

your trash. for all to enjoy. It is your responsibility to pack out Please remember to keep Land Bank properties clean

Bank properties. humans, please comply with this regulation on Land law on Nantucket. For the safety of both dogs and that you please pick up after your dog. There is a leash  $\diamond$  Dogs are allowed on beaches and trails but we ask



protected open space. nearly half the island is now permanently other public and private conservation groups, the success of these efforts, as well as those of for communities across the country. Due to 1983, the Land Bank has served as a model and enjoyment of the general public. Since spaces and endangered landscapes for the use acquire, hold, and manage important open is a land conservation program created to States, the Nantucket Islands Land Bank The first program of its kind in the United

elected Commission. The Land Bank is governed by a five member open space, agriculture and recreational uses. ing is used to acquire and manage land for real estate transfers on the island. This fundtwo percent fee which is levied against most The Land Bank's revenue is derived from a

# Land Bank Nantucket

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# **Featured Properties** & Walking Trails

Nantucket is well known for its unique natural history and beautiful beaches. The Land Bank's holdings are diverse and provide a wide array of opportunities for public enjoyment. The following areas have been featured because they are prime examples of our properties and the range of outdoor activities they offer.



Sanford Farm West / Head of the Plains

Directions: From town, drive west on the Madaket Road. Take a left onto Barrett Farm Road and then an immediate left over the bike path and into the parking area.

At 610 acres, the areas known as Sanford Farm West and Head of Plains represent one of the Land Bank's largest contiguous holdings and abut an additional 436 acres of land owned by the Nantucket Conservation Foundation. This vast area of grassland, shrubland, and pine forest includes a network of dirt roads and the Land Bank's Sanford Farm West and Head of the Plains trails. Beginning at the Barrett Farm Road parking



area, the Sanford Farm West Trails offer a series of short grassy loops that can be walked independently or used to connect to the Head of Plains trails that lead south towards the western edge of Hummock Pond and the ocean.



# **Gardner Farm**

Directions: Follow Hummock Pond Road out of town. Once you pass Bartlett Farm Road on your left, look for a large open parking area on your right.

This property was purchased from the Gardner Family in 1995. Now known as the Gardner Farm, this 41 acre parcel was actively farmed for much of the eighteen and nineteen hundreds before being allowed to naturally reseed. The trails begin at a dirt parking area on Hummock Pond Road, loop through grassy fields, and lead down to the edge of



Hummock Pond. By following the trail northeast, it is possible to access the Massachusetts Audubon's Lost Farm Sanctuary and the Land Bank's Millbrook Road property.

Directions: Take Surfside Road to Bartlett Road, which becomes Raceway Drive after a sharp right turn. At the stop sign, take a left onto Somerset Road Follow Somerset around to the left and then to the right as it turns into a dirt road. There is a small dirt parking area on the left.

Smooth Hummocks **Coastal Preserve** 

The Smooth Hummocks Coastal Preserve provides a beautiful location to walk along the south shore of the island and serves as a gateway to some of Nantucket's most popular beaches. In addition, Smooth Hummocks contains some of the best examples of sandplain grassland and heathland plant communities. These globally rare habitats are located predominantly on the east coast and are being increasingly threatened by development pressure and natural succession. Currently, over eighty percent of the remaining sandplain habitat in the world is found on Nantucket, Tuckernuck and Martha's Vineyard.

The main trail system at Smooth Hummocks is accessed by the parking area at the end of Mizzenmast Road. From here, a series of trails travel south along Miacomet Pond and join the dirt roads within Smooth Hummocks. Parking is available at beach accesses on the south shore, off West Miacomet Road and Mizzenmast Road.



# **Hinsdale Park**

**Directions:** From the rotary, go out Old South Road and take your first dirt road on the left after Forest Avenue. There is a parking area a short distance down the dirt road.



use area containing mowed playing fields, a labyrinth and a trail system. From the parking area, a single trailhead leads to the labyrinth and a forested loop,

which includes a connection to the Milestone Road bike path and the Land Bank's Milestone Crossing trail on the north side of Milestone Road

The trees on the Hinsdale Property are primarily pitch pine, which are native to the eastern United States, but were most likely introduced to Nantucket in 1847 by Josiah Sturgis who planted them along the Milestone Road to serve as a windbreak. This species quickly spread and is now one of the most common trees on Nantucket.



# **Shawkemo Hills**

Directions: From the rotary, take the Polpis Road toward Wauwinet. After North Pasture Lane on your right, look for the Land Bank marker and parking area on your right.

To reach the Shawkemo Hills

right hand turn off of Polpis

Lane. On your right is a dirt

parking area that provides

access to several trails that

trail system, take the first

Road after North Pasture



can be walked as loops or used to connect to the Middle Moors. These trails illustrate the influence of the last ice age on Nantucket's topography. The southern trail rises to 94 feet and offers stunning views of the Middle Moors and Nantucket Harbor. These formations are the Shawkemo Hills, which are one example of the sediment deposits left behind after the Laurentide glacier receded approximately 18,000 years ago.



# Holly Farm

Directions: Drive east on Polpis Road to Wauwinet Road. Take a left on Polpis Harbor Road, which will be on your left immedately before the turn for Wauwinet Road. Just before you reach the harbor, there will be a large parking area on your left.



the farm still remains along the southeast edge of the property. Holly Farm abuts Polpis Harbor and is bisected by a salt marsh that leads to an interconnected series of wetlands. There is a short walking trail that leaves from the parking area on Polpis Harbor Road and loops around the salt marsh through grassy fields.







acquired by the Land Bank and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation in 2013. The 207 acre property is located on the northern edge of over 6,700 acres of protected open space in the middle of the

Norwood Farm was jointly

island known as the Middle Moors. The Land Bank owns the eastern 76 acres of the property, which consists of hills and valleys formed by terminal moraine deposits during the last glaciation. Most of the low lying areas are wetlands, which are isolated or connected by intermittent streams. The Land Bank trail is a wide grass path that begins in a parking area off Almanac Pond Road. The path loops around, crossing onto Nantucket Conservation Foundation property before rejoining the original trail back to the same parking area. Across the road from the Norwood Farm parking lot is the entrance to the Stump Pond trail system. The Stump Pond loop provides connections to alternate trails leading north to Windswept Cranberry Bog or south to Barnard Valley Road. These single track trails cross the eastern moors, making connections with other paths by which you can walk or bike much of the Middle Moors.



# Miacomet Golf Course

**Directions:** Take Surfside Road to Bartlett Road, which becomes Raceway Drive after a sharp right turn. At the stop sign, take a left onto Somerset Road. Follow Somerset around to the left and then proceed straight onto West Miacomet Road. The clubhouse and parking lot are located on West Miacomet Road

One of the Land Bank's earliest acquisitions, Miacomet Golf was purchased as a 9-hole course from a private owner to preserve it as a public recreational facility in perpetuity. In 2003, the Land Bank expanded the course to 18 holes and subsequently renovated the original fairways and tees. Currently, Miacomet is the only public, 18-hole golf course on Nantucket. There is a clubhouse with a restaurant on the premises.

The Land Bank invites you to contact the course at 508-325-0335 for additional information.



# Old Sconset Golf Course

Directions: Leaving town, follow the Milestone Road past the turn on the right for Tom Nevers. The parking lot will be on your left, a quarter mile beyond.

In 2012, the Land Bank acquired the Old Sconset Golf Course, a 9-hole public course with a small clubhouse. Up until the late 19th century, the property was part of what was once known as Bloomingdale Farm. However with its open fields and meadows, islanders and summer residents soon envisioned it as an ideal location for a golf course. The farmhouse was converted to a clubhouse and an 18-hole course was established in 1899. Since then, the course has been reduced to 9 holes, but has always remained open to the public, and therefore exists as one of the oldest public golf courses in the country. This property presents a unique opportunity to experience a part of Nantucket history while enjoying an old world golf experience with the family.

#### The Land Bank invites you to contact the course at 508-257-6596 for additional information.



# **Codfish Park Playground**

Directions: Leaving town, follow the Milestone Road into the village of Sconset. At the Sconset rotary, take a right on Ocean Avenue and bear left immediately onto Gully Road. Gully Road passes under a bridge and turns sharply to the left. The playground will be on your left shortly after the road turns.



However, due to erosion, the play structures had to be moved inland. The swings and slide were moved to their current location in 1998 and, with generous contributions from numerous Sconset families, the entire park was recently renovated. While there is no designated parking area, the playground is easily accessed on foot and there are bike racks on site. Parking is available nearby at the beach or in Sconset Village.

# Featured Water & **Beach Access**

Protecting and providing access to important waterfront areas is one vital part of the Land Bank's mission. In addition to swimming and sunbathing, some of our waterfront holdings provide recreational opportunities such as shore fishing, kayaking and paddle boarding.

#### Water Tower Beach

Water Tower Beach is located on the north shore of the island. The beach and dirt parking area are jointly owned by the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and the Nantucket Land Bank. There is a footpath through the dunes that provides access to the beach. The area has small waves and a large accessible sandbar at low tide, which make it ideal for children and families.



### 40th Pole

40th Pole is located on the north shore of the island and has small waves, which makes it ideal for children and families. This beach can be accessed on foot or by vehicle. There is a parking area to the south for walkers and 4-wheel drive vehicles are allowed to drive on the beach with the appropriate town beach permit. Information on town beach permits can be obtained from the Town of Nantucket.

# Codfish Park

Located on the east end of the island, this beach has medium sized waves and is close to the center of Sconset and the Land Bank's Codfish Park Playground. This area is ideal for families and there are lifeguards during the summer season.

#### Settler's Landing

Settler's Landing is located along the edge of Madaket Harbor on the western end of the island and features small waves and shallow waters. This area is ideal for children and families.

#### **Cisco Beach**

This popular surf beach is on the south shore and there is a large submerged sandbar that allows waves to break away from shore. Cisco is accessible via the Hummock Pond Road bike path and has a large dirt parking area. The waves and current along the south shore make this beach ideal for strong swimmers and surfers. There are lifeguards during the summer season.

#### Ladies Beach

Located south of Bartlett Farm and within the Smooth Hummocks Coastal Preserve, this beach features excellent body surfing and boogie boarding during low tide. There is a nearby parking area and footpath through the dunes for beach access. The waves and current along the south shore make this beach ideal for strong swimmers and surfers.

#### Madaquecham Beach

Madaquecham is located on the southeastern shore of the island and is accessed by a long dirt road that leads to a parking area and path to the beach. The waves and current along the south shore make this beach ideal for strong swimmers and surfers.

#### Surfside Beaches (Western Ave, **Stones and Footsteps**)

The Land Bank maintains three beaches along the south shore near Surfside Beach. The first is opposite the youth hostel on Western Avenue. The other two are accessed by Nonantum Avenue and are known as Stones and Footsteps. All three have dirt parking areas and paths/stairs for beach access. The waves and current along the south shore make these beaches are ideal for strong swimmers and surfers.

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