

## Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge, Longmeadow

The area known as Longmeadow Flats, comprised of the Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge and the adjoining Town of Longmeadow Conservation Land, lies along the Connecticut River and contains the largest and highest-quality patch of floodplain forest known in Massachusetts. This area provides key habitat for the Endangered Riverine Clubtail dragonfly, several rare plant species, Bald Eagles, Spotted Turtles and rare wetlands birds such as the Common Moorhen and American Bittern.

The Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge has been designated a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior and an Important Bird Area by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

<b>Location:</b>	The Refuge can be accessed via either Emerson Road or Bark Haul Road.
<b>Trail Type:</b>	Hiking trails, not handicapped accessible. Deer ticks are prevalent.
<b>Length/Difficulty:</b>	Approximately 6 miles; Easy
<b>Permitted Uses:</b>	Walking, birdwatching. Dogs must be leashed. Motor vehicles prohibited.
<b>Parking:</b>	Park along the road at the intersection of Pondsides Road and Bark Haul Road
<b>Information:</b>	<a href="http://massbird.org/allen/stebbins.htm">http://massbird.org/allen/stebbins.htm</a>