
CHATHAM CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Chatham Conservation Foundation preserves land for the benefit of the people, plants, animals, and ecosystems of Chatham. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of acquiring land, by gift or purchase, to be preserved in its natural state in perpetuity.



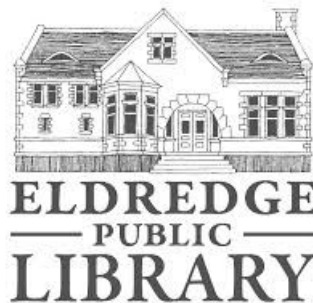
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We are grateful for the Town of Chatham's Conservation Division for its support and assistance in readying the trail for our annual Poetry Walk.

ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Eldredge Public Library was a gift to the people of Chatham in 1896 from one of its natives, Marcellus Eldredge. The Library's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Chatham by providing residents and visitors with the library services they need and want: informational and recreational materials and programs, cultural enrichment, intellectual stimulation, academic support, social interaction, and a neutral setting for public discourse.



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A WALK WITH WORDS

Promoting literacy, learning and a deeper appreciation of and connection with the natural world.

Historically, man has attempted to describe and define the natural world — its diverse landscapes, its changing seasons, and its remarkable inhabitants — through poetry.

The *Poetry Walk* is a collaboration between the Eldredge Public Library, the Chatham Conservation Foundation, Monomoy Regional High School, and the Town of Chatham.

TRAINING FIELD TRIANGLE

The Training Field Triangle is steeped in history and is home to a variety of flora and fauna.

This 39 acre oak and pine forest features a .75 mile loop trail, a kettle hole wetland (a MA certified vernal pool), and an 18th century small pox cemetery.

It was once used as a training field for fighting soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

Pull-off parking can be accessed via Old Comers Road.



*Those who contemplate the
beauty of the earth find
reserves of strength that will
endure as long as life lasts.
~ Rachel Carson*

The Poems

Each poem on the *Poetry Walk* has been selected to highlight the site. We hope you enjoy your time in the “Triangle” today! (Poems in random order)

Grass

By Joyce Sidman

The Sun Has a Tail

By Emanuel di Pasquale

This was a Poet — It is That (448)

By Emily Dickinson

Always Bring a Pencil

By Naomi Shihab Nye

Nature

By Henry David Thoreau

Finding Magic

By Eric Finney

The Wild Honeysuckle

By Philip Freneau

Honeysuckle

By Elizabeth Gordon

July

By Ted Kooser & Connie Wanek

August Heat

Anonymous

Pedigree

By Emily Dickinson

Bee

By X. J. Kennedy

Far From the Madding Crowd

By Nixon Waterman

My Needs

By JonArno Lawson

Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep

By Mary Elizabeth Frye

Years From Now

Happy Ending?

By Shel Silverstein

Let Me Grow Lovely

By Karle Wilson Baker

Five Years Old

By Marie Louise Allen

Praise for the Rain

By Joy Harjo

Explorers

By Joyce Sidman

Be Like the Bird

By Victor Hugo

If I could Have a Pair of Wings

By Anita E. Pose

Spring Pools

By Robert Frost

Ode to a Salamander

By Deborah Ruddell

I Tangled With Ivy

By Terry Hoffman

I've Got an Itch

By Jack Prelutsky

There is Pleasure in the Pathless Woods

By Lord Byron

What do you do on a nature walk?

By Kate Williams

Sorrow Song

By Lucille Clifton

Hug O'War

By Shel Silverstein

Man's Inhumanity to Man

By Robert Burns