

THE LEGENDS OF LONG-SOUGHT-FOR POND

How did Long-Sought-For Pond get its name? It depends on whether you prefer a Native American or Colonial settler spin to the story!

One local legend holds that the name came from the Pawtucket tribe of Native Americans. Princess Weetamoo was the daughter of the great leader Passaconaway of Penacook Nation. Princess Weetamoo loved to go flatwater canoeing. Knowing her passion for canoeing, a young boy from her tribe told Princess Weetamoo of a quiet place close by their base camp at Pawtucket Falls where the pond was clear and pure. He found the pond after searching the area for three days looking for a place for quiet reflection and so gave it the Native American name that means Long Sought For. Princess Weetamoo often came to this pond to paddle in serenity. It is said that even now, if you canoe or kayak right as the light turns golden as the sun sets, you might see Princess Weetamoo quietly paddling as the evening mist settles on the water.

The other legend is a little less poetic, but remarkably similar. A gentleman in the 1700s heard tell of the pond and set off in search of it. Four days later he finally found it—hence the name Long Sought For.

Either way, it's clear that this is a very special pond!