

Explore Joe's Woods



Legend

- SCT Property
- Town of Sandwich
- Wildlife Viewing
- Parking at Quaker Meeting House (see inset)
- Trail Access

Joe's Woods is a quiet, seven-acre woodland tucked off Roos Road, donated to the Sandwich Conservation Trust in 1986 by Thomas A. Gelsthorpe. This peaceful preserve features a blend of forest and open clearings, bordering what was once Gelsthorpe's working cranberry farm.

Located at the headwaters of Old Harbor Creek, the former cranberry bog is now in a natural state of ecological succession. As new plant communities emerge, the area has become a thriving habitat for songbirds, pollinators, and other wildlife, offering a fascinating glimpse into nature's ability to reclaim and renew the landscape.

Over time, adjacent parcels were protected by the Town of Sandwich, creating a combined 36 acres of publicly accessible open space for quiet exploration and wildlife observation.

Parking is available at the historic Quaker Meeting House on Spring Hill Road, about a half-mile away. From there, enjoy a short and scenic walk along rustic Roos Road, one of the oldest byways in Sandwich, to reach this hidden woodland retreat.

Joe's Woods is a wonderful spot for a peaceful walk, birdwatching, or simply enjoying a quiet connection with nature—where history, ecology, and tranquility meet.



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