

Great Quitticas Pond

"At the Islands" (Wampanoag)

Hiking Trails

Native American History of the Assawompsett Pond Complex Area

The Wampanoag Tribe lived, hunted and fished around what is now the Assawompsett Pond Complex until the end of King Philip's War around 1678. King Philip was the son of Chief Massasoit. Philip's real name was Metacomet, but his father brought him to Plymouth to receive an English name for business with the colonists. He heard stories of Charles II and decided that if Charles was king, he could be king too. After Massasoit died, Philip became Chief. Originally the Wampanoag lived in peace with the settlers but as the New England colonies grew, so did the tension between the Natives and the Newcomers. The King Philip War started when John Sassamon, a Wampanoag Harvard Graduate, was found dead by the colonists. His body was frozen in the ice of Assawompsett Pond after he was murdered by three Pokanoket men, because he told the Governor of Plymouth that Philip was preparing for war. The war ended after Philip was captured while hiding in the swamp near these very trails.

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Ausup (Raccoon) Trail

Distance: 0.5 mi. A wide, slightly hilly trail blanketed with pine needles.



The South end of the path facing North Avenue.



The North tip of the trail facing the intersection of Mishoon and Tinkogukuas Trails.

Mishoon (Canoe) Trail

Distance: 0.4 mi. - A relatively wide birch-lined gravel road with gradual hills and turns.



The West end of the path facing the Gravel Pits.
(Please do not pass the sign.)



The east tip of the trail facing the intersection of Ausup and Tinkogukuas Trails.

Nipi (Water) Way

Distance: 0.5 mi. A wide dirt trail on a hill with many protruding bushwhacked paths.



The West end of the path facing Mishoon Trail.



The East Tip of the trail facing Tinkogukuas Trail.

Tinkogukuas (Frog) Trail

Distance: 0.7 mi. A relatively flat, twisty trail surrounded by large trees.



The South end of the path facing North Ave.



The North tip of the trail facing the intersection of Mishoon and Ausup Trails.

Atuk (Deer) Trail

Distance: 0.3 mi. A relatively narrow, straight trail surrounded by large pine.



The West end of the path facing Tinkogukuas Trail.



The east tip of the trail facing Namas Way.

Namas (Fish) Way

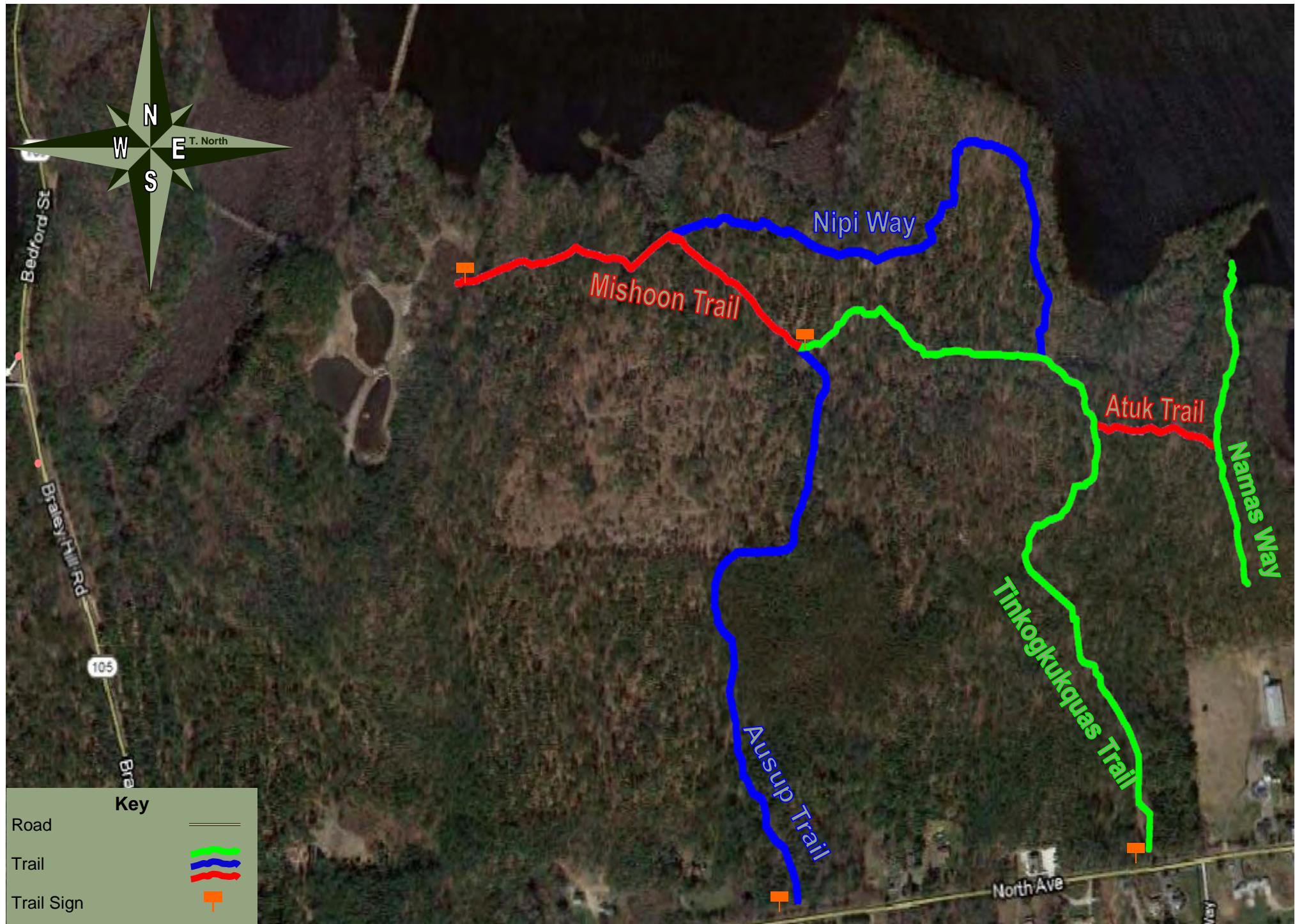
Distance: 0.5 mi. A trail of medium width with a small beach on the north-most end.



The Tall Pine Acres gate at south-most end of the path.



The North-most end of the trail at a small fishing beach.



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