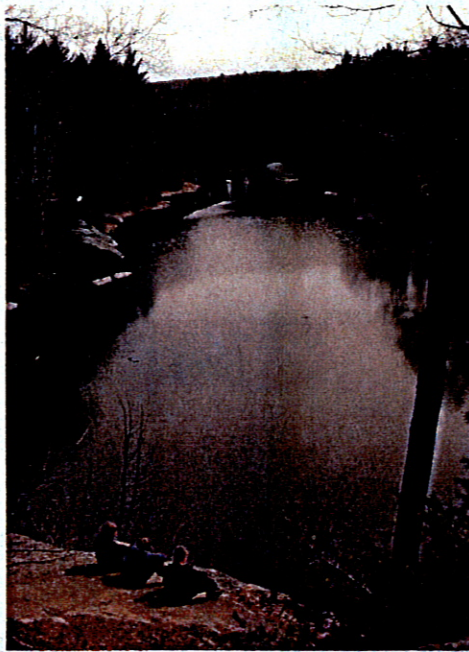
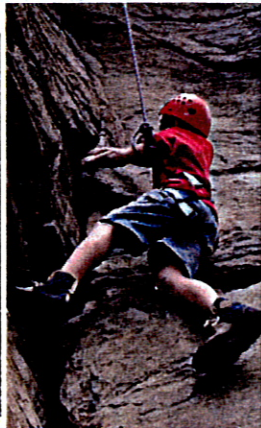


THE WARE WANDERERS GUIDE TO THE OUTDOORS



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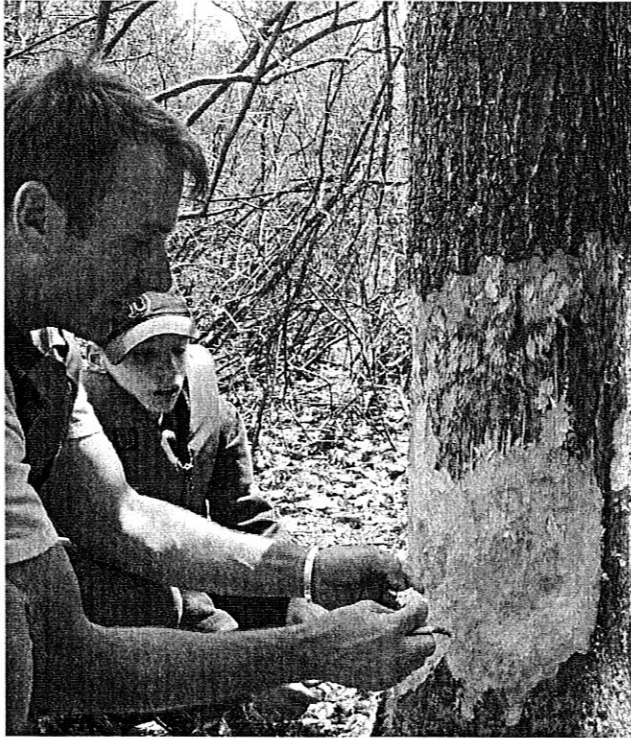
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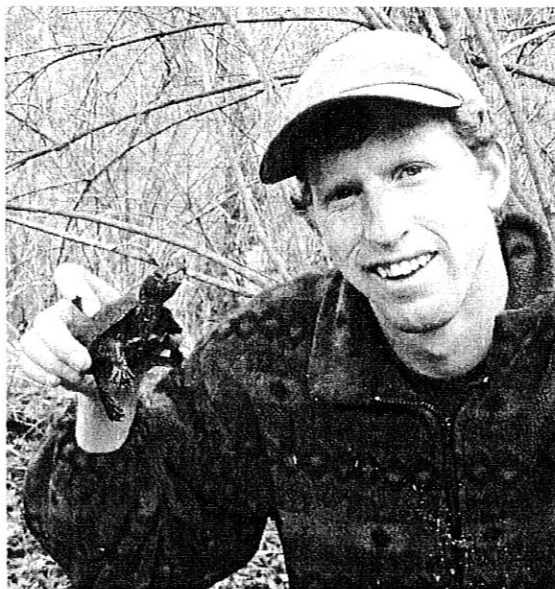
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Quotes from some of the participants about the program:

"This experience in the Outdoor Adventure Program has taught me a lot about the wilderness, animals, and plants. I have learned many different types of edible plants that I can eat. I have also learned to make fire with a bow and drill, and also a handrill. I have had a great time at this program." ~Ben St. George

"i think we should do it next year because I learned so much stuff. I learned to make fires from a bow and drill and how to find edible plants in the woods. Our guides were awesome, smart, and cool!" ~ Kyle Moulton

"This program was awesome. It was so fun and I enjoyed it. We did so many things like rock climbing and caving that we normally couldn't do. This program was ten times better than any other ones offered and it should definitely be offered next year." ~ Mike Masztel

" I think this program is awesome. I would like to do it again. The thing I liked the best was canoeing. I think it is fun traveling to all these different places." ~ Tim Connolly

" I think this program is cool. It is fun to go rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking and swimming. " ~ Mike Cabrera

" This experience was great. it would be great if we could do it again next year. we went on many adventures. We got to do all the things that we like to do. " ~ Greg Masztel

"This program was a real motivation to get outside. I learned how to respect nature. These trips rocked the outdoors, literally!" ~ Kyle Nevue

Testimonial from parent of two participants:

Dear James and David,

I'm writing to let you know how much our boys enjoyed the outdoor adventure program that you offered at Ware High School this Spring. It was such a wonderful program. It was very well organized and the kids were able to get back to basics in a wholesome, natural environment. They were so excited to experience things like caving and rock climbing which they have never had the opportunity to experience before. You and your staff are great with the kids. They really enjoyed how knowledgeable you are about the outdoors and also you had a great rapport with them. At such an age where it is hard to get teens excited about anything, you succeeded! Thank you for a safe, well-run program. I hope that you are able to offer this again. It was really a great experience for those who participated.

Sincerely,
Jean Masztal

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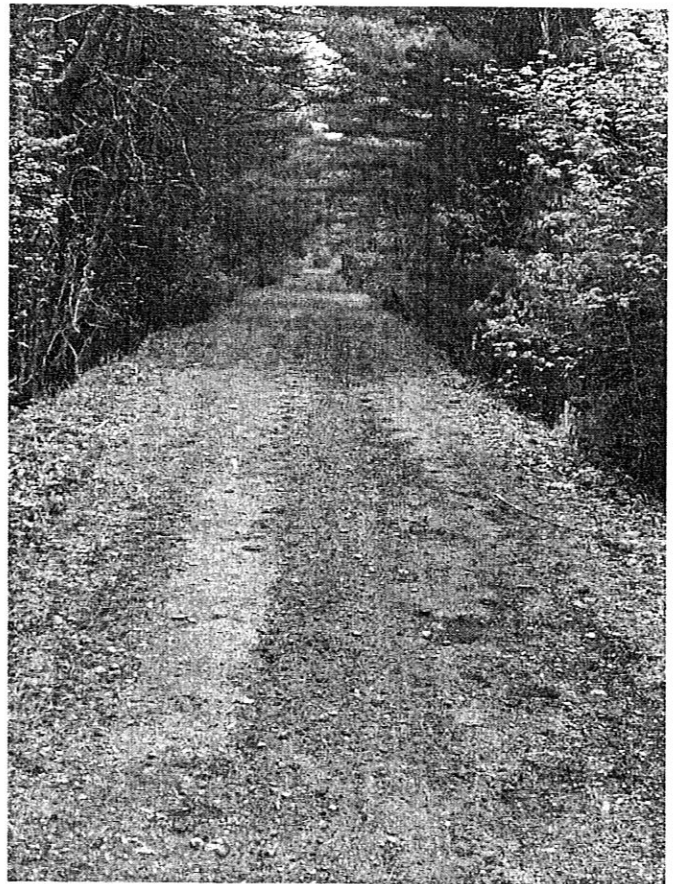
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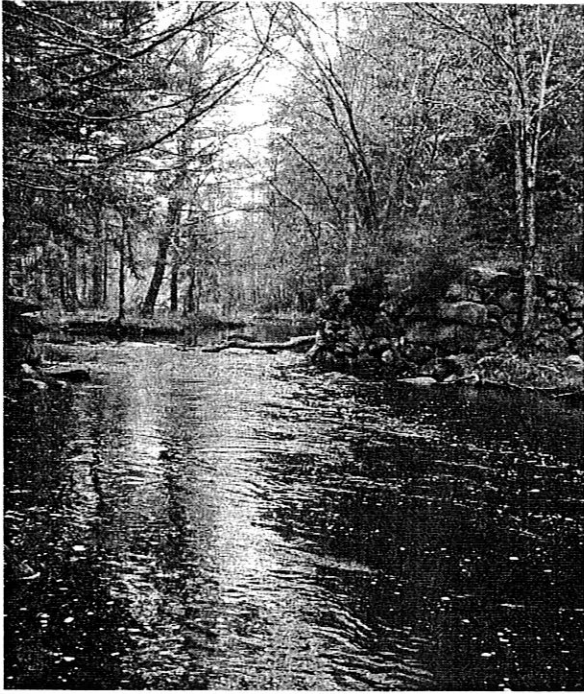
Barre to Templeton Rail Trail

This dirt rail trail runs from Route 122 in Barre, MA. to Route 2A in Templeton, MA. It is 12 miles long and has all sorts of side trails that bring hikers and bikers down along the Ware River, the Burnshirt River and Williamsville Pond. There is a dirt road that leads to a beautiful old cemetery called The Riverside Cemetery. This is a great place to mountain bike, hike or go fishing. There used to be a railroad that ran along this stretch. It was called the Ware River Secondary. You can find pieces of coal along the trail that were spit out by old trains.



A lot of the trail looks like this. It is very shady and flat and looks like a tunnel.

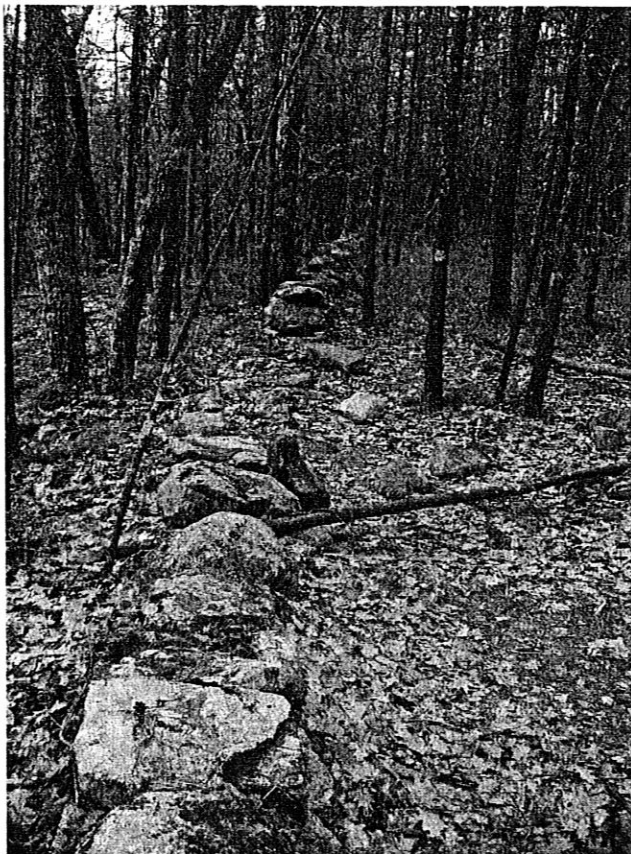
How to get there: follow Route 32 North until you see signs for Route 122 Worcester. When you get to 122 take a right and follow 122 South for about 1.5 miles. Here you will see a dirt road on the left. There is a parking area and boat launch here.



This could be a great fishing spot along the Ware River.



A fine view of the Ware river from one of the many side trails that lead from the Rail Trail to the river.



An old stone wall which was probably the border of some one's pasture years ago.



This cemetery seems to be in the middle of nowhere. It is at the junction of a dirt road and the rail trail. It sits along the river and is called the Riverside Cemetery.



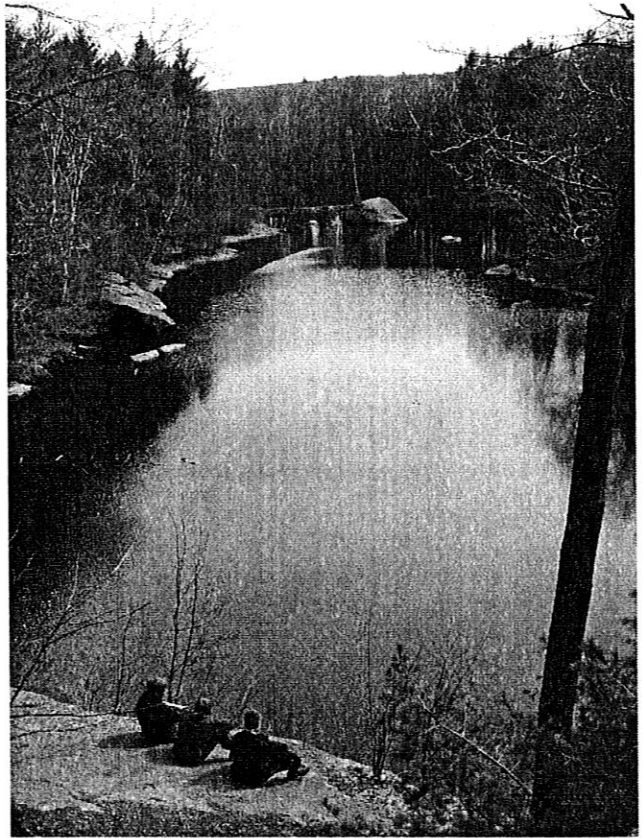
A tributary joins the main body of the Ware River. This is another great fishing spot. Two guys were fishing here and said it was one of their favorite spots.



This cemetery was in perfect shape. The archways, lawn and stone walls are all perfectly kept. It seemed strange because this cemetery seems like its in the middle of nowhere.

Rockhouse Reservation Ware, MA.

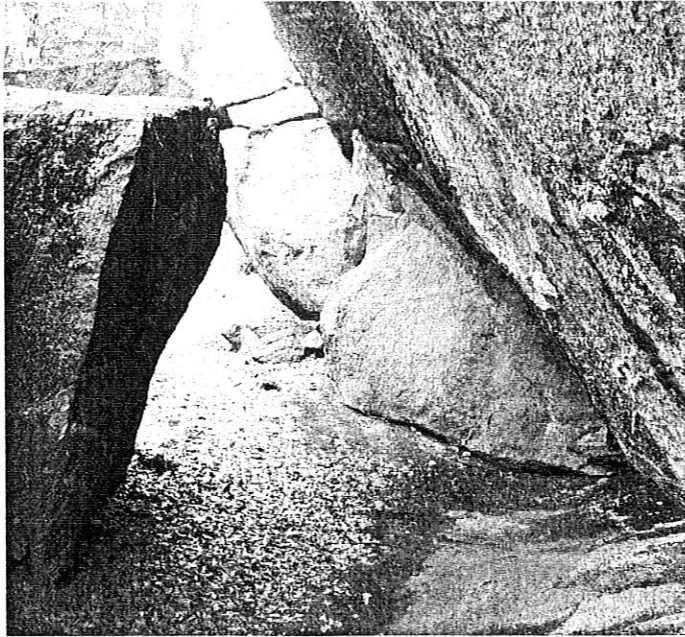
The Rockhouse Reservation is a beautiful place to go if you don't want to be in the house. If you want to go for a walk or even a run this is a great spot. Some of the animals that we have seen here are foxes, beavers, porcupines, deer and turkey vultures. Some cool spots are the Rockhouse, Nature Center, Balance Rock and the Vista. the Rockhouse is a 20-30 foot high rock shelter, so don't climb up if your scared of heights. We also saw a Red-tailed hawk, woodpeckers and a Black throated green warbler.



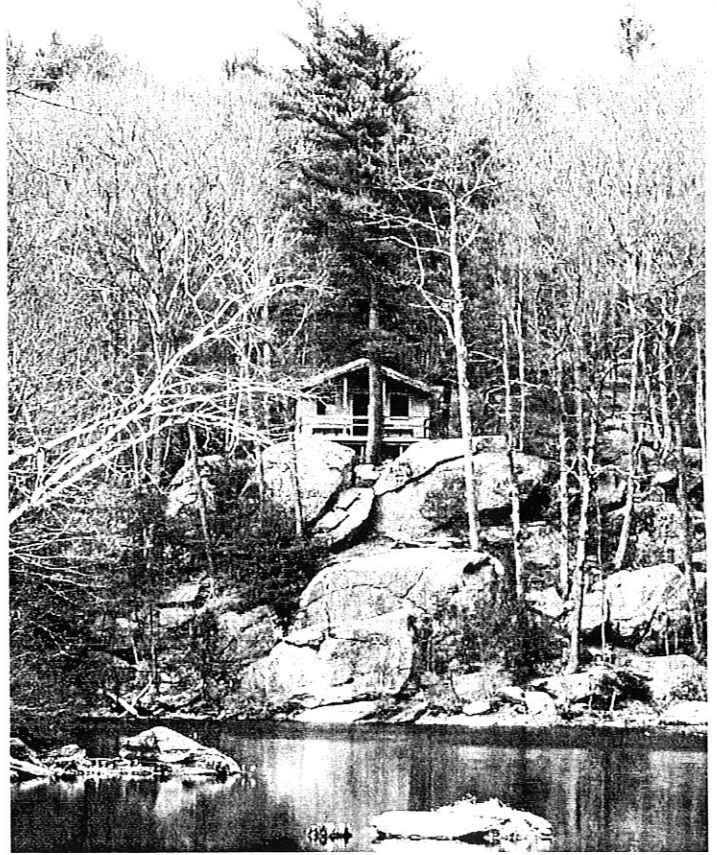
Nice Spot!

How to Get There:

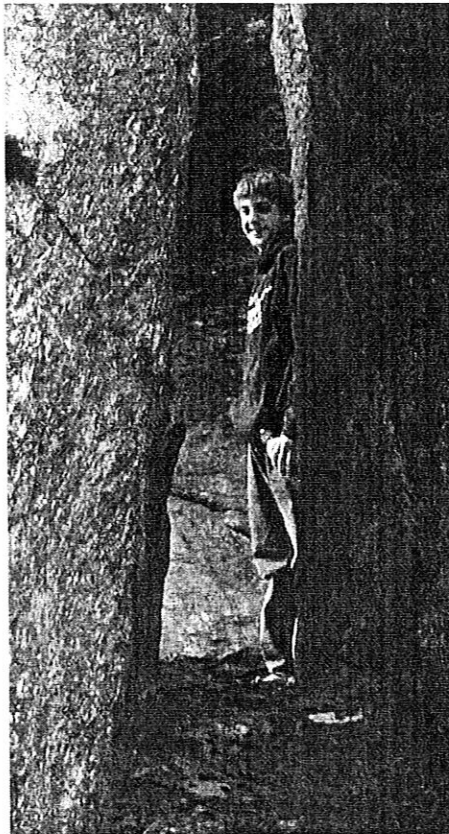
Take the combined Rt. 9 and 32 East from the center of Ware. When they separate, follow Rt. 9 East for 1.1 miles. The entrance and parking will be on the left.



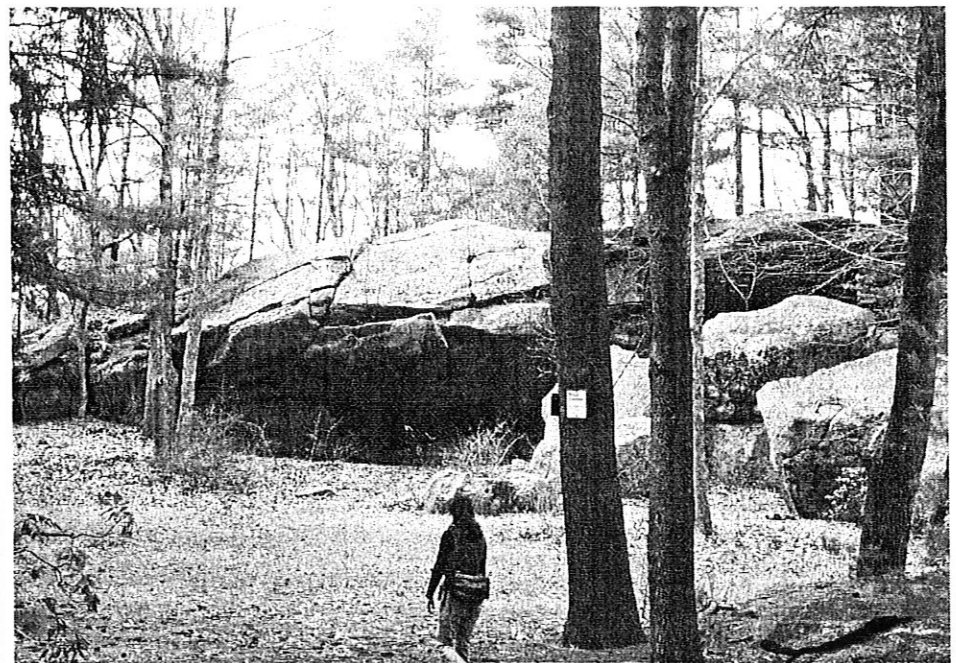
Native Americans used to camp beneath these overhanging rocks.



Here is the environmental education house on top of the rocks.



Here is Ben attempting to hide from everyone.



These rocks which give the rockhouse its name are a great place to play hide and seek or sardines.



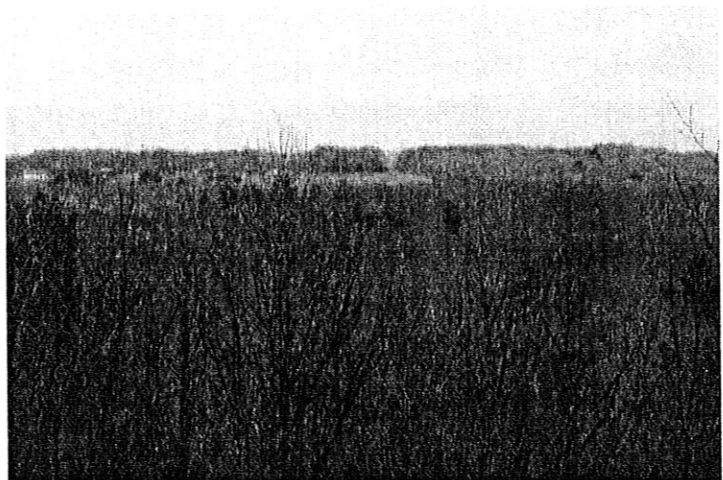
Mike, Kyle, and Ben are climbing in the giant white oak tree.



A giant white oak tree hovers over all the other trees near the vista.



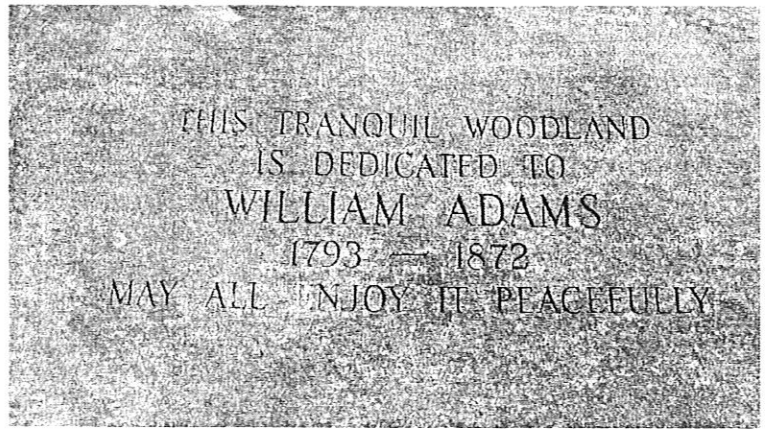
This is a great shot looking up into the canopy.



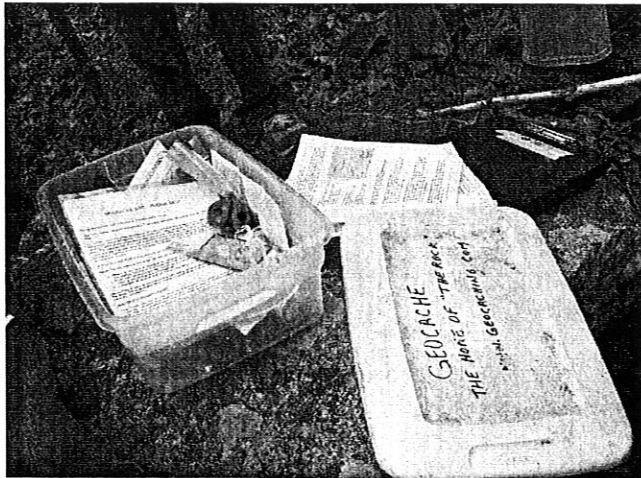
Here is the spectacular view from the Rockhouse vista.



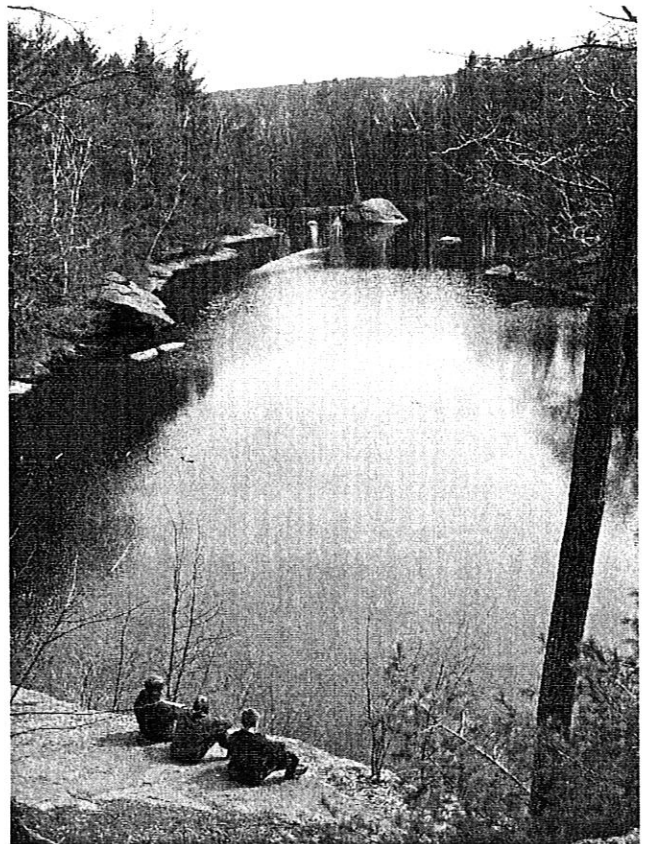
This geocache had two parts.
The first clue is above and
the final cache is below.



The Rockhouse Reservation was
dedicated to William Adams



A closer photograph of the rock
across the pond.



Kyle, Mike, and Ben are enjoying the
view of the pond.

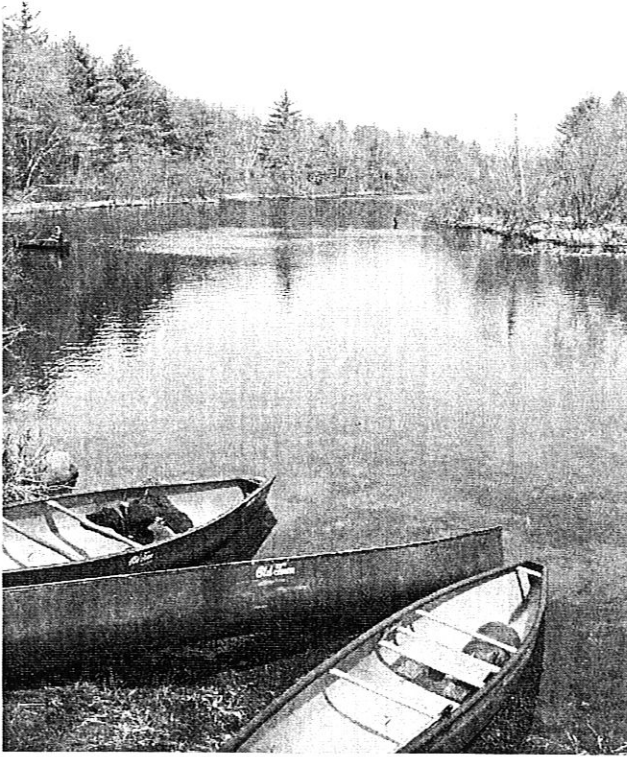
Swift River Belchertown, MA.

The Swift River is a great place to enjoy a Kayaking or canoeing trip. Its also a fun place to swim, but the water is always very cold since it is pumped from the bottom of the Quabbin Reservoir. 2 miles south there is a man made dam and waterfall where you must turn around. To the north the river passes the lean-to camping area of the Herman Covey Wildlife Management Area. In 1 1/2 miles it becomes more tangled with trees. Along the river there are great spots to enjoy plentiful fishing stocked regularly at the fish hatchery. There are active beavers and other wildlife in this area as we caught many painted turtles and saw signs of river otters. All of these things make the Swift River a great place to go.



How to get there:

Follow Route 9 west from Ware. You will pass the quabbin Park cemetery and then cross over the Swift River. Take a left onto East St. Follow east st. to the end and take a left onto Cold Spring Rd. The boat launch is a bout 200 feet up on the right.



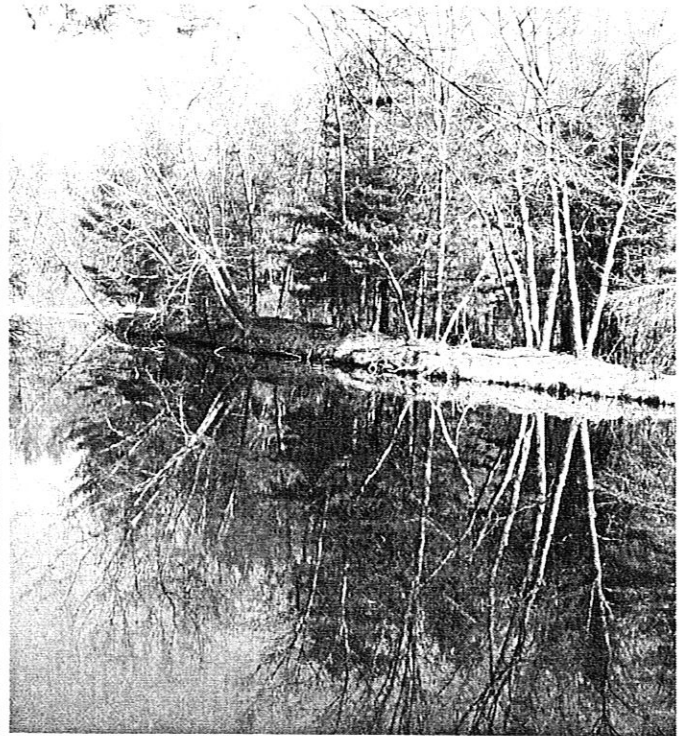
This is where we took a break for lunch.



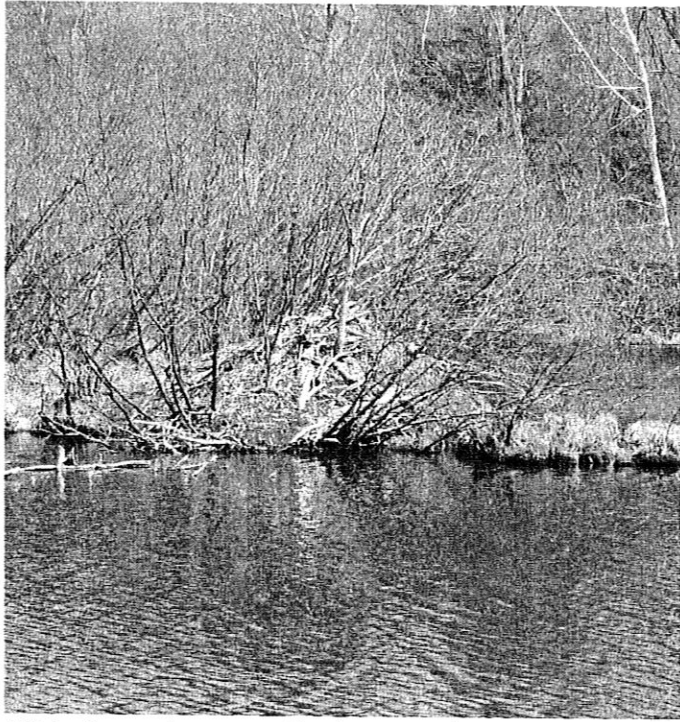
This is a geocache we found along the Swift river.



This is a beautiful and magnificent waterfall at the end of our paddle in Bondsville.



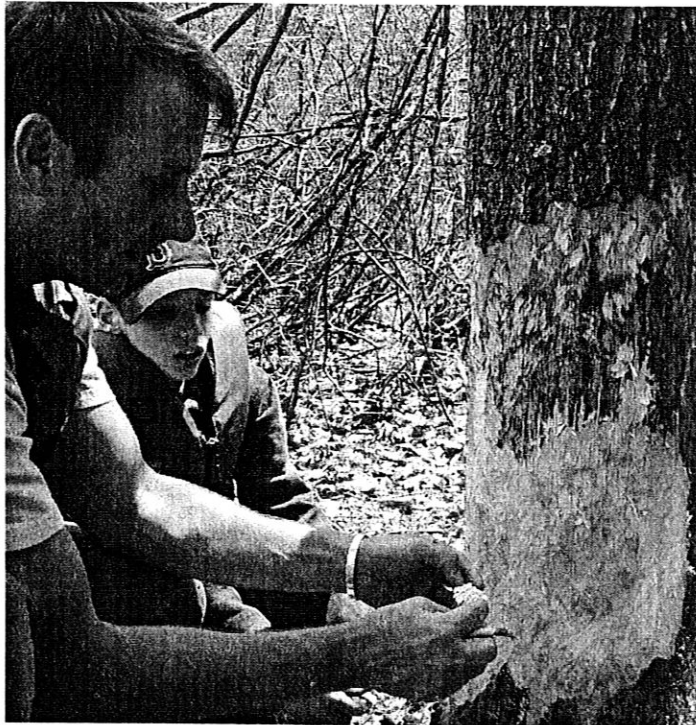
This is a picture of the river from one of the banks.



This is a picture of a beaver lodge.



This is a Mama goose sitting on her nest which has eggs in it.



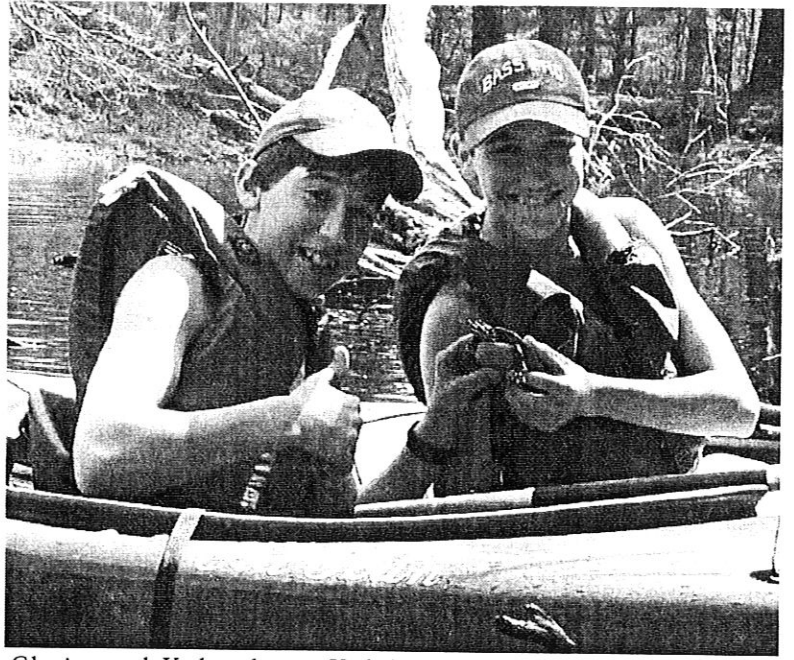
This is James teaching us how a beaver tooth works on a tree.



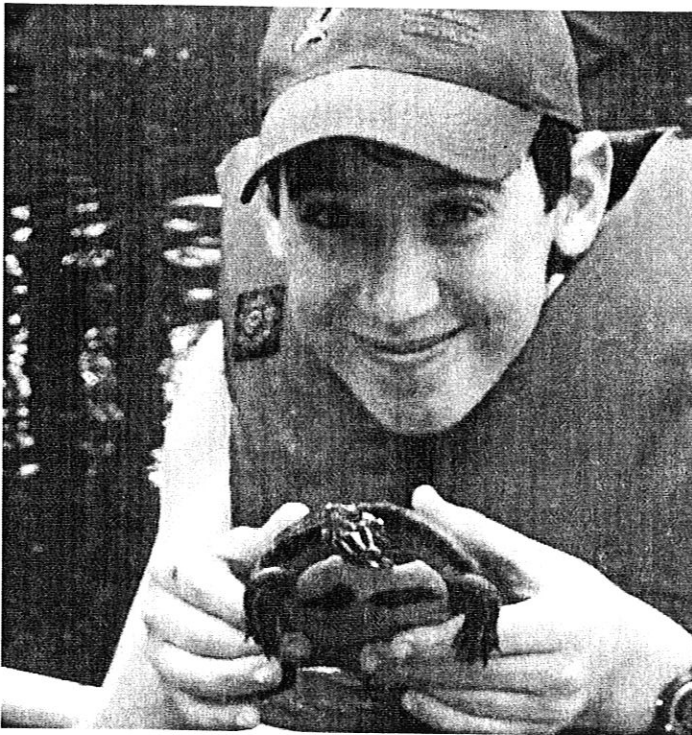
This is a beaver tooth that fell off of a beaver.



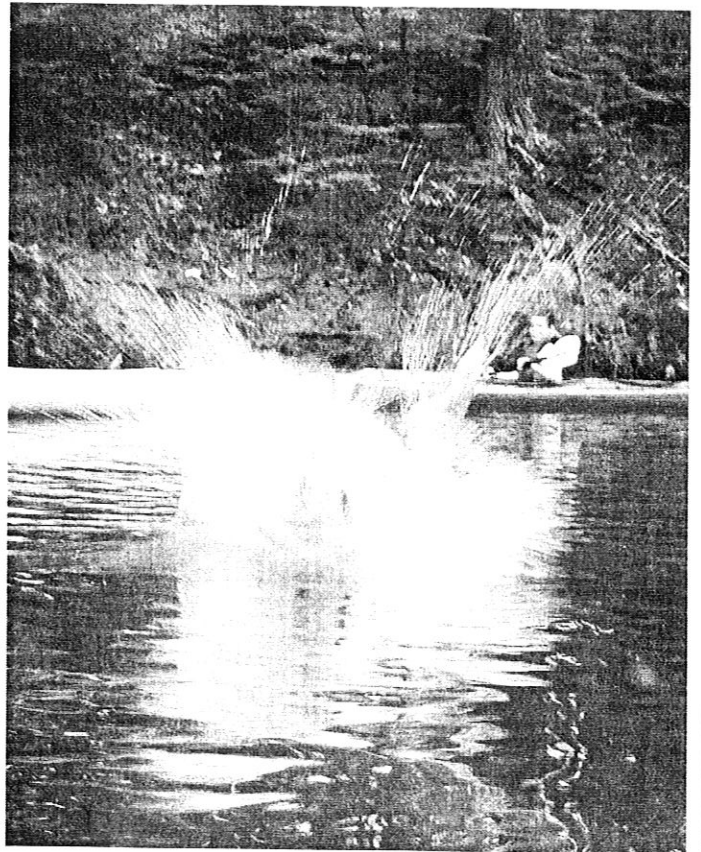
Look out below!



Chris and Kyle share Kyle's catch. Its a Painted turtle.



Criickey! She's a beauty!



Splash... Its cold!! Maybe that's because the water comes out of the bottom of the Quabbin.