
Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct

Location: Coldspring Park, Newton MA (1993)

Client: New Art Center, Newton, MA (with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts)

Materials: Artifacts and information based on historical records of water and the development of Boston

Size approx. 1/4-mile trail

Budget: \$3000

Description: This trail through the Coldspring Park leads over the old Cochituate Aqueduct, which once delivered over 18,000,000 gallons of water to the city of Boston. The Aqueduct saw the development of the flushing toilet, the Industrial Revolution, and the Great Fire of Boston. The cost and the quality of the water were as much present a hundred years ago as they are today. Facts and artifacts from the Aqueduct and its history were displayed along the trail for park visitors to discover as they walked. The experience offered visitors a new and deeper understanding of the Aqueduct.

Reference: Peter Schlessinger, New Art Center, Newton, MA/ 617-964 3474

1. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct* – Rulers showing the incline of the aqueduct
2. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- The opening of the Gateway is the same size as of the Aqueduct, which is now buried underneath the pathway.
3. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- Map of the Aqueduct's 14 mile path from Lake Cochituate to the Brookline Reservoir
4. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- Information about Boston's water usage in the 19th century when the Aqueduct was in operation
5. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- Bucket and information about the history of Boston and the Aqueduct
6. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- Visitors using the Gateway.
7. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- Artifact that was once used to measure the depth of the Aqueduct's water
8. *Winding Down the Cochituate Aqueduct*- String representing the length of the Aqueduct