Timberland Preserve

Town of Guilford

The Town of Guilford acquired the 600 acre Timberland Preserve in 1975 and the forest is managed primarily for wildlife habitat, nature-based recreation and education. Comprised of a mixed upland forest, the Preserve offers access to the beautiful Iron Stream, a cool, high-quality trout stream and the headwater for the East River.

Timberland is part of a large expanse of forest, relatively unfragmented by paved roads or development. This greenway provides ample habitat for fisher and warblers, veery, wood thrush and other forest nesting birds.

With over 15 miles of marked trails, including the New England Trail and a tree identification trail, visitors are sure to find many opportunities to explore this naturally rich and unique property.

Photo by Emmeline Alaconis, SCRCOG

Easy to Moderate Hike
The trails at Timberland Preserve are extensive. They wind through the forest and offer multiple scenic views of the Upper Guilford Lake. The New England Trail is a national trail that hikers can follow through the Preserve and continue onto other trail systems in Guilford.

Directions and Parking:

There are numerous entrances to Timberland Preserve. Two of the entrances are on Route 80 between Twin Bridge Road and Maple Hill Road. There are also entrances on Maupus Road near Lakeside Drive and Twin Bridge Road.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

The trails are open to hikers, bikers and horseback riders during daylight hours. Hikers and bikers must yield to horse users. Dogs are allowed and must be leashed; please pick up after your animals. There is no swimming allowed in Upper Lake. Licensed anglers may fish in Iron Stream. Prohibited activities include alcohol, fires, camping and motorized vehicles.

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Total Trails Length: *Approx. 14.69 miles*

Orange Trail: 0.38 miles

Red Trail: 0.98 miles

White Trail: 4.11 miles

Purple Trail: 0.89 miles

Green Trail: 0.91 miles

Yellow Trail: 0.58 miles

CFPA (Menunkatuck Trail): 3.30 miles

Blue/White Circle Trail: 1.36 miles

Red Circle Trail: 0.72 miles

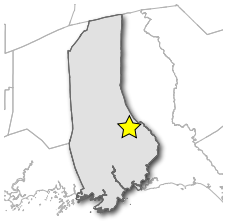
Yellow Circle Trail: 0.16 miles

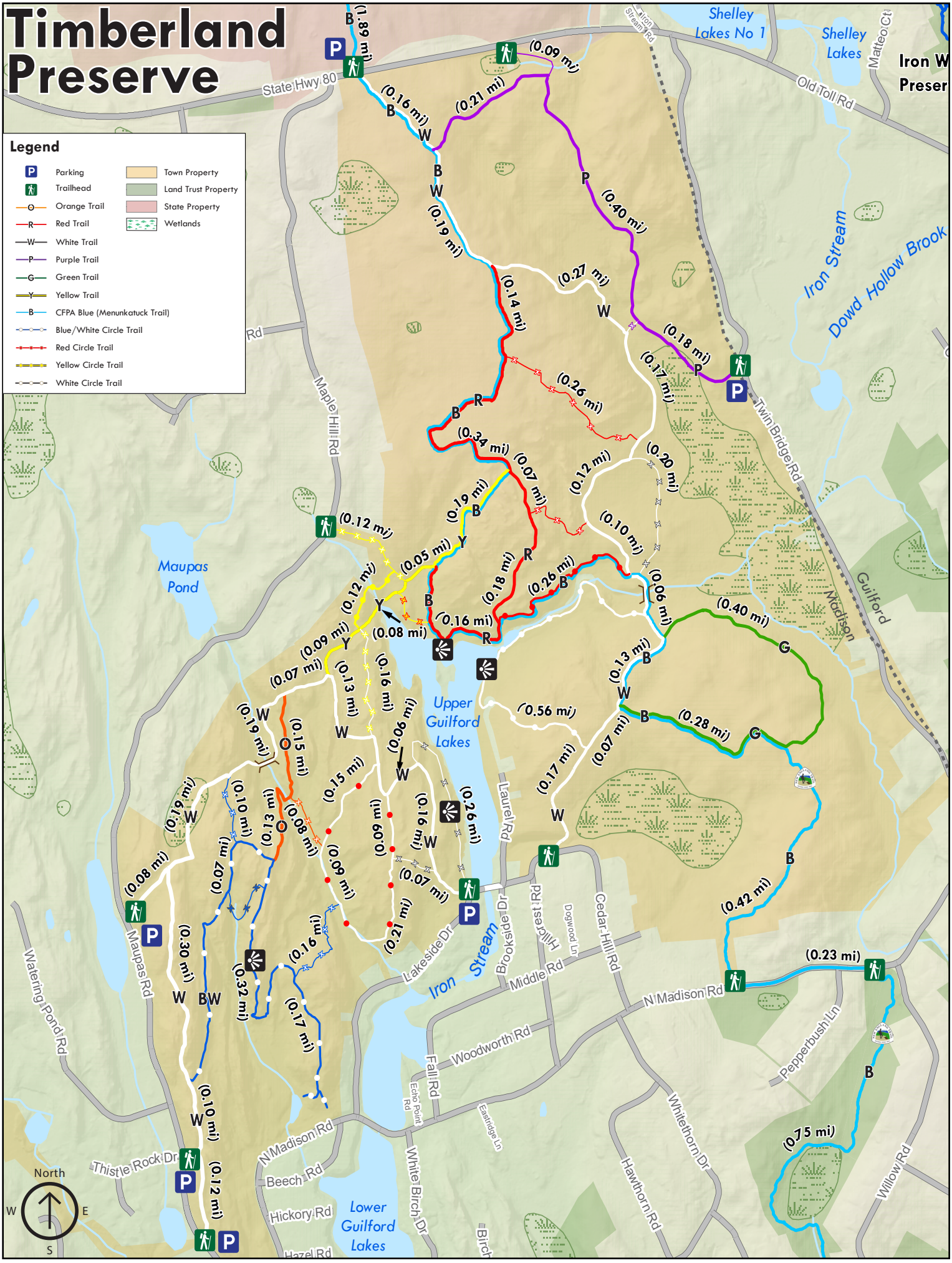
White Circle Trail: 0.74 miles

Cross Trails: 2.53 miles.

For more information about this location, contact:
Town of Guilford
Natural Resources Office
(203) 453-8146

To report suspicious or illegal activity call Guilford Police Department: 203-453-8061

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Legend
Parking
Trailhead
Orange Trail
Red Trail
White Trail
Purple Trail
Green Trail
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CFPA Blue (Menunkatuck Trail)
Blue/White Circle Trail
Red Circle Trail
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White Circle Trail
Town Property
Land Trust Property
State Property
Wetlands
State Hwy 80
Old Toll Rd
Shelley Lakes No 1
Shelley Lakes
Matteo Ct
Iron Stream Rd
Iron Stream
Dowd Hollow Brook
Twin Bridge Rd
Maple Hill Rd
Maupas Pond
Upper Guilford Lakes
Lower Guilford Lakes
Laurel Rd
Brookside Dr
Forest Hill Rd
Dogwood Ln
Cedar Hill Rd
Middle Rd
N Madison Rd
Woodworth Rd
Fall Rd
Echo Point Rd
Eastridge Ln
Whitethorn Dr
Hawthorn Rd
Pepperbush Ln
Willow Rd
White Birch Dr
Lakeside Dr
Maupas Rd
Watering Pond Rd
Thistle Rock Dr
Beech Rd
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