

# Blacksmith Pond



*Fitzgerald's smithy on Blacksmith Pond, circa 1870*

Blacksmith Pond was one of several small ponds that were formed in the 19th century by damming up small streams such as the Rosemary Brook and Fuller Brook. Others include Rosemary Lake, Trout Pond, and Longfellow Pond in Wellesley.

Blacksmith Pond occupied the western side of Nehoiden Street, in the area of Border Road, Meadowbrook Road, and Blacksmith Drive. In addition to the hinge factory, several blacksmith's shops were built on the eastern side of Nehoiden Street to make use of the water supply, giving the pond its name. In the winter, ice blocks were cut on the pond and stored along its edge.

By the early 20th century, the pond was no longer needed for factories or blacksmiths, and in 1935 the dam was removed and the pond was drained. The Brook was channeled into a culvert (still visible along the side of Blacksmith Drive). After the Second World War, the newly-drained land was developed into residential house lots.