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ALBERT F. NORRIS RESERVATION

Property abutting North River includes mill pond, herring brook and boat house
Recreational resource for walkers, hikers, horseback riders and cross country skiers

This property, abutting the North River near Norwell Center, was a gift of land donated by Eleanor Norris to the Trustees of Reservations in honor of her late husband Alfred in 1970. Alfred was a World War II veteran who had served in the Navy. The two met while skating at the former Boston Arena and dated for years before marrying in 1956.

Alfred died six years later. He had previously acquired various parcels of land along the North River where he cut timber, cleared brush and repaired cart paths.

Eleanor had a great love of science and ecology. A first grade teacher who taught in Hanson and other towns for many years, Eleanor was involved in the establishment of the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell.

Eleanor donated almost 100 beautiful and tranquil acres to the Trustees of Reservations to ensure that their property would forever be protected. The property includes a former mill pond with the remains of a water mill, wetlands, a forest of white pine and oak, a herring brook, all leading to a boat house on the North River. Eleanor and other individuals later added additional land to that natural reserve.

Courtesy of Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. and
Ellen H. Allen, Norwell Selectman
Chairman of the Plymouth County Advisory Board
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