

**ACCESS/PARKING:**

- Laurel Lane, north entrance. [GPS Address: 33 Laurel Lane]
- Martin Park Beach 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 from Laurel Lane 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 requires a steep climb to overlook Great Pond, with a lovely seasonal viewpoint, and past “Sphinx Rock.”

The southern portion of the trail leads downhill to the north end of the parking lot at Great Pond. The wetlands on this property require protection against pollution because it includes the main feeder stream for Great Pond, one of Ridgefield’s most important natural resources.

**HISTORY:** Like other open spaces in Ridgefield, the land was contributed by developers because of the Planning and Zoning open-space regulation and by supplemental purchases. The land was originally part of Camp Adventure.

