

Natural & Cultural Resources



GALE FREE LIBRARY

The Gale Free Library is one of the most widely loved community historical and cultural resources in Holden. The beautiful old building provides both classic and modern library services and remains a central source of town events.

The Gale Free Library was established in 1888, when Samuel C. and Susan Damon Gale made a gift of a new library and high school to the



Town. Prior to that time, Holden residents joined the local library association for a fee and borrowed books from a small collection housed at Town Hall. The Romanesque style building, located at 23 Highland Street, was designed by Stephen C. Earle, architect of the Worcester Art Museum, and constructed of Holden granite (a quarry on Kendall Road) by local craftspersons. The Local History Room, organized by acting library director Jane A. Wilson, contains vital records and books

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HISTORIC RESOURCES

Historic Register Listings

Holden boasts an impressive 376 listings on the national and state historical registries. These range from Historic Areas to Historic Buildings, Monuments, and Archeological Sites.

- Holden Center Historic District
- Jefferson Mill Village
- Holden Park Bandstand
- Holden Town Hall
- Hancock Common
- St. Mary's Cemetery
- Holden Railroad Depot
- Eagleville Hotel
- Jefferson Mill
- Quabbin Aqueduct
- Reservoir Street Bridge
- Alden Hydraulic Research Labs Rotating Test Boom
- WTAG Radio Station
- Frost Farm

Visit the Holden Historical Society website for more: www.holdenhistory.org/

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.holdenmasterplan.com



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UNIQUE AND SCENIC FEATURES

Holden is characterized by a wide number of scenic landscapes including the Holden Center Historic District, Hancock Common, well-preserved and active farmland, the protected areas of the reservoir system, and beautiful Eagle Lake.



Holden Center Historic District



Eagle Lake

<p><u>HISTORICAL</u> Jefferson Mill Historic Area Springdale Mill Boyden Road Historic District Holden Center Historic District</p>	<p><u>AQUATIC</u> Eagle Lake Town Beach Cascades Eagle Lake Wildlife Sanctuary Poutwater Pond Nature Preserve</p>
<p><u>RECREATIONAL</u> Camp Kinneywood Holden Hills Golf Club Holden Towers Tennis North Worcester Fox & Coon Club</p>	<p><u>PARKS</u> Jefferson Park Kimball Park Mason Park Mayberry Park</p>



Camp Kinneywood and Girls Inc.



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