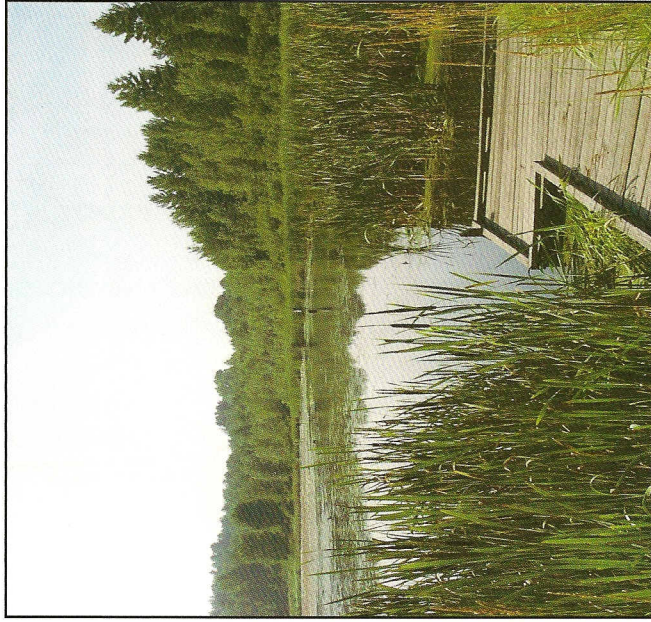


Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area



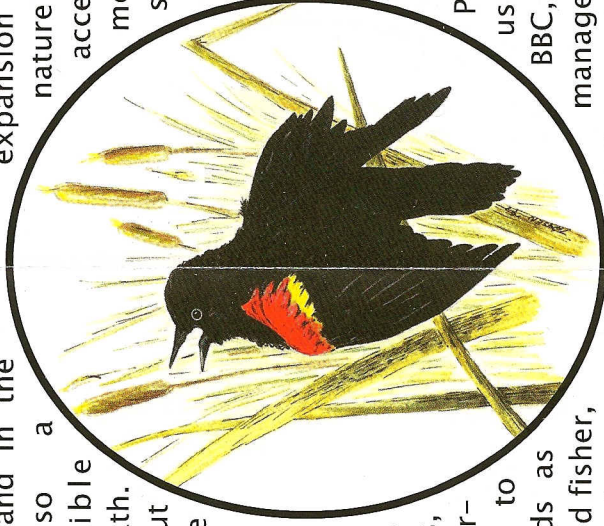
Information & Map
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FITZGERALD LAKE CONSERVATION AREA (FLCA)

The 625-acre FLCA is the largest conservation area in Northampton. Wildlife feed, breed, nest and rear their young in the diverse habitats that have been preserved and created here. Our wetlands serve to enhance water quality, our forests help ensure air quality, and our shrublands add to a dwindling resource base of declining habitats. Here you can hike for five miles; in the woods and near the shore, on the dam and in the fields. There is also a handicapped-accessible boardwalk and asphalt path. One can fish and seek out the wide variety of wildlife in habitats that include upland and lowland forests, marshes and streams, ponds and vernal pools, restored pastures managed as shrublands, and our namesake Fitzgerald Lake. FLCA is home to over 110 species of birds as well as river otter, mink and fisher, moose and deer, bear, beaver and muskrat, fox, raccoon and porcupine, frogs, turtles and salamanders, rabbits, bats and bobcat. Wildflowers and native plants abound. Canoes and kayaks can be launched at the end of the boardwalk off North Farms Road. An elevated wildlife blind overlooking the marsh is accessible off the Marion Street trail.

BROAD BROOK COALITION (BBC)

FLCA is managed by BBC under agreement with the Northampton Conservation Commission. BBC is a non-profit, all volunteer, community organization founded in 1988. Six committees and subcommittees serve to protect and enhance the diversity of species. We advocate for the protection of all wildlife, and for open space, and we work towards and fund the expansion of FLCA. We provide nature education and trail access that is not detrimental to wildlife, plant species, or habitat. We remove and attempt to control non-native invasive plants. We support affordable housing efforts in Northampton.



Please consider joining us. To learn more about BBC, our newsletters, management plan, Walks and Talks, and how you can get involved in protecting our local conservation area, go to www.broadbrookcoalition.org.

FITZGERALD LAKE CONSERVATION AREA

- Paved road
- Trail
- Trail on private property
- Wheelchair accessible
- Hunting area
- Shrubland
- Marsh
- Wildlife blind
- Boardwalk and Dock
- Parking

Mileage (Approximate)

Moose Lodge (Cooke Ave) to (mid) Dam ± 1.2 miles
 Moose Lodge (Cooke Ave) to Wildlife Blind ± 1.1 miles
 North Farms Road to dock ± 0.3 miles
 North Farms Road to (mid) Dam ± 0.9 miles
 North Farms Road to Cookes Pasture ± 1.1 miles

