

*Explore Hermann Orchard, one of Harvard's conservation treasures*

# Spring Walk    Sunday, April 7, 2024

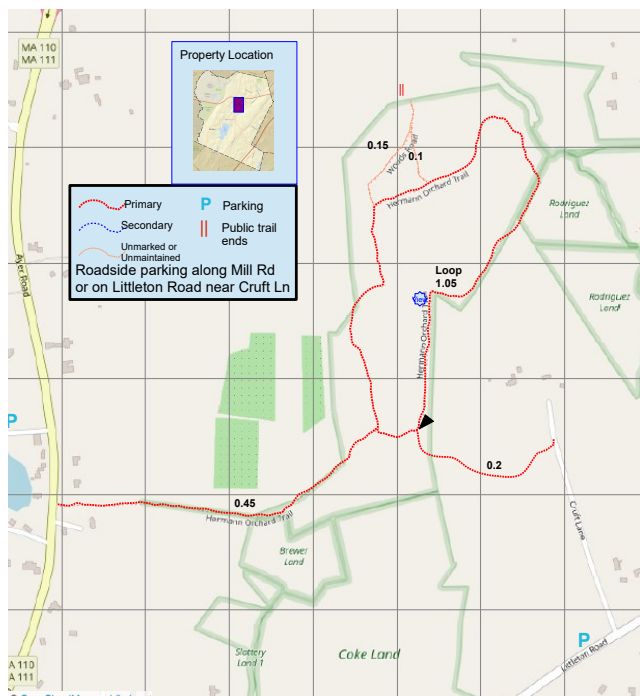
Join Harvard Conservation Commission's Land Stewardship Subcommittee for a hike on Sunday, April 7, meeting at 1:30 pm on Littleton Rd at the intersection with Cruft Lane.

This scenic hilltop orchard purchased by the Town in 1976 quickly became a favorite conservation area to visit for its sweeping views north to the hills of NH and southwest to Harvard's town center. With access from Ayer Rd challenged by traffic too fast for tractors, the orchard was abandoned and now the southern half has been cleared of trees. Today the area is a sanctuary for wildlife, nearly encircled by Bowers Brook. Come climb the hill and explore a secluded stretch of the river at the base of the wooded north slope.

A conservation restriction with a public trail on private land allows new access from Crufts Lane. (Hikers only and no dogs allowed.) We will hike 1.5 miles at a moderate pace for about 2 hours; some steep sections. Drizzle ok; rain cancels. For more information contact [mwsisson4@gmail.com](mailto:mwsisson4@gmail.com).



View north from orchard hilltop



**Start and Finish:  
Littleton Rd.**