

Historic Indian Trails Park Lane Area

This area is located off Fountain Street at the Woodbridge New Haven line. The trails lead north through historic Indian Lands. Many arrowheads, spearpoints and artifacts have been found here. It is believed that there is an Indian burial ground somewhere in the vicinity. The Mack and Sills American Indian Families, part of the Paugasset Tribe, have lived in the Park Lane, Krum Elbow area for generations.

The trails are remnants of the Old Naugatuck Trail and The Derby Trail (historic Paugasset Indian Trail). Indians and later early settlers used these trails as their avenues from New Haven to Naugatuck or Derby and beyond. The fabled Leatherman traversed the trails in his journeys to peddle his wares. They were well worn trails in days of yore. Today one can use the trails to enjoy the natural and historic beauty of Woodbridge.

From the trail head at Fountain Street, the trail climbs alongside the highway cut for a splendid view across New Haven Sound, West Rock and East Rock. From here the trail turns away and up a gradual slope to Big Boulder, a huge glacial erratic believed by many to be the largest in Connecticut. The trail then crosses a narrow ridge and descends down to a feeder trail (white) that branches off to the right at the top edge of the ridge. Now descend down past an old foundation and the trail sharply doglegs to the left going under the power lines to another glacial erratic. You are now at the end of Krum Elbow, a dirt road will lead you to the end of Park Lane to meet with the Old Derby Trail. Make a right on Old Derby Trail and you can go all the way down to Amity Road. You can also hook up with the Yellow Trail which will take you to another old foundation of a gristmill where grain was ground between a round stone and an anvil shaped stone.

The small brook turned the waterwheel which in turn would rotate the round stone. Continuing on the sojourner will eventually come to the Naugatuck Trail (Blue) going left brings you back to Fountain Street. Going right will bring you up to the power lines. At the power line junction, take a left toward Pease Road and a right onto Pease Road. This will take you to the center of town onto the Fitzgerald Tract trails.

Trail Description:

Moderate to Hard Hikes on White, Blue, Red and Yellow Trails

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Total trails distance is approx. 2.5 miles

Directions and Parking:

From CT Route 15 take exit 59 and turn south onto Whalley Ave (Route 69), turn left to stay on Whalley Ave (now Route 63). Turn south onto Randall St, then turn west onto Fountain St (Route 243). Follow the road until Park Ln and turn right. On-street parking is available at the trail heads on Park Lane and Fountain Street.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This area is for passive recreation only: hiking, bicycling and cross - country skiing. All pets must be leashed. Please bag and remove any dog waste. No littering.



Photo By Emmeline Alaconis, SCRCOG

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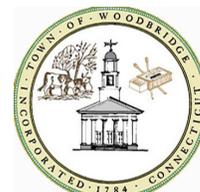
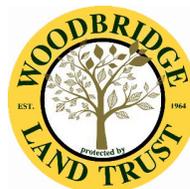
Red Trail: 1.0 mile. Moderate to Hard Hike

Yellow Trail: 0.50 miles. Moderate to Hard Hike

White Trail: 0.26 miles. Moderate to Hard Hike

Blue Trail (Naugatuck Trail): 2.86 miles. Moderate to Hard Hike

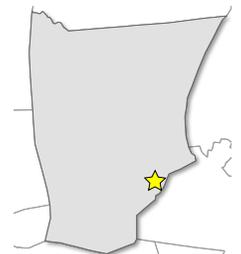
Blue/Yellow Trail: 0.64 miles. Easy Walk



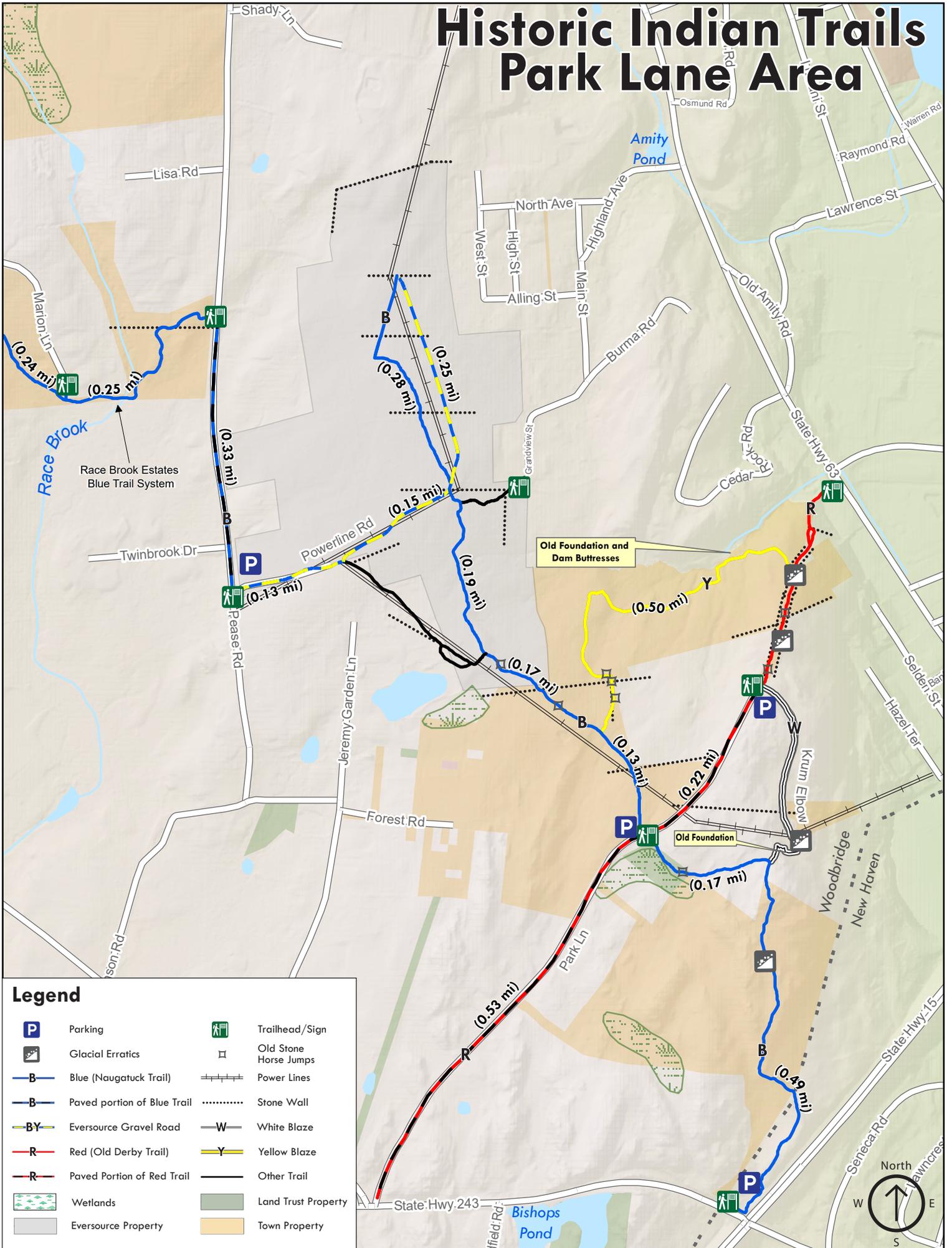
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Legend

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| Parking | Trailhead/Sign |
| Glacial Erratics | Old Stone Horse Jumps |
| Blue (Naugatuck Trail) | Power Lines |
| Paved portion of Blue Trail | Stone Wall |
| Eversource Gravel Road | White Blaze |
| Red (Old Derby Trail) | Yellow Blaze |
| Paved Portion of Red Trail | Other Trail |
| Wetlands | Land Trust Property |
| Eversource Property | Town Property |

