

# BAY FARM TRAILS



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A majority of Bay Farm is open field covered in the summertime with wildflowers and singing birds. This open field attracts a variety of wildlife. From the delightful chorus of the bobolink singing from the tops of the long grass to the long cries of raptors such as red-tailed hawks, birds are probably the most plentiful. The field is also utilized by fox and coyote for hunting, the grazing of white-tailed deer and in the warm evenings of June, you can see a laser light show of fireflies.

Bay Farm is an excellent example of forest regeneration. About 1900, there were few trees remaining in Duxbury. The trees were harvested for building ships, housing, firewood, and other wood products. Because one-half of Bay Farm is mowed every year, it is not given the chance to grow back to forest. However, the Kingston portion of the land has been allowed to regenerate. As you are walking through the Cedar grove, you can see what has grown in the last 30 years.