

Regional Water Authority Properties

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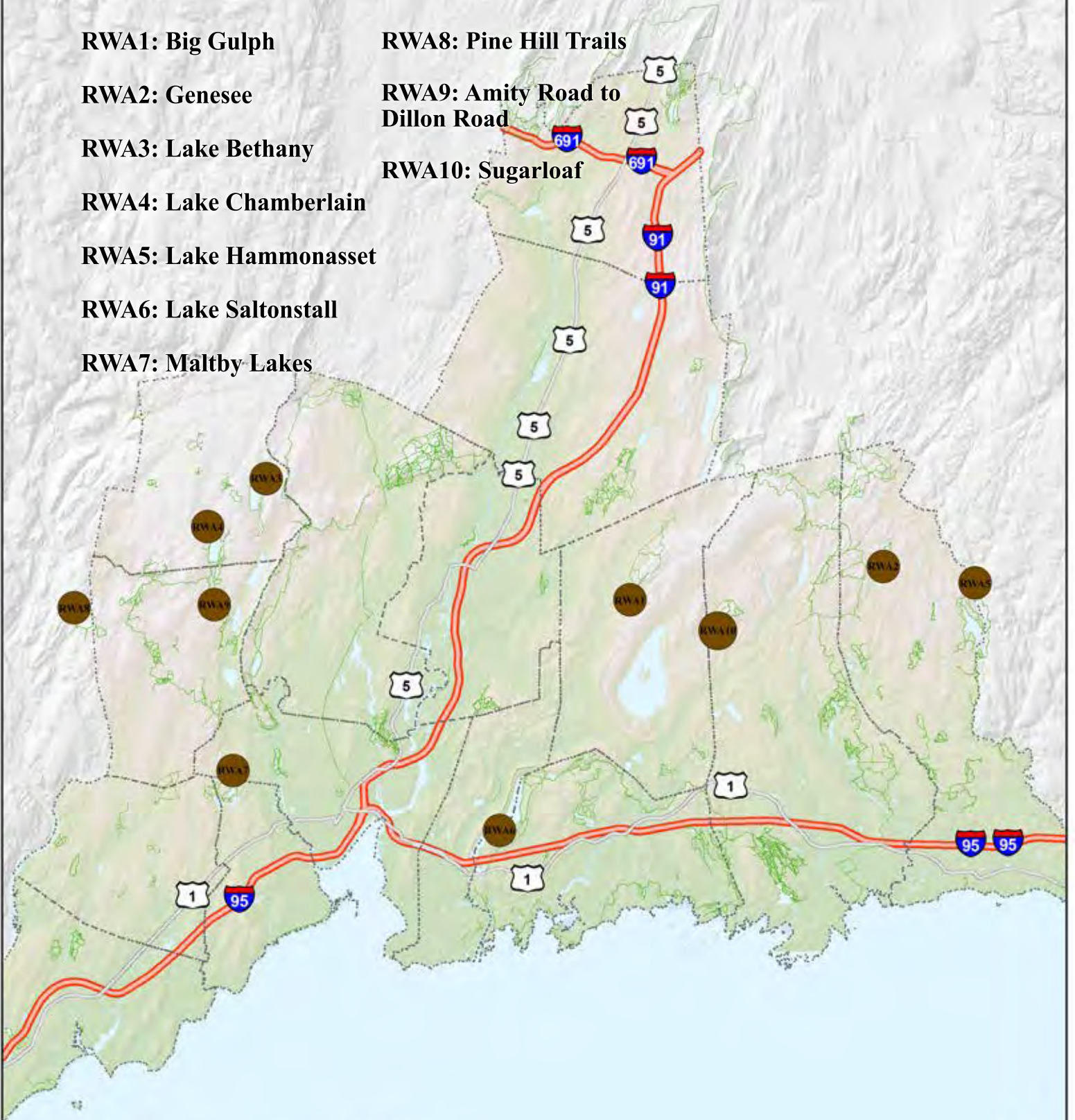
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1 inch = 18,000 feet



Big Gulph

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, Big Gulph is the place for challenging hiking in untamed woodlands. Located in North Branford, Big Gulph features more than six miles of trails, ranging from flat to very steep with a variety of wildlife habitats, including streams, meadows and forests.

Stream fishing is available in sections of the Farm River and the pond along the Farm River Trail. Please stay within the boundaries of the recreation area and do not enter restricted areas, as these are in sensitive watershed areas. The Big Gulph and Farm River Trails provide good access to the Farm River stream fishing area.

This trail area along the Farm River is also a good place to look for ducks, herons, and painted turtles. The flat part of the Francis A. Merola Trail, which is over two miles one way, is ideal for walking, jogging or enjoying the fall foliage.

If you would like to add a challenge to your hike, you can make a loop by climbing either the Totoket Trail or the Vista Trail. These are steep, connecting paths up to the ridge. On the ridge, you will be rewarded with great views of the Farm River Valley. Watch for wild turkeys, which have successfully re-established themselves in the area.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Richard Asarisi

Trail Description:

Easy to Difficult Hike

Big Gulph offers a wide variety of trails and landscapes to hike and explore. The trail difficulties range from easy hikes to difficult hikes up steep terrain.

Total trails length is approx. 7.8 Miles

Directions and Parking:

Big Gulph's gated entrance can be reached via Middletown Avenue (Route 17), where parking is available at the Northford Playground. Trail head is accessed by walking to the back of the Northford Park past the athletic fields.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use and hiking only. No mechanized vehicles are permitted. A State fishing license is required for fishing along the Farm River. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by Emmeline Alaconis, SCRCOG

Total Trails Length: *Approx. 7.8 miles*

White (Francis A. Merola Trail): 4.37 miles. Easy to Difficult Hike

Red (Big Gulph Trail): 0.63 miles. Easy Hike

White (Farm River Trail): 0.29 miles. Easy Hike

Red (Totoket Trail): 1.11 miles. Easy to Difficult Hike

Green (Vista Trail): 0.57 miles. Easy to Difficult Hike

White/Green Trail: 0.25 miles. Easy Hike

White/Red Trail: 0.42 miles. Easy to Difficult Trail

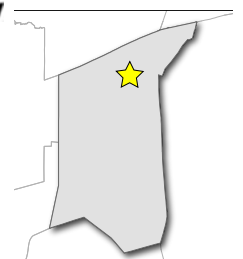


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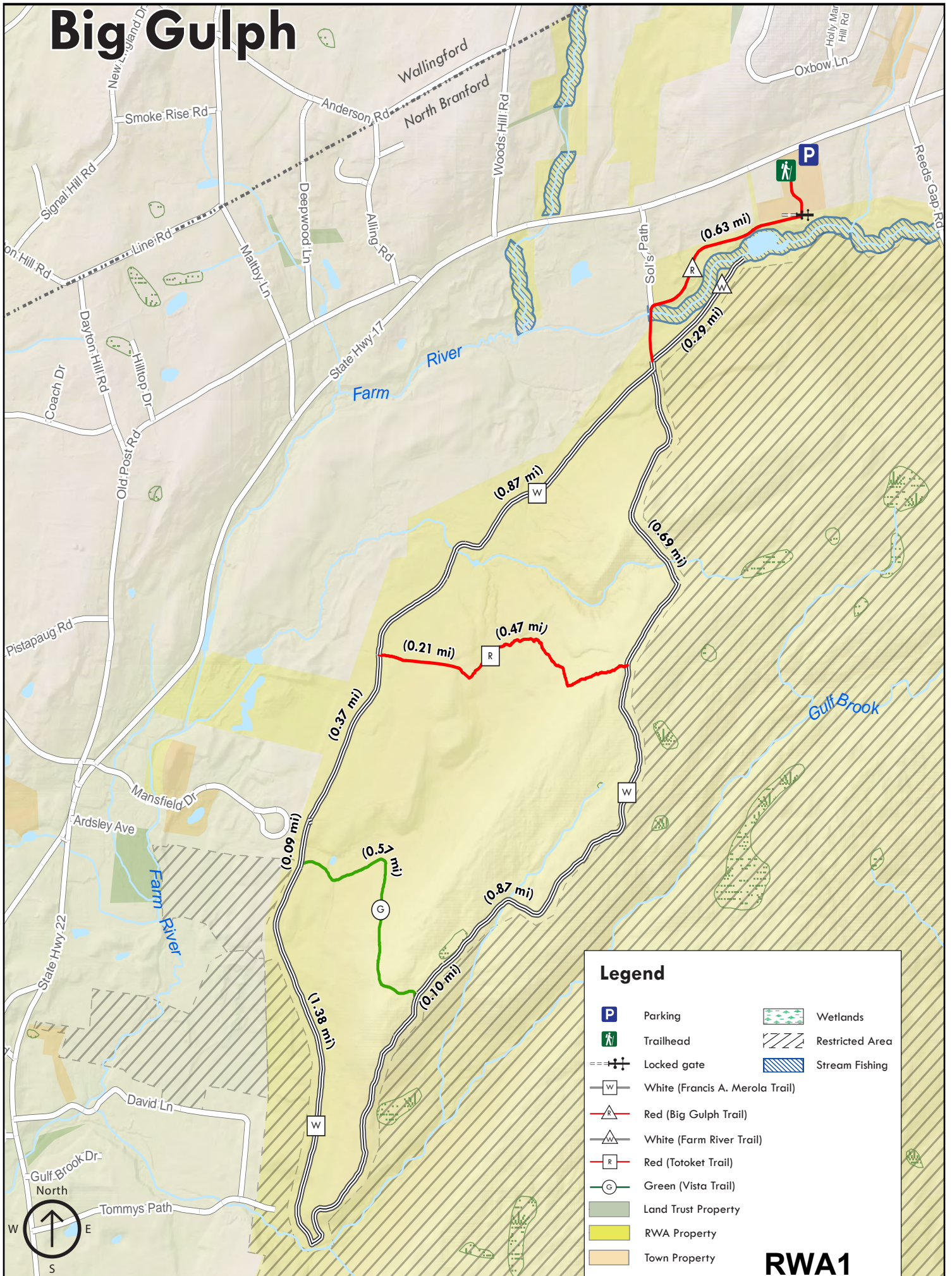
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Big Gulph



Legend

	Parking		Wetlands
	Trailhead		Restricted Area
	Locked gate		Stream Fishing
	White (Francis A. Merola Trail)		
	Red (Big Gulph Trail)		
	White (Farm River Trail)		
	Red (Totoket Trail)		
	Green (Vista Trail)		
	Land Trust Property		
	RWA Property		
	Town Property		

RWA1

Genesee

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, Genesee Trails, wind through watershed lands in Madison and Guilford and along the site of the "Little Genesee Settlement." There are six trails covering more than nine miles through rolling, wooded land.

According to folklore, the families who settled in this area were originally headed to the Genesee Valley in New York, but they broke a wagon wheel and decided to stay and farm the land. Together with the Goat Lot Trail, the Pine Trail forms a nice loop over gentle grades. Red and white pines here are subtle reminders that this was once open pasture and crop land less than a century ago. Watch for old house foundations and stone walls, remnants of the Little Genesee Settlement established about 1770 and abandoned between 1850 and 1875 on this and the Cooper Lot Trail.

Part of the Durham Trail was once an important highway linking the docks on the Connecticut River in Haddam with inland areas stretching as far west as North Branford. The other part of the trail follows an abandoned logging road through low-lying areas containing the most fertile soils of Genesee. Red oak, hickory, beech and sugar maple trees thrive and interesting rock outcrops add to the scenic charm of this trail.

The Grandma Hall Trail is a quaint old logging road that was once used as a cart path. It was named after an early resident of the area, a great-grandmother of an RWA employee. This trail skirts the northwest corner of the property, past a large wetland and along upland where, 20,000 years ago, a glacier scraped off most of the topsoil. As a result, the trees grow slowly here and compete with each other for water and nutrients.

Unlike the origin of most of the trails in this system, the Bushwhack Trail was blazed specifically as a hiking trail and includes large, old trees that provide shelter to many forest animals including deer.

Trail Description:

Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

The Genesee Recreation Area begins in Madison but the trails extend into Guilford winding through watershed lands along the site of the "Little Genesee Settlement." The area connects with trails in Northwoods and Cockaponset State Forest. **The Menunkatuck Trail can be hiked without a RWA permit.**

Total trail distance is approx. 11.86 mi

Directions and Parking:

The Genesee gated entrance and parking area is located in Madison along Durham Road (Route 79), south of County Road.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Bicycling is permitted from April 15th-December 31st. Bikers can ride on designated trails only and must yield to all hikers. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted. State fishing license is required for fishing along the sections of Page Lot Brook and Iron Stream where fishing is allowed. For information on horseback riding, contact the Water Authority.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner David Owens

Total Trails Length: Approx. 11.86 miles. Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

White (Goat Lot Trail): 2.35 miles.

White/Orange (Bushwhack Trail): 0.88 miles.

Red (Durham Trail): 2.03 miles.

Orange (Cooper Lot Trail): 1.33 miles.

Yellow (Pine Trail): 1.10 miles.

Green (Grandma Hall Trail): 1.88 miles.

Blue (Menunkatuck Trail): 4.43 miles.

Unblazed Trails: 2.36 miles.



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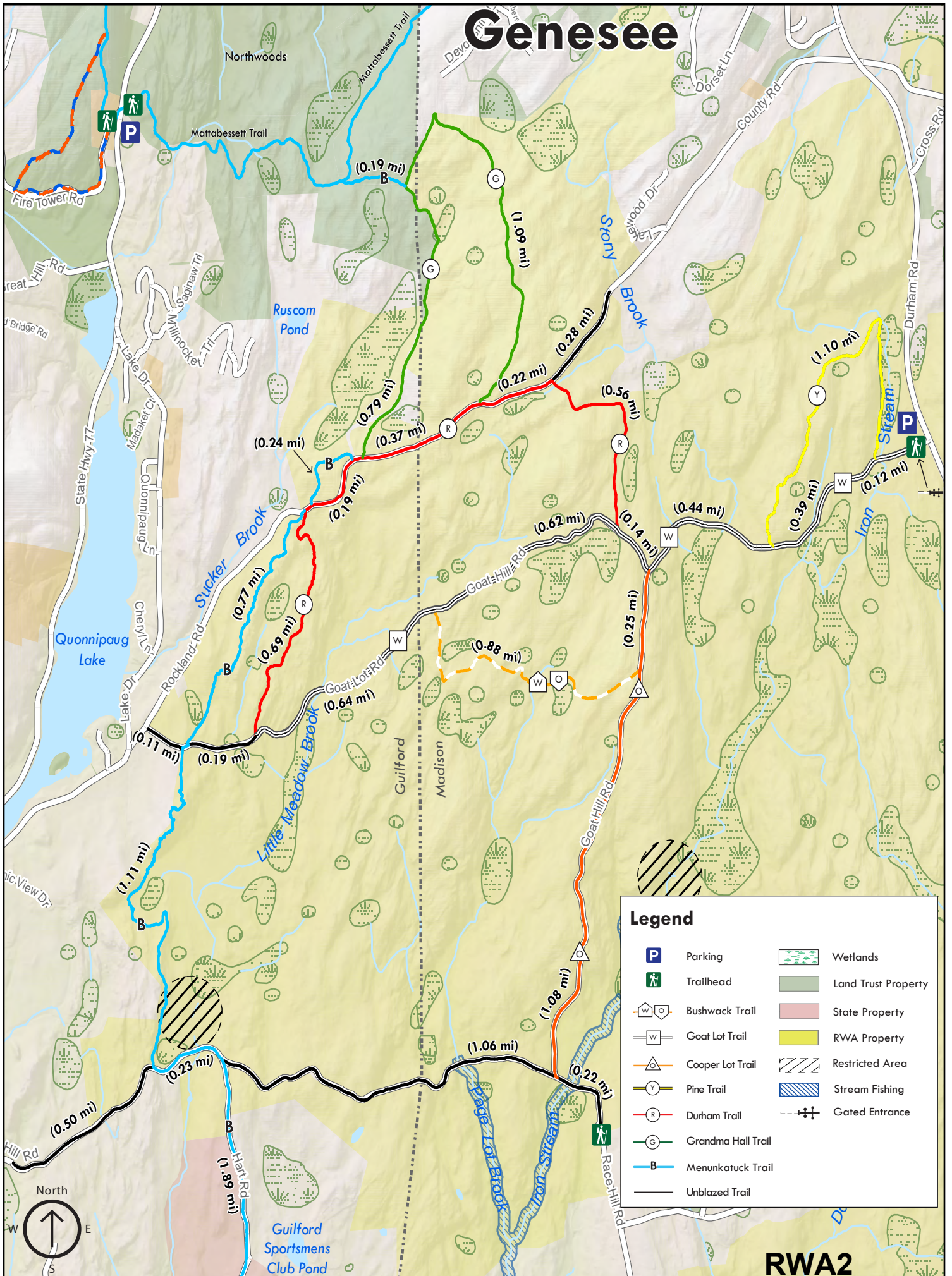
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Genesee



Legend

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| Parking | Wetlands |
| Trailhead | Land Trust Property |
| Bushwack Trail | State Property |
| Goat Lot Trail | RWA Property |
| Cooper Lot Trail | Restricted Area |
| Pine Trail | Stream Fishing |
| Durham Trail | Gated Entrance |
| Grandma Hall Trail | |
| Menunkatuck Trail | |
| Unblazed Trail | |

RWA2

Lake Bethany

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, the Lake Bethany Trail System includes four miles of scenic trails that follow the lake shore and a scenic ravine carved out by the West River.

The trails at Lake Bethany are located both north and south of Hatfield Hill Road. The Lake Trail on the east side of the lake crosses an old field that once grew hay for the water company's draft horses. The field is now planted with white pine, larch and Norway spruce. Look for a large boulder called a glacial erratic. This boulder was pushed here by a glacier more than 15,000 years ago. The west side of the Lake Trail is a bird watcher's delight with habitat that includes maturing and medium-sized maple and birch, alternating with tall pines and clearings dominated by blackberries, goldenrod, and meadowsweet.

The Tamarack tree, also called the American Larch, is one of the only two native conifers that drop all their needles every fall. The trees along the Tamarack Trail are actually European Larch, a close relative. The Hemlock Trail has majestic hemlock spires further along its path. Nearly all of southern Connecticut was once cleared for farming, including some of these steep, rocky slopes. Farming was discontinued early here, and trees quickly returned that, protected in this ravine, have grown taller than on surrounding land.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner

Trail Description:

Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

Of all the trails in the Regional Water Authority's system, the West River Trail feels the most like Vermont. The trail follows moderate grades and offers a delightful view through the trees of the West River. As you hike, notice pieces of quartzite, a white mineral, in the stone walls and schist bedrock. Lastly, the River's Edge Spur drops steeply to the river, providing a short, but challenging hike down to the water's edge.

Total trail distance is approx. 3.8 miles

Directions and Parking:

The Lake Bethany gated entrance and parking area is located along Hatfield Hill Road adjacent to the overhead power lines which can be reached via the Litchfield Turnpike (Route 69).

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking only. Wading and swimming are prohibited. No fishing at this reservoir. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner John Gustafson

Total Trails Length: Approx. 3.8 miles. Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

White (Lake Trail): 2.2 miles.

Red (West River Trail): 0.65 miles.

Orange (Hemlock Trail): 0.56 miles.

Yellow (River's Edge Spur): 0.06 miles.

Blue (Tamarack Trail): 0.29 miles.



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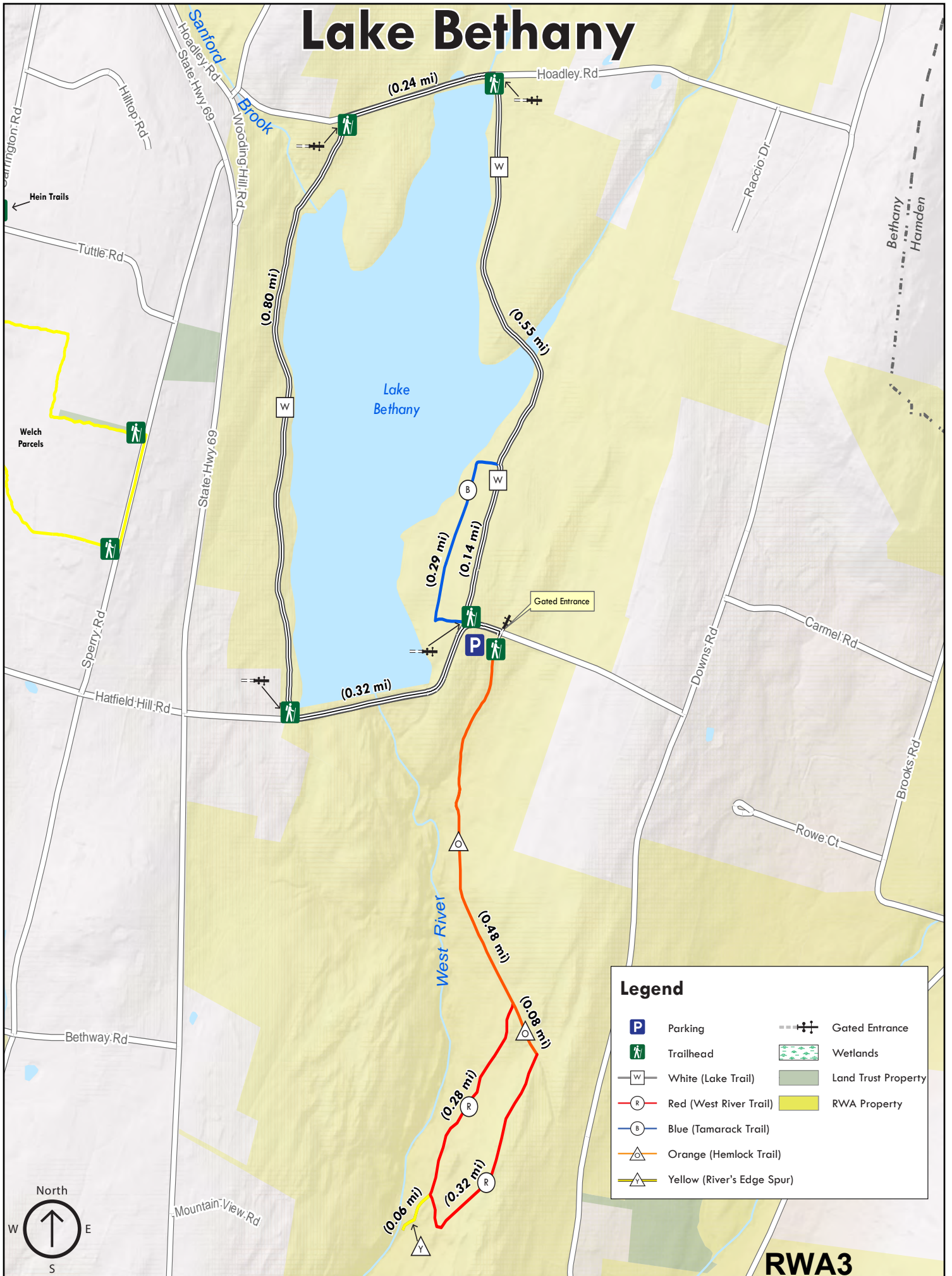
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Lake Bethany



Legend

Parking	Gated Entrance
Trailhead	Wetlands
White (Lake Trail)	Land Trust Property
Red (West River Trail)	RWA Property
Blue (Tamarack Trail)	
Orange (Hemlock Trail)	
Yellow (River's Edge Spur)	

RWA3

Lake Chamberlain

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

The Greenway Connection Trail is a link to the Woodbridge Greenway and enters the site on Route 63 at the north end and Dillon Road at the south end. The trail follows and then crosses Sperry Road (closed to through traffic each winter). Before climbing southeast to Dillon Road, the trail traverses a small stream on the old Woodbridge Glen Road.

The Stony Loam Trail starts at the west end of the Lake Chamberlain Dam and connects Chamberlain's trail system to the Woodbridge Greenway. The trail is named for the dominant soil type in the area.

The Old Field Trail offers sightings of small animals, like chipmunks and red squirrels, that make their homes in the stone walls once used for farming. The Sargent River Loop is named for the Sargent River that feeds into the Lake Chamberlain reservoir. The trail passes through a wide range of forest types, including a larch plantation, hardwood swamp, and transition hardwoods. Club moss or ground pine (an evergreen plant about six inches tall) is abundant. These club mosses have been around for 300 million years. Some now extinct species once grew as big as trees.

The Eric Stone Trail offers some beautiful views of Lake Chamberlain. In the spring and summer look for bluebirds that nest in this area. Bluebirds are enjoying a comeback in Connecticut, thanks to many bluebird houses put up by volunteers. As farmland and hollow fence posts have disappeared, bluebirds have become dependent on these special houses for nesting sites.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Alec Blakey

Trail Description:

Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area. The West River and its tributary, the Sargent River, flow through the valley west of West Rock Ridge. Five reservoirs were created between 1889 and 1925 on these rivers to form the West River water supply system. Originally constructed in 1890, Lake Chamberlain was enlarged in 1958 to over five times its original size.

Total trail distance is approx. 7.5 miles

Directions and Parking:

Lake Chamberlain's gated entrance and parking area is off Sperry Road. Take Litchfield Turnpike (Route 69) to Morris Road and a left onto Sperry Road.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking only. State fishing license is required for shore fishing. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted. Horses are permitted on certain trails with a permit from the Bethany Horsemen's Association.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner

Total Trails Length: Approx. 7.5 miles. Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

Blue/Yellow Trail: 2.45 miles.

Red (Cabin Trail): 0.39 miles.

Purple (Old Field Trail): 0.56 miles.

Purple (Stony Loam Trail): 0.52 miles.

Green (Sargent River Trail): 1.16 miles.

Blue (Sperry Road - N. Trail): 0.35 miles.

Orange (Sperry Road - S. Trail): 0.16 miles.

Green (Old Mill Road - N. Trail): 0.09 miles.

Red (Old Mill Road - S. Trail): 0.24 miles.

White (Eric L. Stone Trail): 2.32 miles.

White Trail: 0.50 miles.

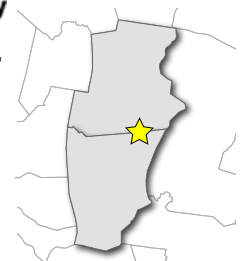


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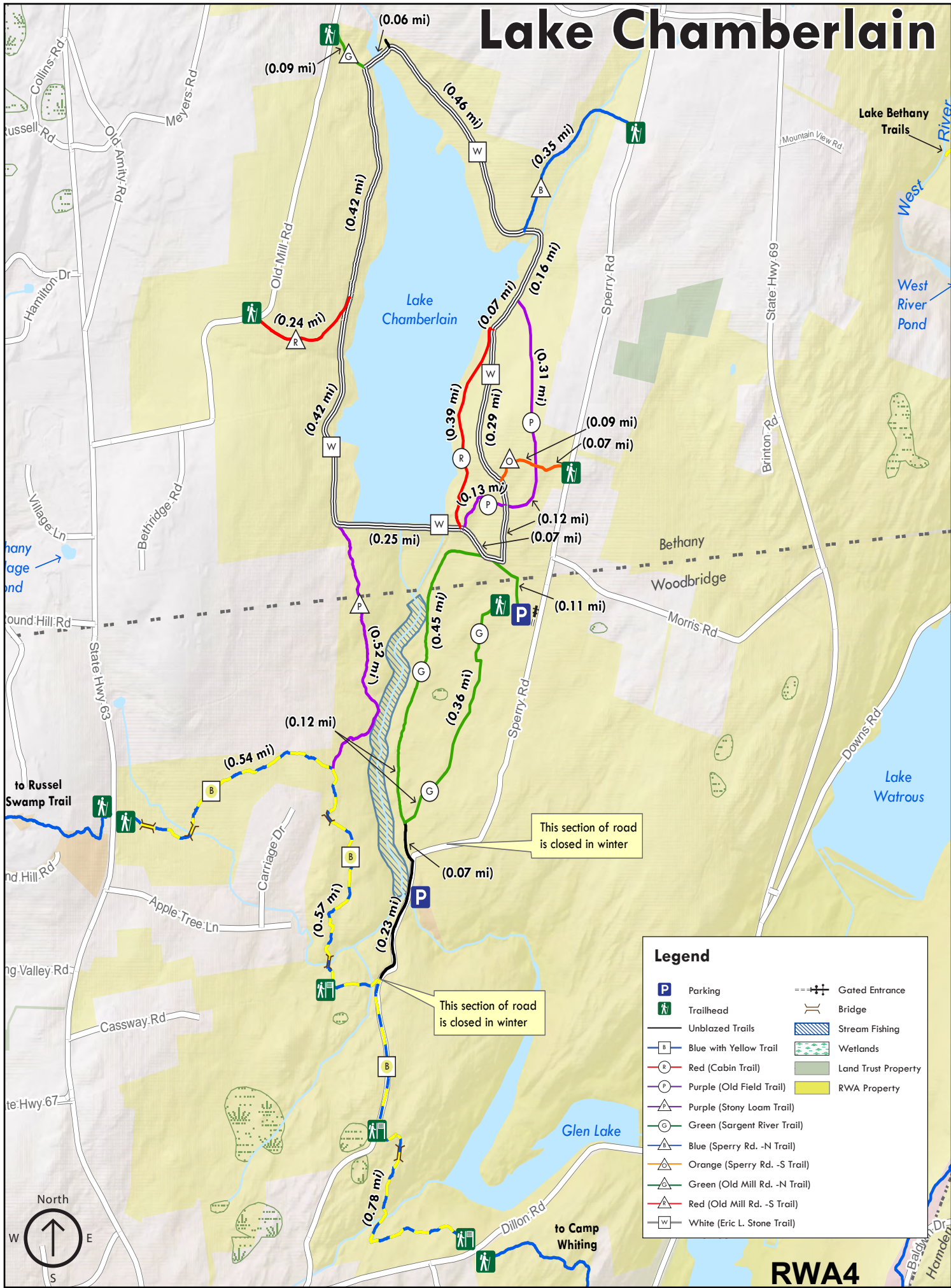
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Lake Chamberlain



RWA4

Lake Hammonasset

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A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, Lake Hammonasset was opened in 1990. This area offers ten miles of trails around the reservoir. The shortest route around the lake that includes both peninsulas and takes advantage of the short cuts is 7.4 miles, so allow several hours. There are several short trails that branch off from the Hammonasset Trail or the Indian Cave Trail that provide shortcuts or nice lookout points.

The Hemlock Trail offers scenic views of the Lake Hammonasset shoreline and rock formations along a small peninsula. In the spring, you may hear the sound of the waterfall from the dam as you walk this trail. This is the best trail for a short walk and a good place for observing waterfowl.

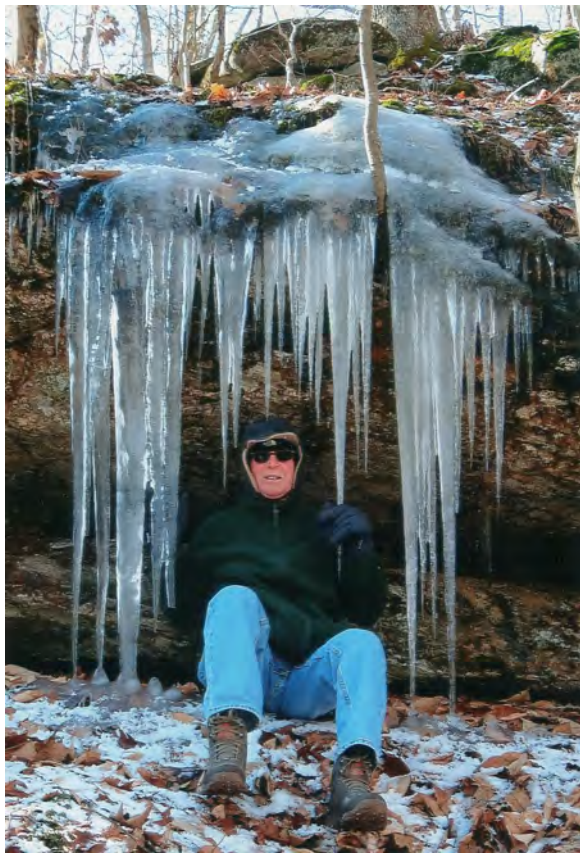


Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Mark Levine

Trail Description:

Easy to Moderate Hike

Lake Hammonasset offers a long hike around the Hammonasset Reservoir. There are scenic vistas throughout in addition to a waterfall in the spring time.

Total trails length is approx. 9.57 miles

Directions and Parking:

Lake Hammonasset is right on the Madison and Killingworth Line. From the Route 80 round-about head east towards Killingworth on North Branford Road (Route 80). The entrance will be in about 1 1/2 miles on the left. Lake Hammonasset's access road to the gated entrance and parking area can be reached via Route 80.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking only. Wading and swimming are prohibited. No fishing at this reservoir. Dogs are not permitted.

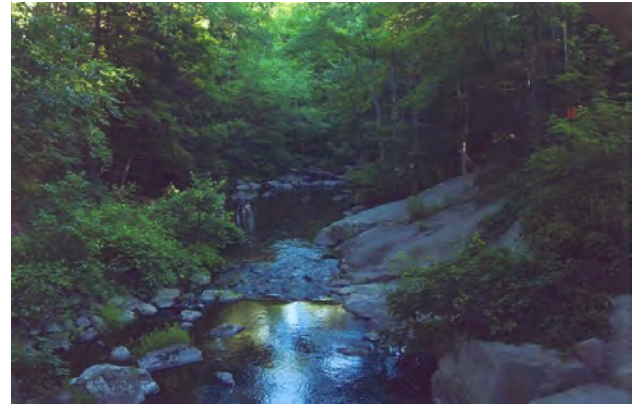


Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Mark Levine

Total Trails Length: *Approx. 9.57 miles.*

Blue (Oak Trail): 0.16 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Red (Lookout Trail): 0.01 miles. Easy Hike

Green (Hemlock Trail): 0.55 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

White (Hammonasset Trail): 5.93 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Orange (Lake View Trail): 0.63 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Yellow (Indian Cave Trail): 1.29 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

White/Yellow Connector: 0.09 miles. Easy Hike



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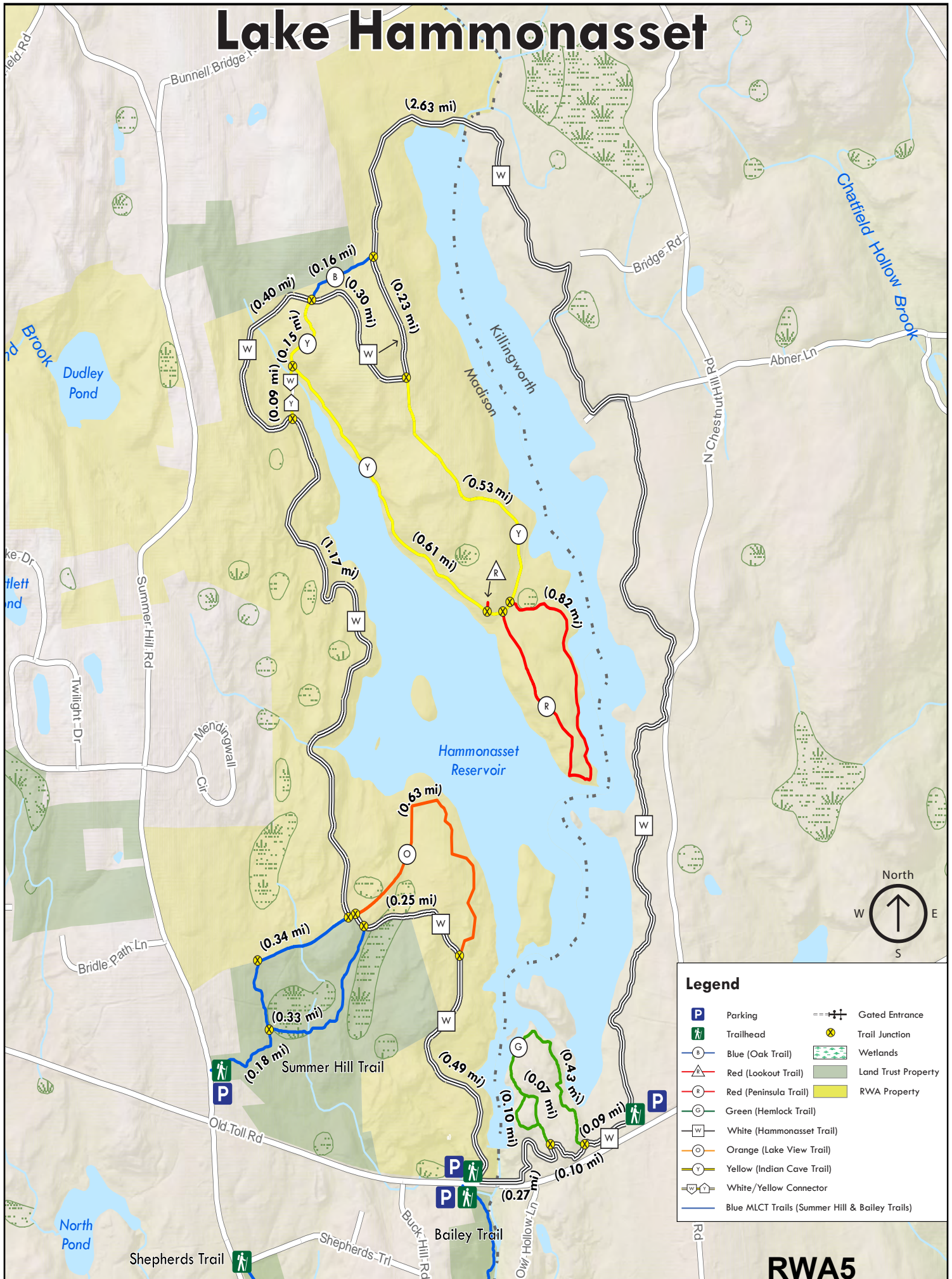
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Lake Hammonasset



Legend

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| Parking | Gated Entrance |
| Trailhead | Trail Junction |
| Blue (Oak Trail) | Wetlands |
| Red (Lookout Trail) | Land Trust Property |
| Red (Peninsula Trail) | RWA Property |
| Green (Hemlock Trail) | |
| White (Hammonasset Trail) | |
| Orange (Lake View Trail) | |
| Yellow (Indian Cave Trail) | |
| White/Yellow Connector | |
| Blue MLCT Trails (Summer Hill & Bailey Trails) | |



RWA5

Lake Saltonstall

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, Lake Saltonstall provides a home for many species of birds and forest animals. Here you can hike, jog, or bicycle along nine miles of trails, learn about local plants and animals while walking along the 1.4 mile interpretive nature trail, or take advantage of some of the finest freshwater fishing in the stocked lake. A wheelchair accessible floating pier is located on site.

The Lake Saltonstall Trail is the site's most popular trail and is perfect for jogging, hiking, bicycling, or cross-country skiing. You'll find beautiful views of the lake all year long. You can traverse the trail one way along the lake to take advantage of the view or do the entire loop around. The inland portion of the trail weaves in and out of spruce and pine plantations, native hardwoods, and a powerline right-of-way. It's the best trail for spring wildflowers, but includes some wet areas.

The Ridge Trail is a dead-end trail that runs along the top of the Saltonstall Ridge, offering scenic views. You can access the Ridge Trail from the main Nature Trail. Once on the Ridge Trail, you can hike the short Vista Trail that provides an overlook from Saltonstall Ridge to the west.

The RWA fish shack is located just off Hosley Avenue on Fish Dock Road at the Branford/East Haven town line. Twenty-five row boats are available for a fee on a "first come, first served" basis. In addition, a limited number of electric motors and batteries are available for rental. The fish shack is staffed during fishing season. Call (203) 401-2654 for hours.



Photo by Betsy Grauer

Trail Description:

Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

RWA's Lake Saltonstall property also hosts part of the Branford Trail system (*inset map*). The 28-mile Branford Trail is a unique trail that borders a majority of the town's perimeter. The trail passes through the shoreline, wetlands, many town parks, northerly woodlands, and many Branford Land Trust properties. Access for this part of the Branford Trail is for RWA permit holders only.

Total trails distance is approx. 7.93 miles

Directions and Parking:

Lake Saltonstall can be accessed via I-95 - Exit 52 to Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway/West Main Street) Lake Saltonstall has two gated entrances that are located off Hosley Avenue the central gate is closest to fishing access and the northern gate is for hiking. Parking is available behind locked gates at each location shown on the map.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site requires a Regional Water Authority Permit and is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking and bicycling only. Bicycling is permitted from April 15th to December 31st. Bikers can ride on designated trails only and must yield to all hikers. Shore and Lake fishing is permitted by State permit. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Allisyn Shlank

Total Trails Length: Approx. 7.93 miles. Wide Range of Trail Difficulties

White (Nature Trail): 0.98 miles.

Orange (Vista Trail): 0.04 miles.

Red (Ridge Trail): 2.92 miles.

Green (Lake Saltonstall Trail): 3.08 miles.

Yellow (Glen Grove Trail): 0.17 miles.

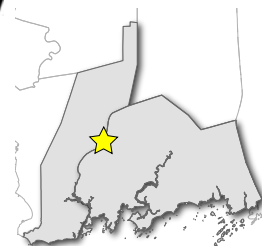


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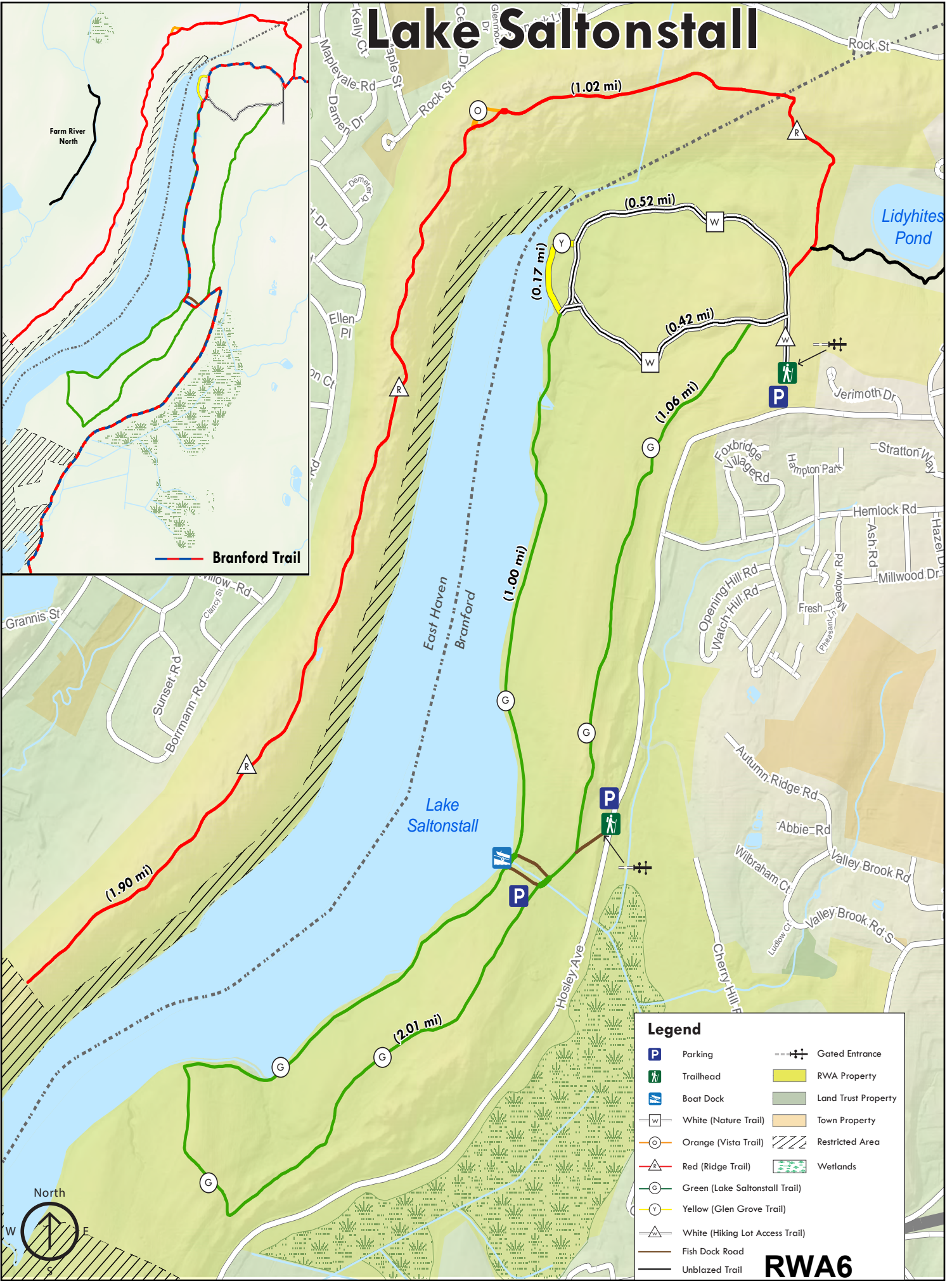
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Lake Saltonstall



Farm River North

Branford Trail

East Haven
Branford

Lake Saltonstall

Lidyhites Pond

Legend

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Boat Dock
- White (Nature Trail)
- Orange (Vista Trail)
- Red (Ridge Trail)
- Green (Lake Saltonstall Trail)
- Yellow (Glen Grove Trail)
- White (Hiking Lot Access Trail)
- Fish Dock Road
- Unblazed Trail
- Gated Entrance
- RWA Property
- Land Trust Property
- Town Property
- Restricted Area
- Wetlands

RWA6

North



Maltby Lakes

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, these peaceful lakes dotted with tiny islands have long been admired by passers-by on busy Route 34. When the Maltby Lakes were opened for hiking, fishing, and bicycling in 1994, this fulfilled the dream of their designer and namesake. Back in the 1860's, Caleb Maltby had plans to combine water supply and public recreation at the reservoirs he created for the Fair Haven Water Company. Only minutes from downtown New Haven, you'll find that you're sharing the solitude with many deer, wild turkey, a variety of birds and other animals.

The Mark Schaefer Trail encircles most of the Authority's land surrounding the Maltby Lakes and provides access to all other trails. It climbs the ridge west of Maltby Lake #3. The power line clearing provides an excellent view of the New Haven skyline and is abundant with mountain laurel, which blooms in mid-June. The Spruce Trail, a shortcut on the western side of the Schaefer Trail, will bring you through a Norway spruce tree stand, avoiding the power lines.

There are several short trails, each with their own unique features. The Evergreen Trail connects Lakes 1 and 2. It circles back to the Mark Schaefer Trail in a shady grove of white pine and spruce trees planted after the 1938 hurricane. The Mil Deprey Trail passes interesting ledge outcrops of phyllite. Phyllite is a metamorphic rock intermediate between slate and schist. All three rocks are formed by compressing lake bottom mud under thousands of feet of other sediments. Slate has clearly visible layering and schist has crystals visible to the naked eye. Phyllite has neither characteristic, but its resistance to erosion is one reason why the land around the Maltby Lakes is so hilly.

The Tulip Tree Trail is a short but rugged loop, named for the tall, straight trees common along some of the best soils in the area. The 1904 Trail is named for the year in which the oldest white pine trees along the west sides of the path were planted by students of the of the far west.

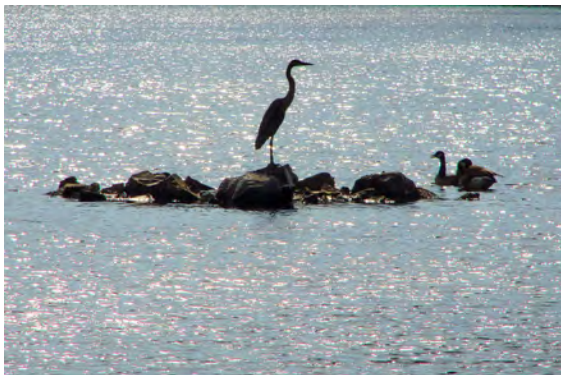


Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Terry Kennen

Trail Description:

Easy to Moderate Hike

Maltby Lakes features gentle rolling hills with picturesque lake views throughout. One has many trails to choose from on their hike.

Total trails length is approx. 4.87 miles

Directions and Parking:

From the Wilbur Cross Parkway (Route 15) take exit 57. Off of the exit head east on Derby Avenue (Route 34) towards New Haven. The Maltby Lakes entrance and parking lot will be on an access road in about 3 miles.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking and bicycling only. Bicycling is permitted from April 15th to December 31st. Bikers can ride on designated trails only and must yield to all hikers. State fishing license required for shore fishing. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Ron Guerrucci

Total Trails Length: *Approx. 4.87 miles.*

Purple (Spruce Trail): 0.14 miles. Easy Hike

White (Mark Schaefer Trail): 2.91 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Orange (Tulip Tree Trail): 0.39 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Yellow (Mil Deprey Trail): 0.49 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

Red (Evergreen Trail): 0.07 miles. Easy Hike

Blue (Fishing Spur Trails): 0.42 miles. Easy Hike

Green (1904 Trail): 0.13 miles. Easy Hike

Unblazed Trails: 0.32 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike



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Pine Hill Trails

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

An interpretive trail guide is available from RWA's Recreation Department that matches the numbered disks posted on the trees along the trail. The Pine Hill System has four trails.

The Peat Swamp Spur Trail (white triangle) is 0.3 miles and connects to the Peat Swamp Loop from the parking lot off Rimmon Road (Route 313). You will pass an old Christmas tree plantation on your right as you enter. The plantation contains white spruce, blue spruce and black spruce. It is a good spot for observing birds, as the blueberry bushes at the far end provide food for many species. There is a brook which runs under the bridge on your way to the main trail loop.

The Peat Swamp Loop (white rectangle) is 2.0 miles. Access the main loop by taking the Peat Swamp Spur Trail from the parking area on Rimmon Road (Route 313), or choose the longer route by parking at the end of Hemlock Hollow Road and taking the Hemlock Hollow Loop. Either way, you will have the opportunity to explore previous land use and a variety of forest types along the trail. In the early 1900's most of the land was cleared for agriculture. The trails you will be walking on were probably old farm roads. There are a number of stone walls that hint at previous farm land use. Our guided trail booklet can assist you in identifying specific tree species and pointing out areas that show previous land use. Other features you will see along this trail include streams and vernal pools; you will be able to catch a glimpse of Peat Swamp Reservoir from the northwest leg of the trail, especially in the winter and early spring. Notice the rocky outcrops and be on the lookout for erratic boulders (large rocks deposited by receding glaciers that do not match the underlying bedrock type).

The Hemlock Hollow Loop (red circle) is 1.0 miles. Access this trail by parking at the end of Hemlock Hollow Road and taking the short Hemlock Hollow Spur trail right to the loop. You will cross several small streams and walk through varied hardwood tree stands, including sugar maple, sassafras, tulip tree, and oak. You will see more rocky outcrops, erratic boulders and many stone walls along the way.

The Hemlock Hollow Spur (green triangle) is 0.1 miles and is a very short spur trail that connects you from the trailhead off Hemlock Hollow Road to the Hemlock Hollow Loop trail.

Trail Description:

Easy Hike

Hike, jog or cross country ski the Regional Water Authority's Pine Hill Trail System. You will find varied terrain and features: Seasonally wet to rocky and steep to relatively flat. You will traverse through mixed aged forests ranging from wetland species to dry ridge species. There is evidence of past agricultural use and timber and fuel harvesting.

Total trails length is approx. 3.31 miles

Directions and Parking:

The Pine Hill Trail System is reached off of Rimmon Road (Route 313). Trail parking is an entrance/driveway off Route 313 with a small parking area on the left.

*There is a home occupied by a tenant and we ask that trail users respect the privacy of the occupants.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use and hiking only. All motorized vehicles are prohibited. Wading, swimming, biking and horseback riding are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by Emmeline Harrigan

Total Trails Length: Approx. 3.31 miles.

Green (Hemlock Hollow Spur): 0.06 miles. Easy Hike

Red (Hemlock Hollow Loop): 0.95 miles. Easy Hike

White (Peat Swamp Loop): 2.0 miles. Easy Hike

White (Peat Swamp Spur): 0.30 miles. Easy Hike

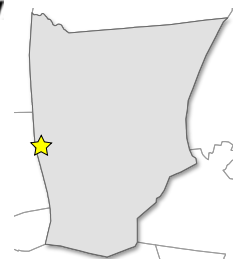


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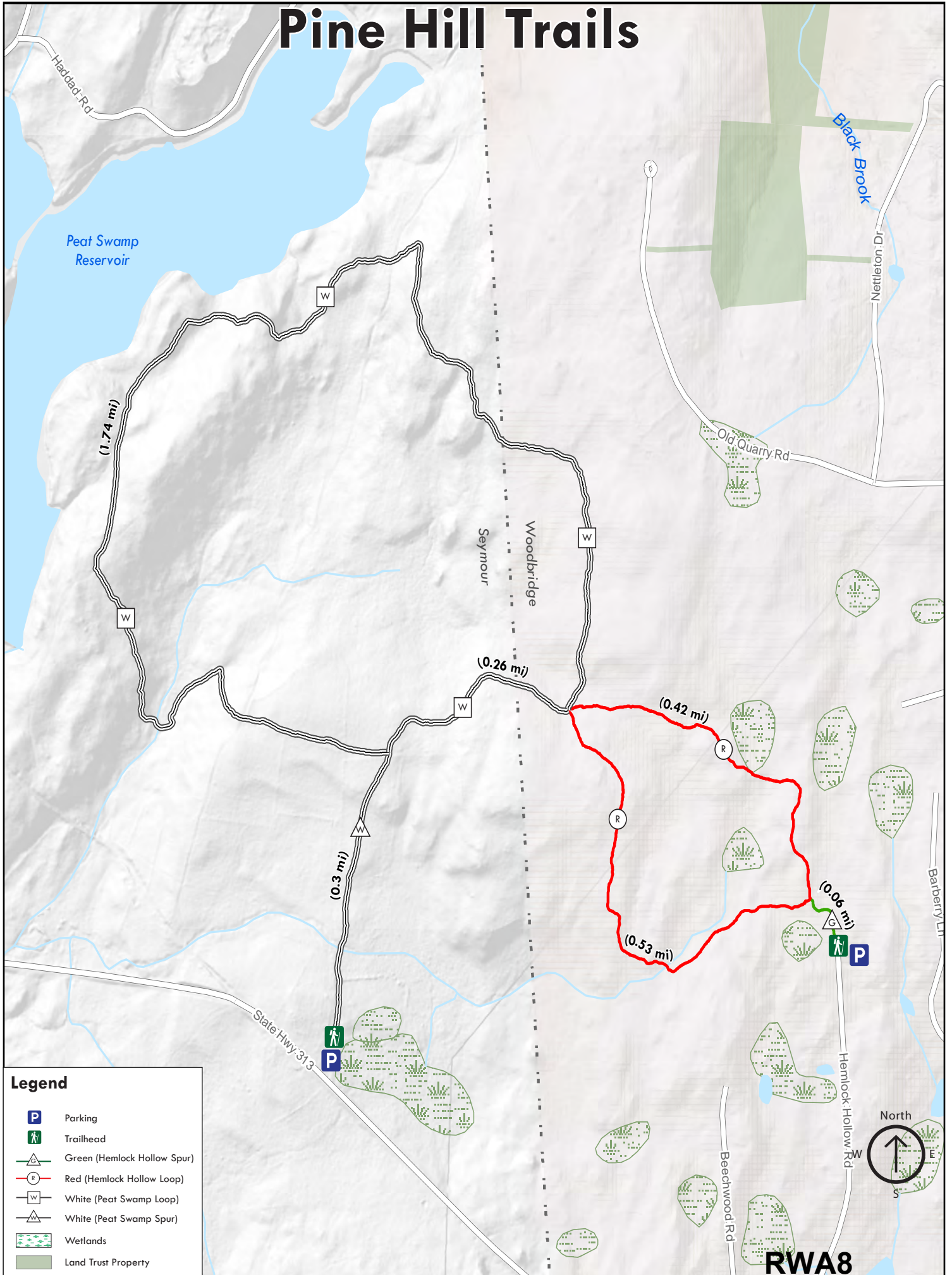
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Pine Hill Trails



Legend

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Green (Hemlock Hollow Spur)
- Red (Hemlock Hollow Loop)
- White (Peat Swamp Loop)
- White (Peat Swamp Spur)
- Wetlands
- Land Trust Property

North



RWA8

Amity Road to Dillon Road

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

The Blue/Yellow Trail is a major link in the Woodbridge Greenway Trail system. It enters on Amity Road (Route 63) just east of coming down the Blue Trail of Round Hill. You can follow this trail westward and then southerly until you come to Sperry Road an old country dirt road, cross the road and continue South to Dillon Road.

The Sargent River flows South through the area from Lake Chamberlain in Bethany down to Lake Glen in Woodbridge. These two water bodies are part of the five reservoirs that were created between 1889 and 1925 to form the West River Water Supply System.

Take time to visit Sperry Park and Sperry Falls. Water from the falls was used to run a wool processing mill in the late 18th to early 19th century. It was operated by the Sperry Family. Remnants of its foundation can still be seen. The Sperry's are known as this town's First Family, having settled in Woodbridge back in 1648.

Please stay on the Blue Trail with Yellow Dot and do not hike down to Lake Glen. There is no swimming or fishing in this reservoir. There is some fishing allowed on the Sargent River between the gas line and Sperry Road. Please contact the RWA for more details.



Photo Provided by Regional Water Authority

Trail Description:

Easy to Moderate Hike

The RWA land that falls Amity Road (Route 63) and Dillon Road in Woodbridge offers easy to moderate hiking difficulties along with connection to Lake Chamberlain Trails.

Total trail length is approx. 1.89 miles

Directions and Parking:

Parking is available off Dillon Road across from the RWA gate or off the shoulder of Sperry Road or at Sperry Park. Sperry Park parking may not be accessed during winter season.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking only. State fishing license is required for shore fishing. Wading and swimming are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted. Horses are permitted on certain trails with a permit from the Bethany Horsemen's Association.



Photo Provided by Regional Water Authority

Total Trails Length: Approx. 1.89 miles

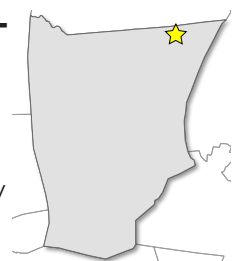


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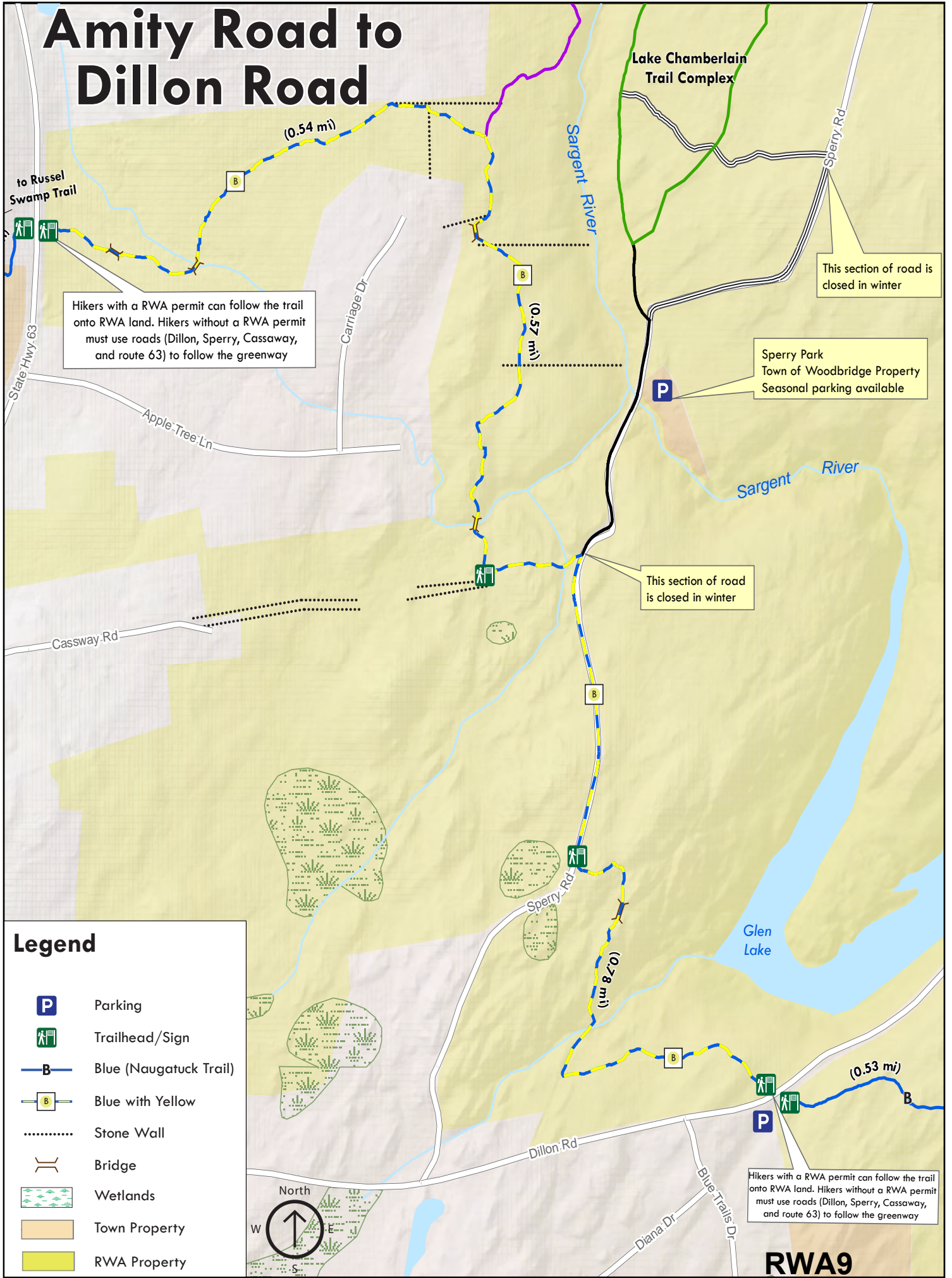
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Amity Road to Dillon Road



Sugarloaf

Regional Water Authority Permit Required

A Regional Water Authority (RWA) Recreation Area, this scenic recreation area got its name many years ago because its two rounded hills resembled mounded loaves of brown sugar. Today, West Sugarloaf is covered with plantations of white pine and Norway spruce and has become a roosting area for wild turkeys.

The Owl Trail has many old rotting tree trunks which are homes for many small forest animals such as screech owls and chipmunks. Look carefully and you may find an owl sleeping in the crook of an old tree.

The Sherwood Forest Trail has sugar maples that provide such a dense cover during the summer that little under-story grows here. As you walk along, you may be able to see up to 500 feet through the forest in this enchanted area. There is a long, steep climb on this trail as it ascends the west side of Sugarloaf.

Raven's Trail is a short, steep trail that climbs over the top of the east Sugarloaf and provides a shortcut on the east leg of the Owl Trail.

The Tangled Web Trail is named for the overgrown tangle of grape vines, briars and berries growing over a section of the west Sugarloaf hill. It is an especially good place for bird watching. Merlin's Way is a short trail that connects the Sherwood Forest Trail to the Tangled Web Trail.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Alec Blakey

Trail Description:

Moderate Hike

The scenic trails at Sugarloaf offer a chance to see a variety of wildlife. The trails have steep hills for intermediate and advanced cross-country skiing.

Total trails distance is approx. 4.41 miles

Directions and Parking:

Sugarloaf's gated entrance and parking area is located on West Street. Take Foxon Road/North Branford Road (Route 80) to Country Road (aka West Street) near the North Branford town line to the left fork to West Street.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This site is for passive use only. No mechanized vehicles. Hiking and cross-country skiing only. Dogs are not permitted.



Photo by RWA Photo Contest Winner Lois Main

Total Trails Length: *Approx. 4.41 miles.*

Orange/Red (Merlin's Trail): 0.11 miles. Moderate Hike

White (Owl Trail): 2.75 miles. Moderate Hike

Orange (Tangled Web Trail): 0.7 miles. Moderate Hike

Yellow (Raven's Trail): 0.27 miles. Moderate Hike

Red (Sherwood Forest Trail): 0.08 miles. Moderate Hike

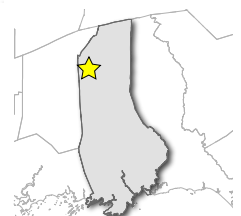


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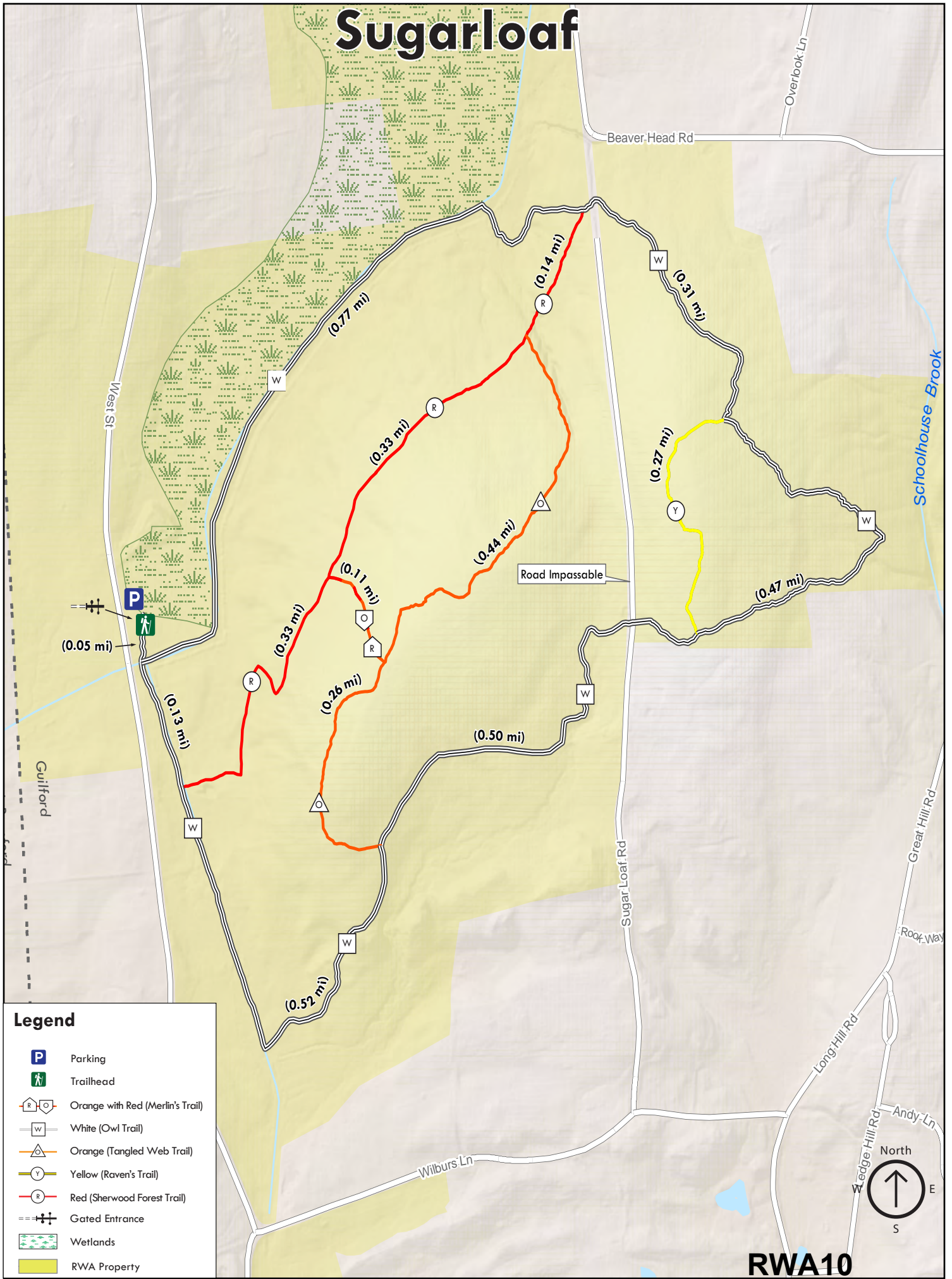
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Sugarloaf



Legend

-  Parking
-  Trailhead
-  Orange with Red (Merlin's Trail)
-  White (Owl Trail)
-  Orange (Tangled Web Trail)
-  Yellow (Raven's Trail)
-  Red (Sherwood Forest Trail)
-  Gated Entrance
-  Wetlands
-  RWA Property

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