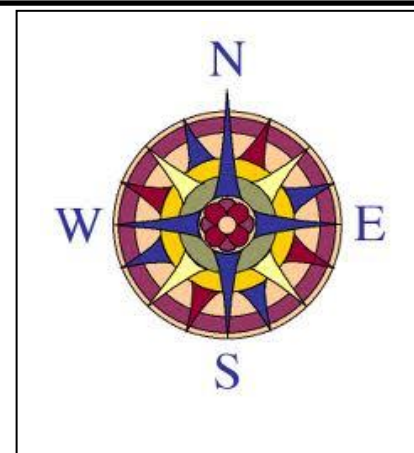




Site 08: Return a Gift pond

N 40° 35' 42.13"

W 73° 54' 10.94"



Return a Gift Pond is a man-made fresh water pond, located in the North Forty, with bird blinds that allow you to observe birds and other wildlife undisturbed. The pond serves as an oasis for birds migrating through the area during the spring and fall season. The park is located along the Atlantic Flyway bird migration route, providing a place to rest, eat and drink before making the arduous trek either north or south of this location. Waterfowl, such as wood ducks, northern shovelers and green-winged teal, and herons, such as the great blue heron and black-crowned night-heron, can be seen at the Return-A-Gift pond during the summer breeding season. The spring peeper, a small chorus frog, can be heard in this area between March-June, at night. Peepers live in forests near semi-permanent wetlands in order to support the aquatic environment the eggs and tadpoles need. Red-eared slider and painted turtles can be seen basking in the sun on top of a log or rock. Watch for ticks and remember to bring insect repellent during the summer season.

Visit Instructions: Walk into the bird blind, look through the holes and note any birds or wildlife that you see.