

The Olde “Res” Footpath is about one half mile length and marked by four brown colored timber posts. The footpath surrounds a pond that was originally a privately owned reservoir whose owners sold water and ice to railroads.

Currently the pond is home to trees, birds, animals and fish.

Trees include Elm, Maple, Oak, Dogwood, Birch, Yews, Hemlock, Pine, Spruce and a huge Cottonwood. (Can you find it? Look near the trail post capped with the letter C.)

Other sightings include Redwing Blackbirds, Canada Geese with goslings, Mallards, Great Blue Herons, Orioles nesting, Goldfinches feeding on prairie thistle, Kingfisher, Green Heron, Snowy Egret, Muskrat, Beaver and their chewing’s on tree stumps, Raccoons (kits in the gate house), Red Fox, Feral cats, Opossums.

In the pond Carp, Snapping Turtles, Bull Frogs (heard but not seen) are additional evidence of a large community of creatures near this footpath.

**For your safety and enjoyment only look, smell and listen or take pictures, and only leave footprints.**

- A. START at “Olde ‘Res’ Footpath” Sign
  - B. Invasive plants & vines (bitter sweet, etc.)
  - C. Cottonwood tree
  - D. Sledge (where pond water is hidden)
  - E. Pine/Hemlock Stand (along Amostown Rd)
  - G. Gate House
  - P. Poison Ivy (Stay on footpath to avoid poison ivy.)

