

## Morono Park Trails

### Access to the trails:

The Morono Park trail can be accessed from Second Street. Take Route 3 to Sewalls Falls Road and turn right onto Second Street (between Beaver Meadow School and Beaver Meadow Golf Course). Park in the parking lot on the left, just before the railroad tracks. The Morono Park trailhead is just across the street. There is additional parking in the NH Fish and Game parking area further down the road on the right. There is also a neighborhood entrance on Clarke Street.

### The trails:

Hiking travel time: about 90 minutes round trip

Distance: about 3+ miles round trip

Level of Difficulty: easy, mostly flat surface

Just before the railroad tracks, on the right, a wide path goes down a small hill then winds around to the left, parallel to the railroad tracks. It soon bears right along the shore of West Concord River Oxbow Pond. The railroad skirts the Merrimack River edge of Sewalls Island across the pond. Continue along the trail and the water for about ten minutes, to reach a short loop trail on the left that skirts the edge of the oxbow bank. You may be rewarded with sights of herons, ducks, beavers, and, in the winter, signs of otters.

At the end of the loop turn left back onto the main trail. Shortly there is a second loop trail on the right which winds through a field below a wooded hill. This loop is covered with grass which becomes very high in the late spring and summer making it unsuitable for walking. In the late fall and winter, however, it is a nice alternative to the main trail and is excellent for snowshoeing and skiing. This also returns to the main trail where you turn right to continue. The main trail follows the bank of the oxbow for a short distance where it then turns right at the edge of a cultivated field which is State Prison property, and heads towards Clarke Street..

**DO NOT CROSS ONTO THE STATE PRISON FARM FIELDS PROPERTY.**

From the Fish and Game parking lot, there is a

trail to the right of the kiosk that leads down to the river to two handicapped accessible fishing piers, with a short path between them. See Map 10 for more details.

Because of the interesting features along the trail, plan a longer stay. It is an easy trail for hiking and cross-country skiing.

### History:

The Morono Park was named after Frank Morono who worked for the City of Concord for 34 years. He was a member of the Fire Department from 1947-1964, building inspector from 1965-1978, and head of the City Building Department from Feb. 1979-Aug. 1981. He spent a lot of his free time fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing in this area.



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*Map 11*

## *Concord Trail System*

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*(Heritage Trail Segments)*



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