

# Life on The Lake



20 Holmes Street  
Halifax, MA



**Wisteria  
Cottage**

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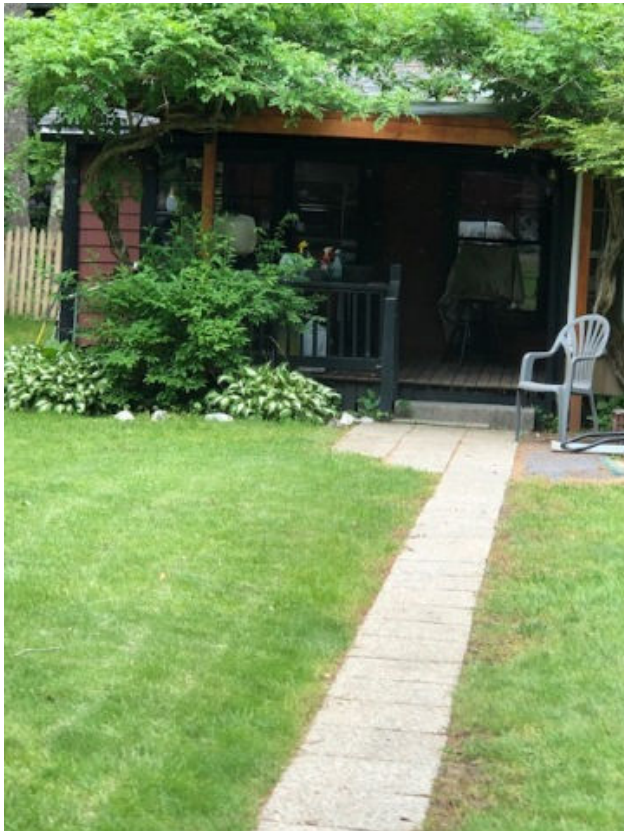




# 20 Holmes Street, Halifax, Massachusetts



**An absolute hidden gem located at 20 Holmes Street, Halifax, Massachusetts. Once known as *Wisteria Cottage*, this lovely home sits on the shore of East Monponsett Lake. Surrounded by lush, mature foliage which, once upon a time, included beautiful, fragrant Wisteria surrounding the home that was built by the Parker family in 1880. Hidden in the growth are the wisteria vines that simply need some tender loving care.**



**As you walk the path leading to the entry of this home, you can't help but appreciate all that Nature has to offer, including the precious silence buffered by the foliage.  
Nature in her finest.**

**This cottage on the lake can be a four-seasons home or your second home as a respite from every-day life. Offering two bedrooms and one bath, six rooms total.  
Fireplace. Front opened porch, and an enclosed porch facing East Lake with a deck on the shore. Tie up your canoe or a small sail boat just outside your door. Paddle boarding is fabulous here!**

**2.16 acres of peace and tranquility on a beautiful lake.**

# Hidden Woods Road

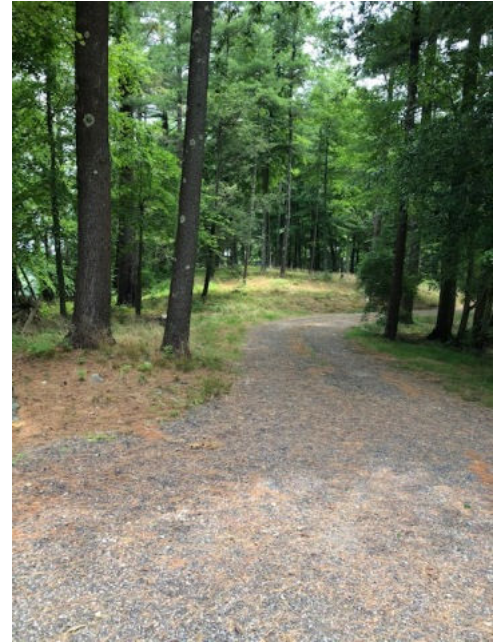
**2.16 acres of peace  
and quiet.**

Through the woods lies a flat gravel, very private,  
road. At the road's end, you will find  
*Wisteria Cottage* .

The sounds of road traffic replaced with the lake's  
lapping of her waves upon the shore.

Nature's symphony of water fowl and scurrying of  
squirrels in the trees.

Owls in the evening and the peepers singing their  
songs.



Immediately to the right of the  
cottage lies a large deck.  
Read a book, share a meal, end  
the day sitting in your own  
private paradise.

The view of East Lake (below)  
was shot standing on the deck  
which juts out over the shore.

The cottage has many windows  
throughout, allowing for hours  
of natural light. Call to schedule  
a tour of the unique property  
and experience the view from  
the turret.





# Additional Structures of 20 Holmes Street



Walk through the wisteria arbor from the back yard to the large workshop with electricity, skylight and a woodstove for those cooler seasons. Great woodworking shop, art studio, craft studio or potters barn.



Two car garage 300 feet from cottage.



Storage shed in back yard.

# ON LAKE TIME



**As you sit on the side deck of the cottage, sipping your morning coffee, this is the absolute perfect view you have of East Monponsett Lake. Each New England season holds its own beauty on the Lakes. You will experience the crimson and gold of autumn reflecting in the water on those sunny autumn days and marvel at the pure white of winter freezing the lake and trees laden with snow.**



**Below right: actual stone steps off the deck into the waters edge of East Lake. A great spot to, once again, erect the boat pier that once held its place just off these steps.**

**Below left: More old stone steps found just a few steps to right of deck, descending into lake's water. Both sets of stone steps are immediately steps off the cottage.**





# A Piece of History



Discovered at Sturtevant Cemetery Halifax on Rt. 106, sitting on a small hill, minutes walk from the Parker property , is a large boulder grave marker for George Parker 1858-1926. Thought to have been an early owner of 20 Holmes Street.



Daniel D. Parker and his wife Abby S. Holmes, once residents of *Wisteria Cottage*, were laid to rest nearby. In Halifax history we find the Parker and Holmes names have carried on throughout the centuries, thus began the legacy.



View from the water. An antique post card of *Wisteria Cottage* .

# Also..... About Halifax



## Twin Lakes

The town of Halifax is situated in Southeastern Massachusetts . It is considered *The Heart of Plymouth County*.

There is one pond in Halifax that is apt to be heard called by different names: one is Monponsett Pond. The word Monponsett is an Indian word meaning “*near the deep pond*”. The other is Twin Lakes, or East and West Monponsett Pond. Or to many....*The Lakes*.

According to tradition, the first family to locate here was John and Mary Tomson erecting a log house on what is known as Thompson Street today. This would later become the first house burned by the Indians in the trouble, which is known in history as King Philip’s War.

Samuel Sturtevant was one of the first settlers, establishing himself near Monponsett Pond. He is said to have built the first gristmill in the area off Furnace Street. Both families were very prominent in Halifax for many generations.

By an act of the General Court, the Town of Halifax was incorporated on July 4, 1734. Halifax is the only town in the Commonwealth to have this honor. It was formed from parts of the towns of Middleborough, Pembroke and Plympton.

The town was part of an early effort to create a canal between Buzzards Bay and Massachusetts Bay, when in 1795 a canal was proposed between the Taunton River and North River. The plan never succeeded. The town's sawmills continued to grow, as did cranberry production, iron furnaces and a wool mill. The railroad came in the nineteenth century, providing access for people from the city to the shores of Silver Lake and the Monponsett Ponds.

**Halifax was named in honor of the Earl of Halifax, West Yorkshire, England.**



# The Wamsutta Indian Tribe



Artist *Frank E. Schoonover's* rendition of Chief Massasoit's original treaty with the Pilgrims in Plymouth.



White Island, in the center of the lake, is known to have been the fishing camp of the Wamsutta Indian tribe of which the great Massasoit was Chief.

# You Will Find.....



**Recreation:** Kayaks, Canoes, Sail Boats, Paddle Boards and of course great Swimming.

Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Chain Pickerel, Sunfish for the novice and pro fishing.....and winter ice fishing!



An iceboat is basically a sailboat that travels on thin blades, or runners, on the surface of the ice. Often in the winter months, you will see them gliding across the ice as well as families ice skating.

The Monponsett East and West Lakes offer four-season-living. The vista of the lakes is breathtaking from early dawn to sunset.



Courtesy of Heather Kennedy



# Commuting Now and Then



Commute daily to Boston or take a trip to Cape Cod. Relax on the train. You will literally have a five minute drive from 20 Holmes Street to the MBTA Halifax train station which is located on Holmes Street. Perfect transportation for commuters going North to Boston as well as the "summer commuter train" to Cape Cod. This Cape commuter train is currently a seasonal run from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



A postcard of the original access bridge between East and West Lakes in Monponsett . As life "progressed" this became Holmes Street, Rt. 36 which connects Halifax and Pembroke.