

# Mondo Ponds

The Mondo Ponds Nature Preserve walking trail borders ponds were created after gravel was excavated during the 1950s.

The five ponds and wetlands cover about 36 acres. The vegetation includes marsh, hardwood swamp, upland American Beech forest, and conifer habitats. Mondo Ponds is one of several contiguous open space parcels that the City acquired from the Regional Water Authority.

Bring your binoculars to view the waterfowl and other wildlife that can be viewed in the ponds and nearby forested areas. Off-shore rocky out-crops are prime viewing areas for waterfowl during the spring and fall bird migrations. About 175 birds have been documented at this special place including endangered, threatened, and species of concern.

Butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies can also be seen along the pond edges. Turtles and other amphibians depend on this habitat area.

As a nature preserve, fishing from shore is permitted at Mondo Ponds. Do not fish near nesting birds during the spring and early summer season. Please dispose of litter and fishing line in a responsible way. Boating, including the use of remote controlled boats, and swimming is not allowed here.

Do not use the parking area or school grounds at the Public School during school hours.



*Photo by Steve Johnson, City of Milford*

## Trail Description:

### Easy Hike

This walk travels around two open space pond areas. The parking area at 404 West Avenue is on the property of a Public School. Therefore, parking IS NOT permitted in this lot during school hours

*Total trails distance is approx. 1.11 miles*

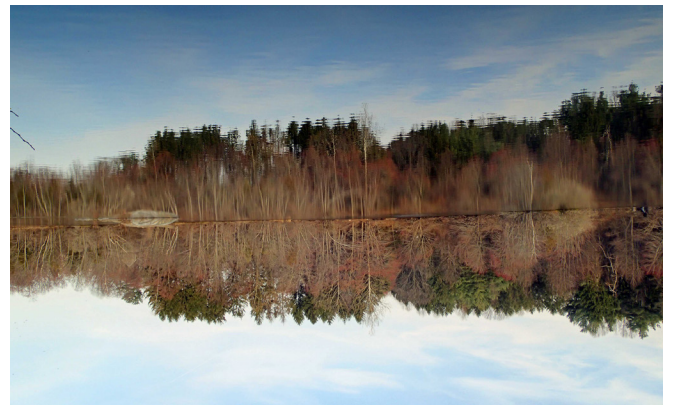
## Directions and Parking:

Limited off-street parking is available at Naugatuck Avenue, about 0.1 miles West of Grinnell Street.

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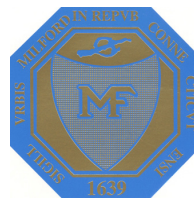
## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Trails are open ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset or as posted. Stay on the trails. As a nature preserve, dogs are not permitted. No motorized vehicles or bicycling is allowed and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.



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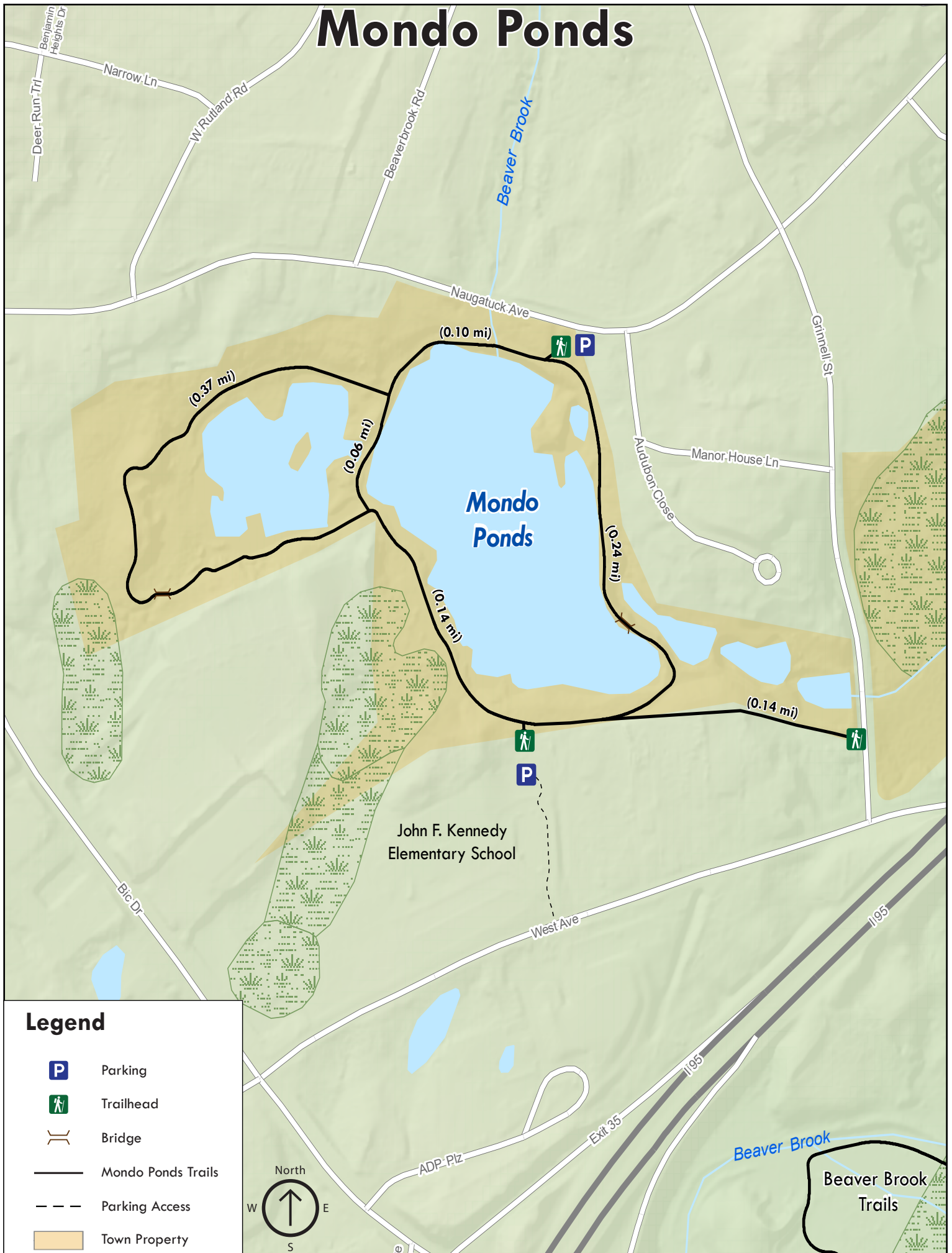


## For more information about this location, contact:

City of Milford  
Open Space & Natural Resources  
Office  
(203) 239-5321 or (203) 783-3201



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## Legend



Parking



Trailhead



Bridge



Mondo Ponds Trails



Parking Access



Town Property