

### **STATION 5 Farm Path, Mill Dam, and Perennial Stream**

This man-made path across a stream provided access to former pastures on Edmund Hill. A rock-lined culvert spans the stream. This unnamed perennial stream (a stream that flows year-round) receives water from ground-water sources in glacial sediments upstream. The dam may have been built to impound water for the Davis Cotton Mill built in 1832 on this stream near Hudson Street, although the current streamflow seems to be too small to support a mill. A possible additional source of water for the pond is discussed at Station 17.

### **STATION 6 Wave-Cut Beach?**

The subtle change in slope of the hillside is at the approximate maximum level of Glacial Lake Assabet that covered the region for several centuries during glacial retreat and before the current Assabet River opened and drained the lake. Perhaps wave action caused the flattening of the slope.