

STATION 9 Tree-Throw Mound

This uprooted tree will leave a small mound or tree throw after the wood decays. Mounds in this and many forested areas are evidence of former natural tree falls, typically caused by strong winds. The hole left behind from where the roots are ripped from the ground is called a “cradle.” As the roots and tree trunk decay, the stones and dirt that were enmeshed with the roots form a pile, called a “pillow.”

STATION 10 Drumlin

Edmund Hill is a drumlin, an elongate hill formed by glacial action. The long axis is typically in the direction of glacial flow during the last Ice Age. Geologists have found that many drumlins have a core of glacial till left by glaciers that predate the last one.

Drumlins are common in eastern Massachusetts. Examples in Northborough include Assabet Hill and Cedar Hill.



Buck spotted at the top of Edmund Hill (2021)