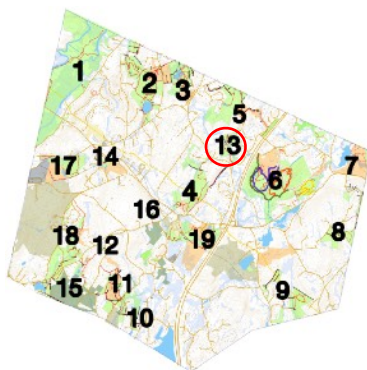
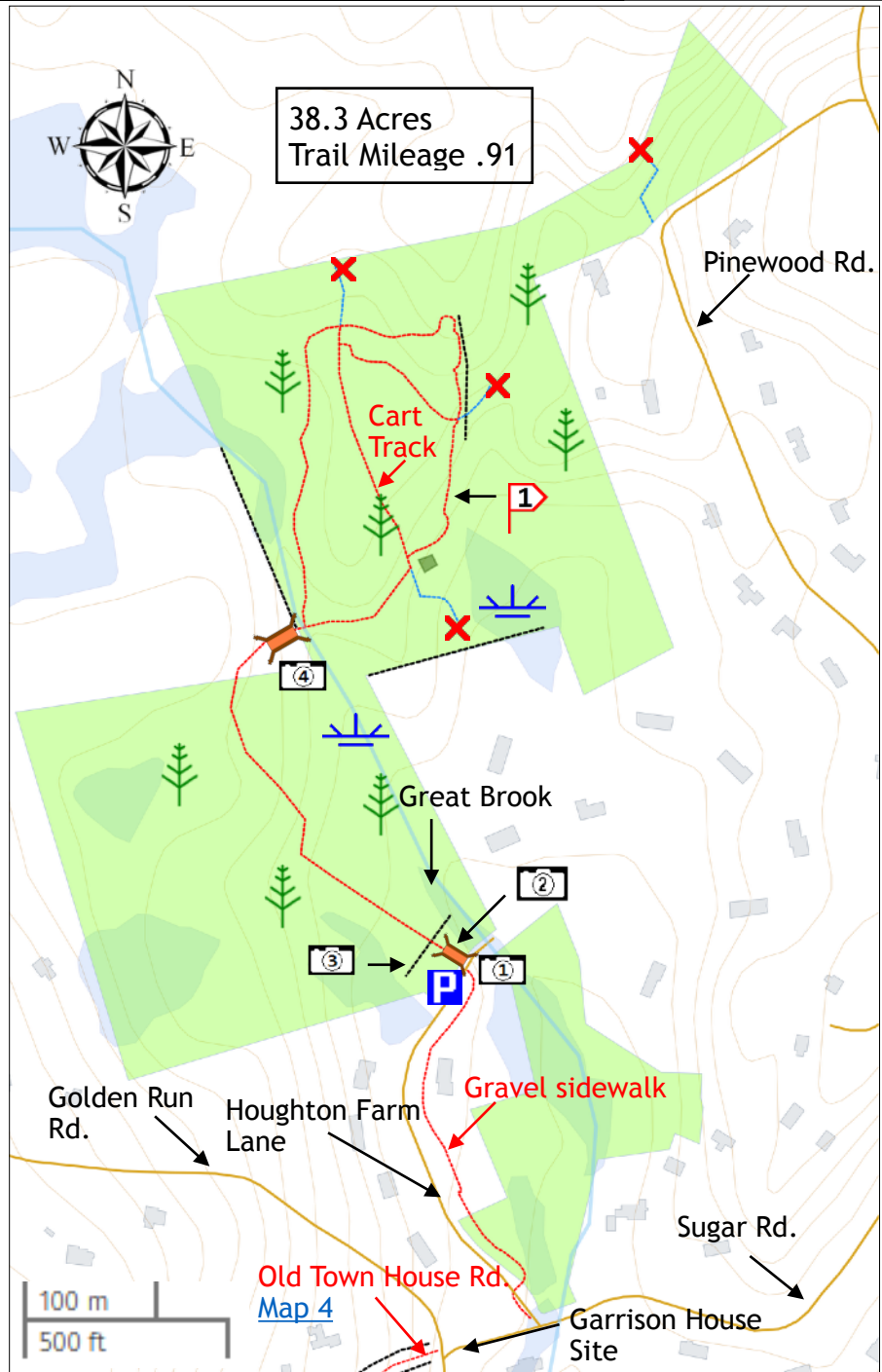


Legend:

-  Private land or easement
Please stay on trail
-  Town or Conservation Land
Please obey trail restrictions
-  Lake or Pond
Permanent water
-  Wetlands
-  Primary trail
-  Secondary trail
-  No access
-  Stone wall
-  Marsh or Swamp
-  Wooded area
-  Parking
-  Photo location
-  Point of interest mentioned in the text
-  Bridge



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Contour lines at 20' intervals

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 Trail Head with parking

Houghton Farm: This property is associated with a FOSPRD (Farming and Open Space Residential Development) area. Houses have been built on the lane at a steady rate over a number of years. It is named for members of the Houghton family, many of whom lived nearby. Their ancestors settled in Bolton in its earliest days during the late 17th century when it was still part of Lancaster. One of the most prominent was Joseph Houghton. In 1847 his land and cash donation to the Town enabled the construction of the Town's first high school. The building is now the Houghton Building in the center of Town.


This is a pleasing area for a quiet stroll in the woods on rolling terrain with some points of interest along the way. The main trail forms a "lollypop" shape with a number of side trails leading to private land and property owned by the New England Power Company; please stay within the area shown on the map.

The trails and bridge on this land were built as part of an Eagle Scout project in 2013 by a member of Troop 1.


Parking:

Houghton Farm Lane, on the shoulder next to the trailhead  sign. 2 cars.
42.447013, -71.591709.


Connections: A short walk along Houghton Farm gravel sidewalk to Sugar Rd. leads to the Garrison House site and the nearby Old Town House Rd. ([Map 4](#)).

Suggested walks: All of the paths are worth a visit, and with a total mileage of 1.0 mile the whole area can be visited without too much effort in a fairly short time. The path to the east of the old cart track  that runs up the middle of the main loop has some good views of the nearby rocky outcrops and the small brook that runs below them. These quiet paths break away from the cart track near a large boulder.



 Bridge near the Trailhead



 Stone structure near the trailhead



 Looking south along the Brook



 Prominent cliff near the Trail



Bolton Conservation Land Rules and Regulations.

The Bolton Conservation Commission welcomes responsible public use and enjoyment of land under its stewardship. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8c, the Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to provide a pleasurable experience for users and in order to preserve and protect in perpetuity the wildlife, ecological, environmental, and conservation values of these properties which include:

- Protection of surface and groundwater resources
- Protection of unfragmented forest habitat
- Protection of wildlife habitat
- Protection of open space and the Town's trails system.

Prohibitions

- Hunting, trapping and discharging of firearms, arrows, paintballs, and pellets
- Motor vehicles, except for emergency response or municipal vehicles
- Dumping and/or littering
- Alcoholic beverages and glass containers
- Smoking
- Swimming except by waders at the Tom Denney Nature Camp

Advance permission needed in writing from the Bolton Conservation Commission for the following:

- Camping
- Fires
- Memorials or Displays
- Building new trails, extensions, and modifications to existing trails
- Cutting, removing, or damaging vegetation, except for the control of invasive species
- Collecting dead or downed wood, rocks or wildlife

Any activities or uses not set forth here require the prior written permission of the Bolton Conservation Commission.

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Dogs may be walked on conservation land as long as they are under effective control of a person. People walking dogs shall remove feces from trails and all environmentally sensitive areas. Please keep dogs out of vernal pools during breeding season for frogs and salamanders (generally mid-February through April). Do not let dogs chase or harass wildlife.

