

Visiting Tupper Hill

There are three miles of trails over varying terrain with some hills. Strollers are not recommended.

Trail maps are available inside the visitors' center.

You are welcome to bring a lunch. Picnic tables are available adjacent to the parking area. Please carry out what you carry in.

Please leave pets at home to minimize disturbance to wildlife.



Mapleleaf Viburnum in Autumn

Directions

Tupper Hill is situated just off of the Monson-Wales Road at 30 Peck Road in Wales, Massachusetts.

From Springfield & Western MA

I-90 East to Exit 8 (Palmer, MA). Turn right onto Rt. 32 South and continue into Monson. Go through Monson center. Turn left onto Wales Rd. Stay right at the fork. Continue for approx. 3 miles. After entering Wales, go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Peck Rd. The entrance is a short distance on the left.

From Worcester & Eastern MA

I-90 West to Exit 9 (Sturbridge, MA, I-84). Take Exit 3B and follow Rt. 20 West to Brimfield. At the lights, turn left on Route 19 South and continue into Wales. Turn right on Monson Rd (at the Post Office). Stay left at the fork. Go approx. 2 miles and turn left onto Peck Rd. The entrance is a short distance on the left.

From Points South (I-84)

Take Exit 70 and follow Rt. 32 North through Stafford Springs, CT and into to Monson, MA. In approx. 4 miles turn right turn onto Wales Rd. Stay right at the fork. Continue for approx. 3 miles. After entering Wales, go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Peck Rd. The entrance is a short distance on the left.



The Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 30 Peck Road in Wales, Massachusetts.

Walking trails and visitors' center are open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm. The Sanctuary is closed on Sundays, Mondays and Holidays.

Admission is free of charge. Please sign in at the visitors' center.

For more information, please call 413-267-9654 or visit us on the web: www.norcrosswildlife.org

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The Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary

Starting with a 100 acre woodlot, Sanctuary founder and benefactor- Monson, Massachusetts native Arthur D. Norcross Jr. (1895-1969) - bought, bartered and traded to amass over 2,000 acres that he dubbed the Tupper Hill Sanctuary. Today, the Sanctuary is operated by the Norcross Wildlife Foundation and has grown to over 8,000 acres of forests, meadows and wildlands in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Sanctuary is managed and maintained for the benefit of native plants and animals of New England, as Mr. Norcross originally directed.

The Pocket Sanctuary

There are just under three miles of walking trails that traverse a variety of habitats and naturalistic wildflower gardens in the 75 acre Pocket Sanctuary, which represents the diversity that can be found at Tupper Hill. Plants grown here are native to the eastern seaboard, from the Carolinas to Canada. Whether it be botany, birds or butterflies, there are many opportunities to observe flora and fauna along our trails. There are also two natural history museums with a variety of exhibits on native wildlife.

Educational Programs

Programs are offered for school groups and others in the Tupper Hill classroom Tuesday through Friday, September through June, at 10:00am. Please visit www.norcrosswildlife.org for a complete listing of programs offered. Call 413-267-9654 to make a reservation.

Guided field walks are available for adults and families throughout the year, please call 413-267-9654 to inquire on behalf of your group, sign up for our mailing list or visit www.norcrosswildlife.org for current events. The Sanctuary also provides naturalist-guided programs for scouts and smaller groups.

Motor tours of Tupper Hill are offered in autumn. Winter lectures are on Saturdays at 1:30pm from late January through March.



Yellow Lady's Slipper



Great White Trillium



Pine Barrens Garden



Eastern Bluebird



Monarch