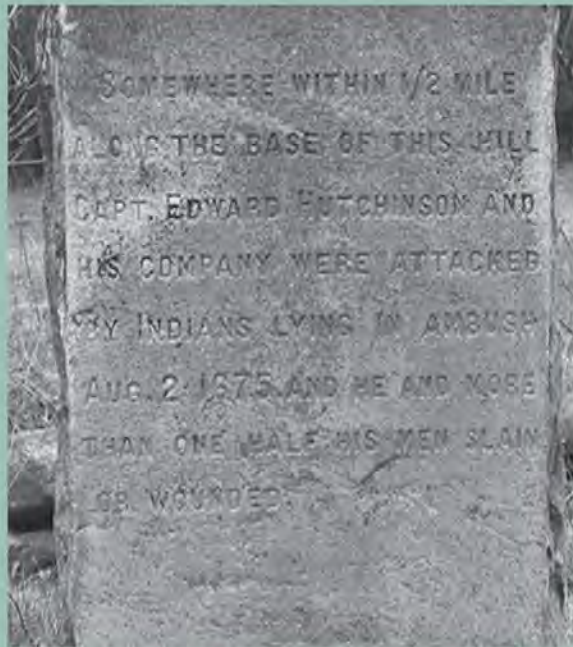


The Old Bay Path Indian Trail  
(through the Quaboag Plantation)

This 15 mile segment follows a well-worn trail used for by indians as they traveled between camps for trade, seasonal forage and farming between the Connecticut River and Boston.

Private property and development often results in traveling on roads. Please respect the private property and travel only on public roads and trails. These maps will guide you.

Warning: Beware of ticks when in the woods, and wear bright clothing during hunting season.



D. "Wheeler's Surprise" Location Marker

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# THE OLD BAY PATH INDIAN TRAIL



NEW BRAINTREE TO WARREN

Welcome Visitor

Engraving of King Phillip (alias Metacomet)  
by Benjamin Church - 1881

# OLD BAYPATH INDIAN TRAIL - PART 1

**Legend**



--- Old Baypath Indian Trail

==== Driving, Cycling, Walking Route

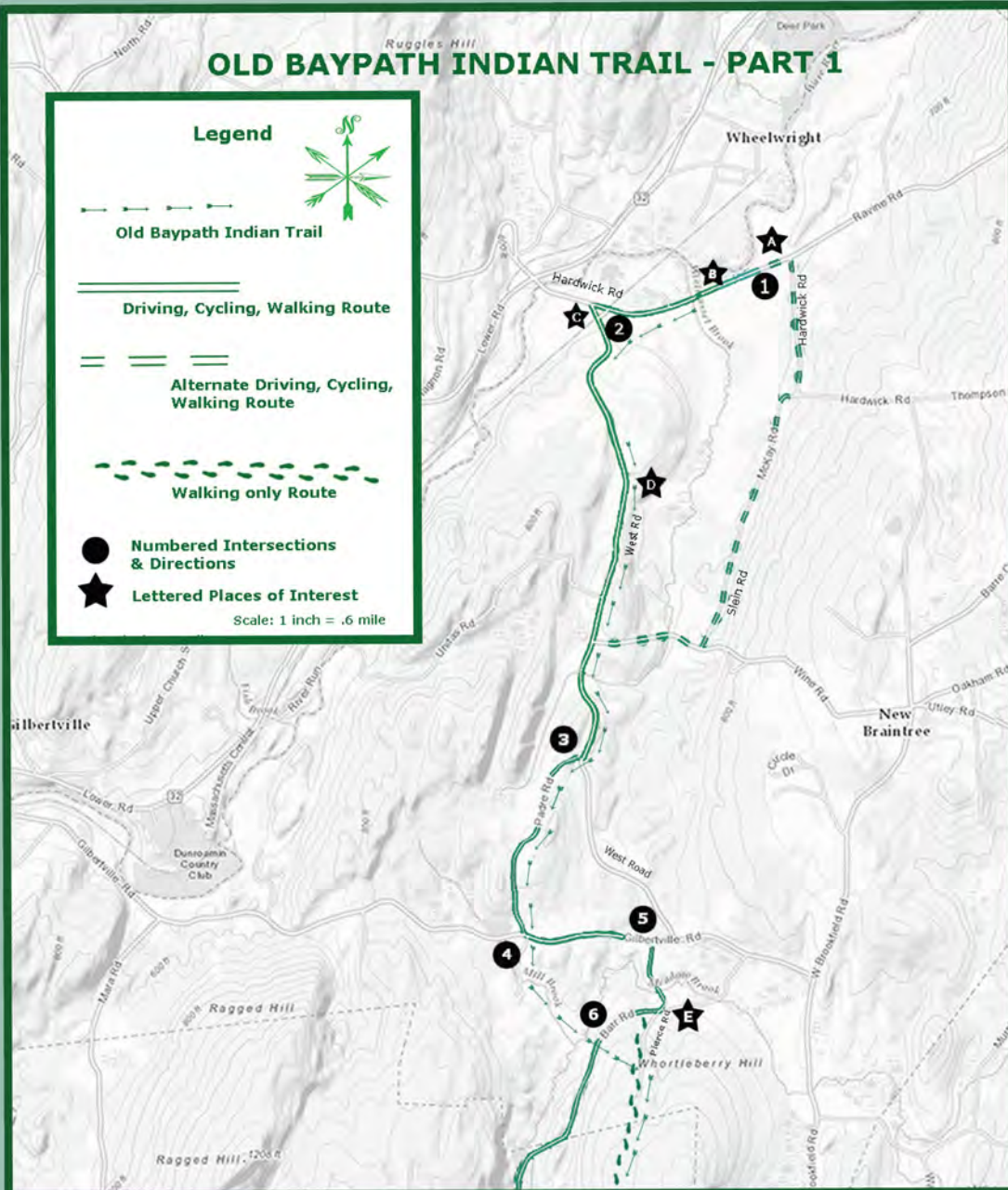
==== Alternate Driving, Cycling, Walking Route

- - - - - Walking only Route

● Numbered Intersections & Directions

★ Lettered Places of Interest

Scale: 1 inch = .6 mile



## DRIVING, CYCLING & WALKING DIRECTIONS (walking only directions in White Capital Letters)

### NEW BRAINTREE

**1.** BEGIN at the Winimusset Wildlife Management Parking Area on Hardwick Road. Go west on Hardwick Road to West Road, or take the alternate route, going east on Hardwick Road to MacKay Road, south on Slein Road, where some say the Wheeler's Surprise ambush occurred, to Wine Road, west on Wine Road to West Road.

**A.** Across from the parking area on Hardwick Road is North Cemetery with the Sarah Rowlandson Marker. She was captured and killed by indians in 1675 at age 6.

**B.** .4 Mile west is a stone marker for one of King Philip's camps, possibly used during the raid on Brookfield in 1675.

**C.** To the west, is a Rail Trail and Railroad Station Marker.

**2.** Take West Road south toward unpaved Padre Road.

**D.** Between poles 43 and 44 (.9 mile) is a granite marker describing where Capt. Edward Hutchinson and his company were ambushed in "Wheeler's Surprise" (1675).

**3.** Take Padre Road south 1 mile to Gilbertville Road. The actual trail on Padre Road would cross Gilbertville Road to Skiviras Lane but development and a swamp prevent this.

**4.** Go east on Gilbertville Road to Barr Road.

**5.** Take Barr Road south to Pierce Road which dead-ends and is blocked by boulders.

**E.** HERE A WALKING TRAIL ENTERS THE WOODS. PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAIL NEXT TO THE POSTED PROPERTY.

**6.** Continue south on Barr Road which then becomes Wickaboag Valley Road. Continue south.

DRIVING, CYCLING & WALKING DIRECTIONS  
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WEST BROOKFIELD

7. Follow Wickaboag Valley Road south. You have entered “The Wickaboag Valley Historic District” where sawmills and gristmills were once found.

F. WALKING ONLY

THE OVERGROWN TRAIL FOLLOWS AN OLD CART ROAD, MADDEN ROAD, DISCONTINUED BY THE TOWN 50 YEARS AGO. A STONE TOWN BOUNDARY MARKER AND REMNANTS OF OLD STONE SLAB BRIDGES OVER SMALL STREAMS PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL BAY PATH.

G. THE TRAIL JOINS THE CURRENT MADDEN ROAD AT A MOBILE HOME PARK. FOLLOW MADDEN ROAD TO THE END AT SHEA ROAD (.6 MILES) THEN GO .1 MILE EAST TO A POWER LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH A FENCE. *Note: just west on Shea Road is site of the old Gilbert Sawmill on Mill Brook.* PASS BY FENCE ON EAST SIDE AND FOLLOW TRAIL MARKERS THROUGH STATE FOREST TO DIRT PATH NEXT TO A POND.

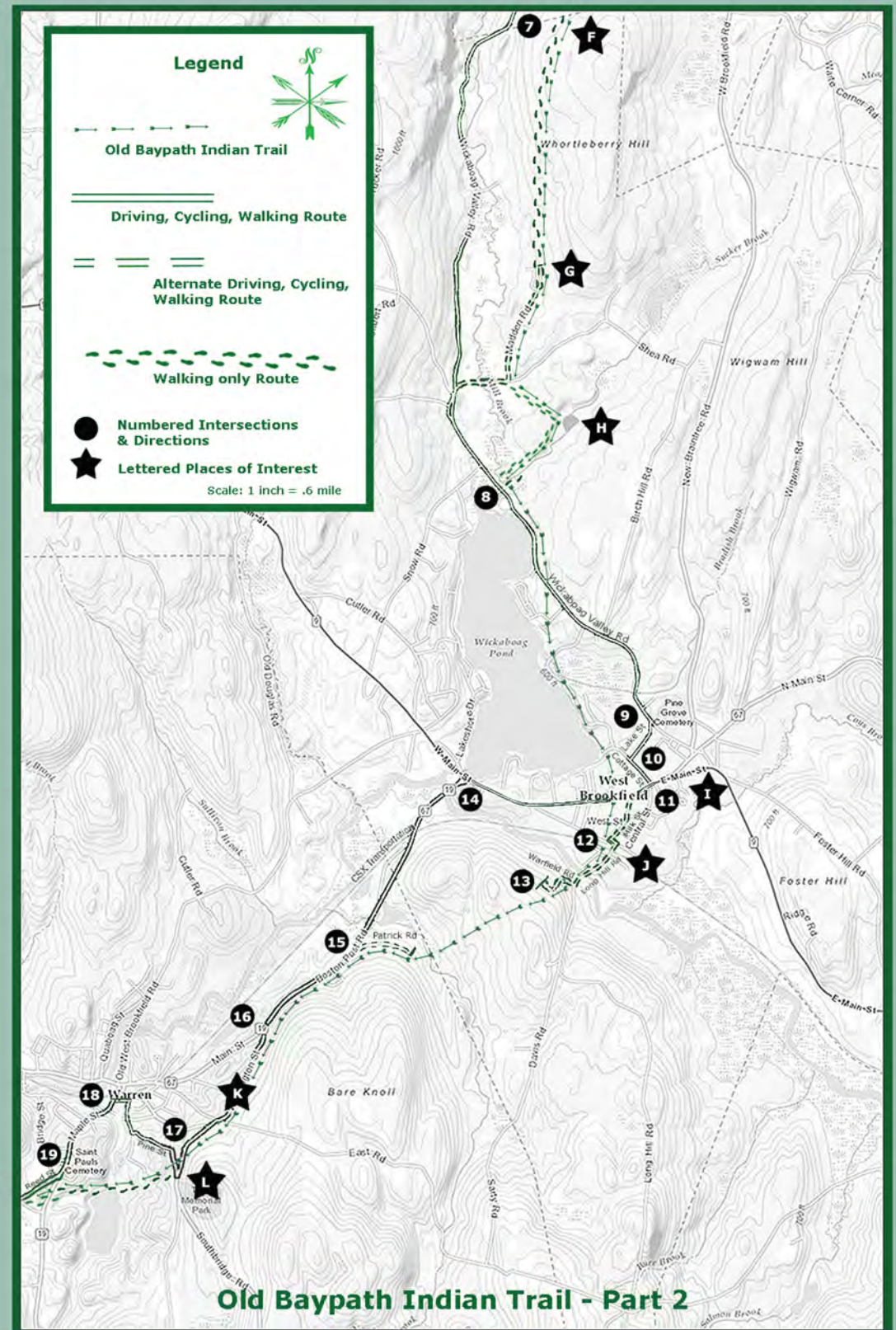
H. THE POND EMPTIES INTO SUCKER BROOK AND IS THE SITE OF JOHN PYNCHON’S GRISTMILL BUILT IN 1669 AND BURNED IN KING PHILIP’S WAR (1675). *Note: This is owned by the East Quabbin Land Trust and is part of “The Wickaboag Valley Historic District.”* FOLLOW SUCKER BROOK AND THEN THE DIRT ROAD AFTER PASSING A METAL GATE. THE DIRT ROAD ENDS AT WICKABOAG VALLEY ROAD.

8. Follow past Snow Road to a kiosk and parking area for the Pynchon Gristmill Site. After parking, WALK SOUTH AND CROSS BRIDGE OVER SUCKER BROOK. GO LEFT INTO DRIVEWAY AND BEAR LEFT ON DIRT ROAD. CROSS BROOK AND ENTER PATH THROUGH GATE.

H. FOLLOW PATH ALONG BROOK TO POND AND SITE OF JOHN PYNCHON’S GRISTMILL. RETURN TO WICKABOAG VALLEY ROAD.

9. Follow Wickaboag Valley Road south to Lake Street then to Cottage Street. *Note: The trail would enter Council Grove and travel south along the shore of Lake Wickaboag but this is private property. The Old Indian Cemetery, a National Historic Register Site, and the Town Beach are north on Cottage Street.*

10. The trail travels south on Cottage Street to Main Street, part of the Center Historic District.(I)



11. Go west on West Main Street to Milk Street.
12. Follow Milk Street to bridge crossing the railroad at Long Hill Road.

**J.** The Quaboag Historical Society Museum is just east on Front Street in the Boston & Albany Railroad Station.

13. Follow Long Hill Road south crossing the Quaboag River until reaching Warfield Road. *The trail would continue through the woods but this is private property – Do Not Enter.* Return to West Main Street and go west to Route 19/67 south.

14. Follow Route 19/67 south towards Warren.



## WARREN

15. The Trail exits the woods onto Patrick Road, on the east side of Route 67. Follow Route 67 south .6 miles to Washington Street.

16. Follow Washington Street south-westerly.

**K.** there is a Franklin Mile Marker opposite pole # 10, before Burbank Street, on the west side.

17. Continue straight after stop sign to next stop sign at Southbridge Street. Just ahead is a Boston Post Road sign.

### L. WALKING ONLY.

A WALKING TRAIL IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SIGN AND LEADS TO COMINS POND. THE TRAIL CONTINUES OVER A SMALL FOOTBRIDGE AND ALONG A TRAIL ABOVE THE TOWN BEACH. AT THE TOP OF A SMALL HILL FOLLOW LEFT AT THE FORK ALONG AN ATV TRAIL, THE TRAIL JOINS A WATER DISTRICT ACCESS ROAD THAT ENDS AT ROUTE 19. FOLLOW ROUTE 19 SOUTH TO BAY PATH ROAD WHERE THE TRAIL WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH WOODS TO REED STREET, BUT THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.

18. At stop sign at Southbridge Street go right and follow to Pine Street on left.

19. Follow Pine Street to end, Comins Pond Road. Go right on Comins Pond Road to end, Route 19.

20. Go left on Route 19 and follow south to Reed Street.

21. Follow Reed Street South about 2 miles to Boston Post Road sign at South Street.

22. END OF TRAIL

