CHATHAM CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Chatham Conservation Foundation preserves land for the benefit of the people, plants, animals, and ecosystems of Chatham. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to the purpose of acquiring land, by gift or purchase, to be preserved in its natural state in perpetuity.

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ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Eldredge Public Library was a gift to the people of Chatham in 1896 from one of its natives, Marcellus Eldredge. The Library's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Chatham by providing residents and visitors with the library services they need and want: informational and recreational materials and programs, cultural enrichment, intellectual stimulation, academic support, social interaction, and a neutral setting for public discourse.

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POETRY WALK 2020

Frost Fish Creek Trail

A WALK WITH WORDS

Promoting literacy, learning and a deeper appreciation of and connection with the natural world.

Historically, man has attempted to describe and define the natural world — its diverse landscapes, its changing seasons, and its remarkable inhabitants — through poetry.

The *Poetry Walk* is a collaboration between the Eldredge Public Library, the Chatham Conservation Foundation, and Monomoy Regional High School.

Frost Fish Creek Trail

This 1.1-mile walking trail meanders along the eastern edge of Frost Fish Creek, providing walkers with glimpses of a brackish -freshwater tidal wetland, Pine/Oak wood-lands filled with wild blueberries, and a wide variety of seasonal wildlife. The trail itself offers a relatively flat walkway, as well as a hilly terrain for those who enjoy a more challenging hike.

From the traffic light in North Chatham, travel 0.7 miles north on Route 28. The entrance to the trail is a dirt road on the left, and parking is available.

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.
~ Rachel Carson

The Poems

Each poem on the *Poetry Walk* has been selected to highlight the site. We hope you enjoy your time on the Frost Fish Creek Trail today!

Leisure
By W. H. Davies
This is My Tree
By J.Patrick Lewis

Lily-of-the-Valley Fairy
By Cicely Mary Barker
Forest Fairy
By Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Blueberries
By Mary Oliver
Clues in Blues
By Michelle Schaub

Queen Anne's Lace
By William Carlos Williams
Queen Anne's Lace
By Mary Leslie Newton

The Peace of Wild Things
By Wendell Berry
Sometimes
By Mary Ann Hoberman

Under the Pines
By Kate Louise Wheeler
Sleeping Outdoors
By Marchette Chute

The Comfort of the Woods
By Amos Russel Wells
Earth Day
By Jane Yolen

The Sun
By John Drinkwater
Sunflakes
By Frank Asch

ssk any frog
By Peter Saunders
Toad's Lunch
By Deborah Ruddell

I'm nobody! Who are you?
By EmilyDickinson
Tit for Tat
By Christopher Morley

Nothing Gold Can Stay
By Robert Frost
Something Told the Wild Geese
By Rachel Field

Caged Bird
By Maya Angelou
I Heard a Bird Sing
By Oliver Herford

Try to Praise the Mutilated World
By Adam Zagajewski
The Valleys Shape the Moountains
By Chris Harris

The Secret Song
By Margaret Wise Brown
And There
By Prince Redcloud