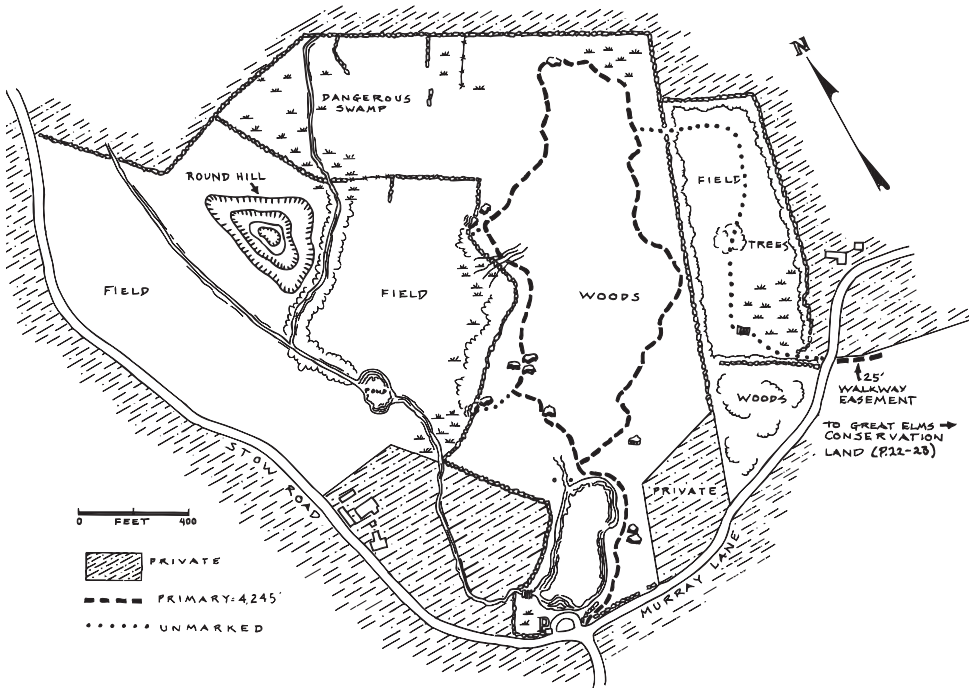


WILLIAMS LAND



This valley is one of the most picturesque in Harvard. It was therefore a relief to townspeople when the Commission was able to acquire 64 acres of land from Alexander Williams in 1982, and thus ensure its permanent preservation. The property consists of rolling fields, including a prominent drumlin known as Round Hill, and approximately 30 acres of forested land in the rear. In the winter when snow conditions are good, Round Hill is a favorite spot for sledding.

The open fields are leased to a local farmer. Please have respect for the land when you are passing through.

Williams Pond was given to the Town in 1966 by Alexander and Peggy Williams, in memory of their son Lieutenant James Lincoln Williams. It was originally created as an ice pond. There is an abundance of wildflowers in the area, and it is also enjoyed by local birdwatchers. Some birds to look for are: green heron, great blue heron, mallard, wood duck, and kingfisher.

In 1987 an adjacent 8 acre parcel, part of the Great Elms conservation land, was acquired. The trail on this land goes through an open field and leads to Murray Lane where one may enter the main section of the Great Elms conservation land.

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