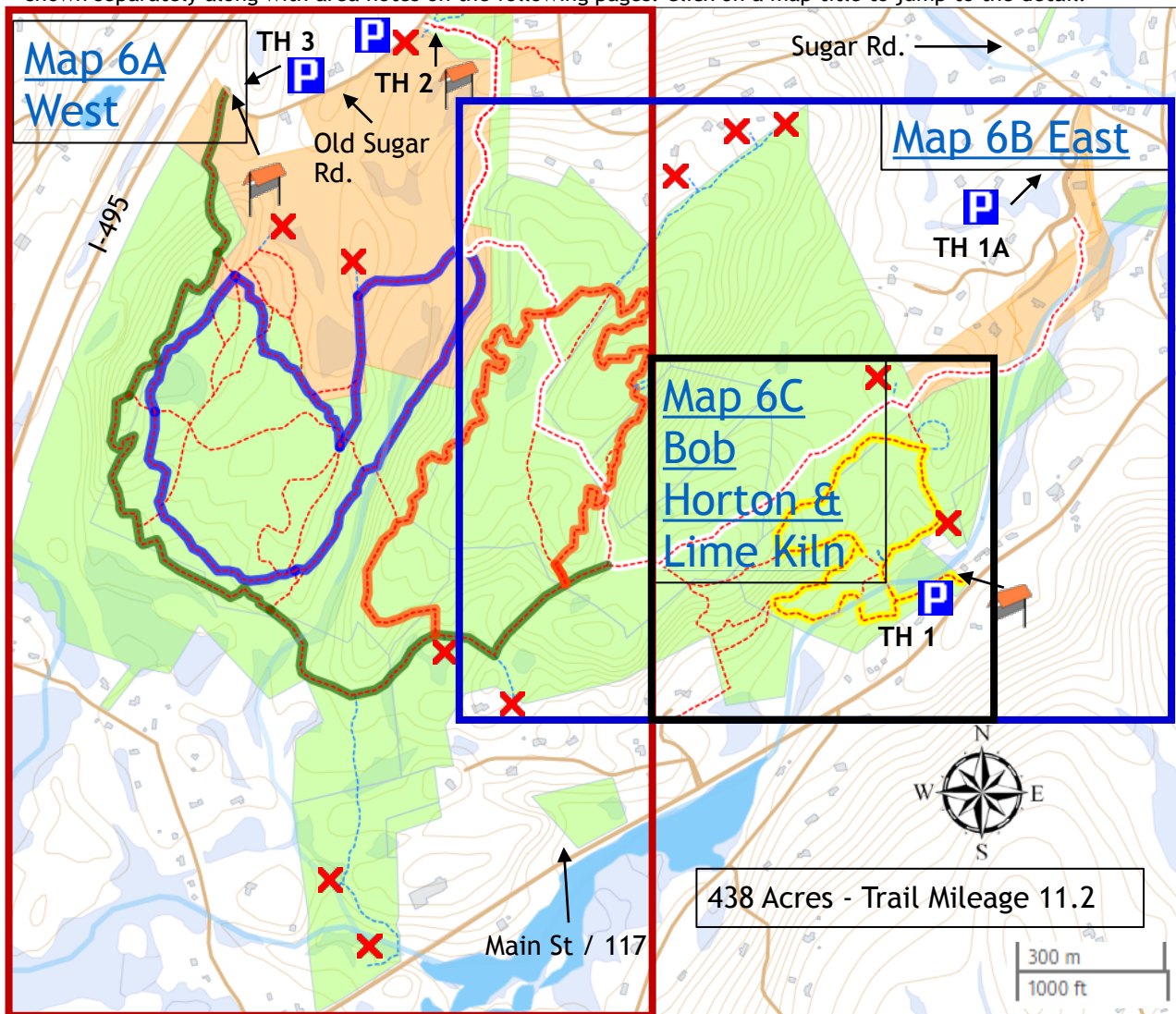


Rattlesnake Hill and Vicinity

Map 6

This is Bolton's largest conservation area. In order to show details, maps of the four sections highlighted below are shown separately along with area notes on the following pages. Click on a map title to jump to the detail.



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| Private land or easement. Please stay on trail | Lake or Pond. Permanent water. | Primary trail | Parking | No access |
| Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions. | Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding. | Secondary trail | Kiosk | Contour lines are at intervals of 20 feet |

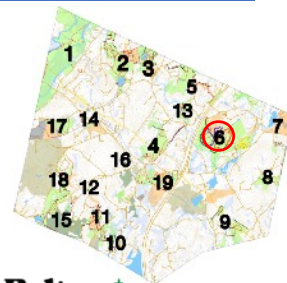
Color-marked Trails

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| Blue Philips 1.6 mi | Green to Old Sugar Rd 1.5 mi | Orange Rattlesnake Hill 1.4 mi |
| White Bolton Loop 1.4 mi | Yellow Bob Horton 1.1 mi | |

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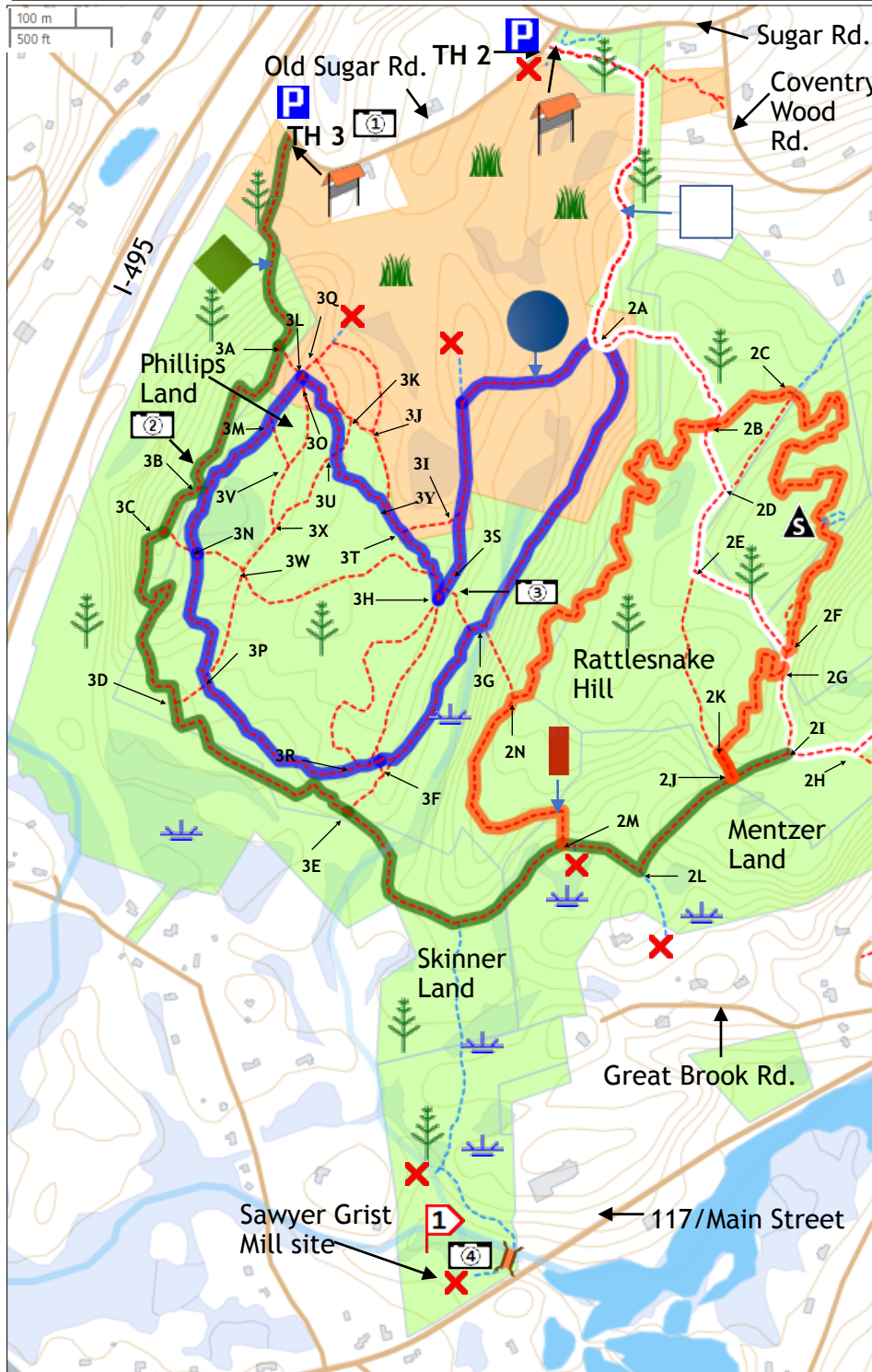


Click for GPS in KMZ format



West Rattlesnake Phillips, Skinner, Parts of Mentzer and Rattlesnake Hill

Map 6A



Legend:

- High Point on trails
- Private land or easement. Please stay on trail
- Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions.
- Lake or Pond. Permanent water.
- Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding.
- Primary trail
- Secondary trail
- No access
- Stone wall
- Marsh or swamp
- Wooded area
- Meadow
- Parking
- Photo location
- Point of interest mentioned in the text
- Bridge
- Kiosk
- 2F Location of a junction sign

Color-Marked Trails

- Blue Phillips 1.6 mi
- Green to Old Sugar Rd 1.5 mi
- Orange Rattlesnake Hill 1.4 mi
- White Bolton Loop 1.4 mi

Contour lines at 20' intervals

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① Private, adjacent Fields

Phillips Conservation Land: This valuable piece of conservation land is one of Bolton's most popular places to walk, ski, ride a horse, walk a dog, or pedal a mountain bike. It's a 75 acre parcel consisting mainly of upland oak forest interspersed with blueberry scrub. It was donated to the Bolton Conservation Trust by Dr. Philip Phillips and his family to preserve its ecological, recreational, and scenic qualities. Dotted in the upland forest are several vernal pools which serve as a habitat for numerous rare species.

Skinner Land: This property completes the group of lands shown in the [Map 6](#) series and was a gift by Nancy Skinner to Bolton Conservation Trust in 2007. It includes the Sawyer Grist Mill and the nearby Great Brook. There are two lots of 18.2 and 3 acres respectively.

Mentzer Land: A 22-acre gift of the Mentzer family. The land is mostly wet and some trails can be difficult underfoot; it serves as an important link between the Phillips and Skinner areas.



② Split Rock



③ Phillips plaque



④ Sawyer Grist Mill site

Access: Trailheads TH 2 and TH 3 on Old Sugar Rd. Also paths and cart tracks extend out to Harris Farm and the Lime Kiln ([Map 6B](#)).

Parking:

- *Trailhead TH 2*, junction of Sugar Rd. and Old Sugar Rd. 4 cars on the shoulder.
42.448361, -71.578556
- *Trailhead TH 3*, end of Old Sugar Rd. 7 cars in the cul-de-sac.
42.446861, -71.583222

Suggested walks: Any loop walk that starts and/or ends at TH2 or TH3 can be rewarding. Note that the trails are uneven and can be wet underfoot.

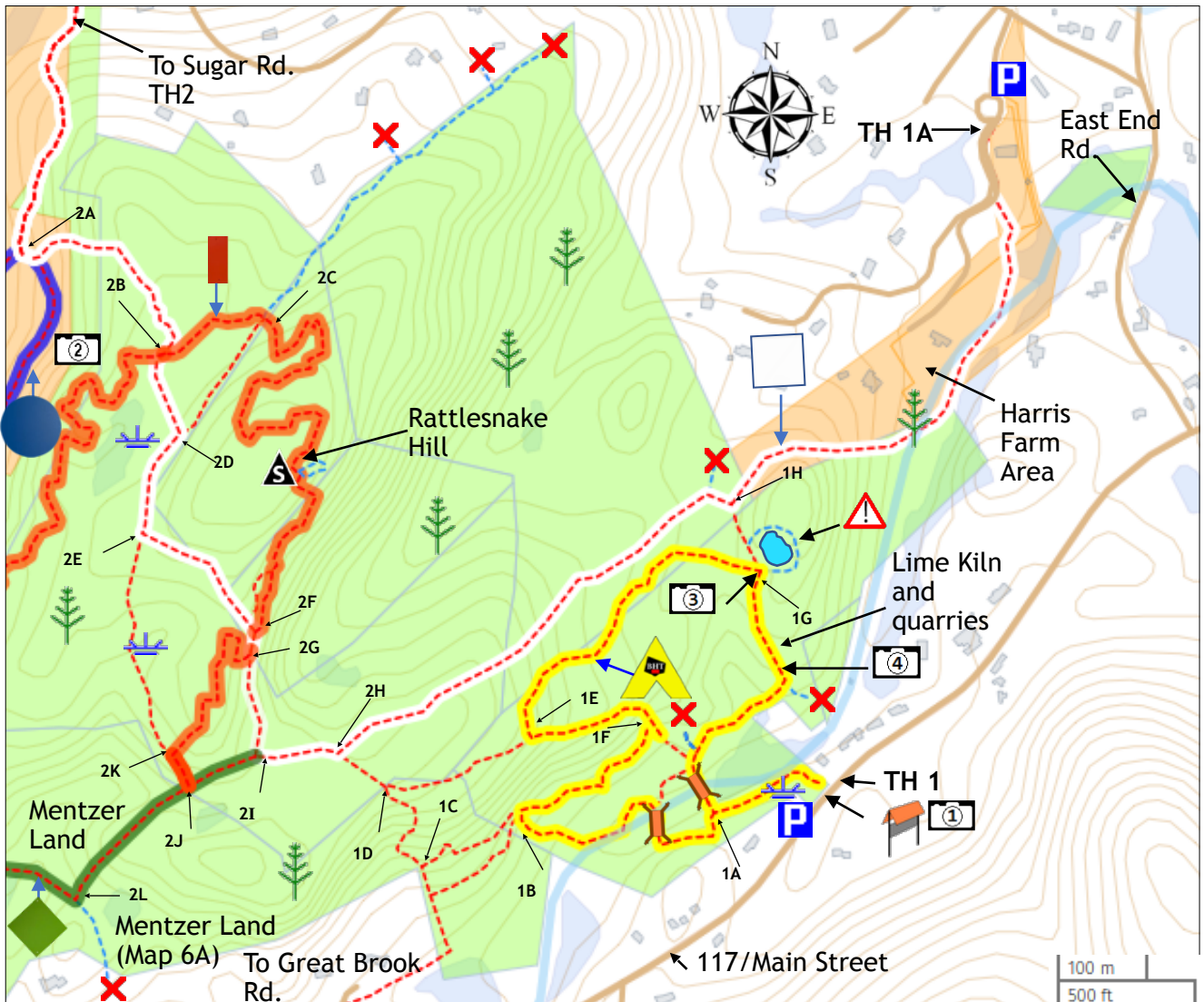
The Bolton Loop Trail: Part of this trail crosses the area from trail junction 2I to the Sugar Rd. Trailhead (TH 2). The complete Rattlesnake area section can be walked by leaving cars at Harris Farm (TH1A, [Map 6B](#)) and Sugar Rd. (TH 2, [Map 6A](#)).

Exploration: The Sawyer Grist Mill (operation from 1794 until about 1899) site - Benjamin Sawyer owned a saw mill and a grist mill relatively close to each other on the east side of Burnham Rd. and the north side of Main Street (Rt. 117). [1](#) More information:

<https://boltontrails.org/Sawyer-Grist-Mill>

The remains of the mill can be seen at the end of a secondary trail that diverges from the main trail between junctions 3E and 2M.





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Legend:

Private land or easement. Please stay on trail	Primary trail	Parking	Use Caution
Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions.	Secondary trail	Photo location	High Point on trails
Lake or Pond. Permanent water.	No access	Point of interest mentioned in the text	Location of a junction sign
Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding.	Marsh or swamp	Bridge	Kiosk
Wooded area	Stone wall		

Color-marked Trails

Blue Philips 1.6 mi	Green to Old Sugar Rd 1.5 mi	Orange Rattlesnake Hill 1.4 mi
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Trail Head 1



Chicken of the woods



Whitcomb Quarry

Rattlesnake Hill: This 10-acre parcel was the first piece of land purchased by Bolton Conservation Trust. Although there are no known rattlesnakes on the land, doubtless it was named because of their past presence at some time among the hill's rocky slopes. It could also have been named for the rattlesnake plantain found among the outcroppings near the Split Rock trail ([Map 6A](#)). There are several large boulders left by glaciers.

Access: through Harris Farm TH1A or Phillips Land; TH2 or TH3 ([Map 6A](#)).

Harris Farm: This 56-acre parcel of mature woodland was a gift as part of the Harris Farm residential development. It is crisscrossed with many stone walls and well-used trails. A large portion of the land slopes up toward the summit of Rattlesnake Hill while the remaining acreage links to the Lime Kiln.

Access: via the trailhead (TH 1A) and the easement at the end of the Harris Farm cul-de-sac.

Lime Kiln and Quarries: The Lime Kiln and Quarries conservation areas derive their name from the limestone quarries that were first worked as far back as the 1700s. More than 200 varieties of wildflowers thrive in the area's lime-rich soils, including the rare fringed gentian. In addition, over 30 minerals are found on the property, including boltonite, which is found at only one other location - on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius in Italy. The Bob Horton Memorial Trail ([Map 6C](#)) traverses the 40-acre property and connects to the Phillips ([Map 6A](#)) and Harris Farm conservation areas.

No rock extraction, collection, or harvesting allowed without prior written permission from the Bolton Conservation Commission.

Access: Trailhead TH1 on the north side of Route 117, 1.5 miles east of I-495.

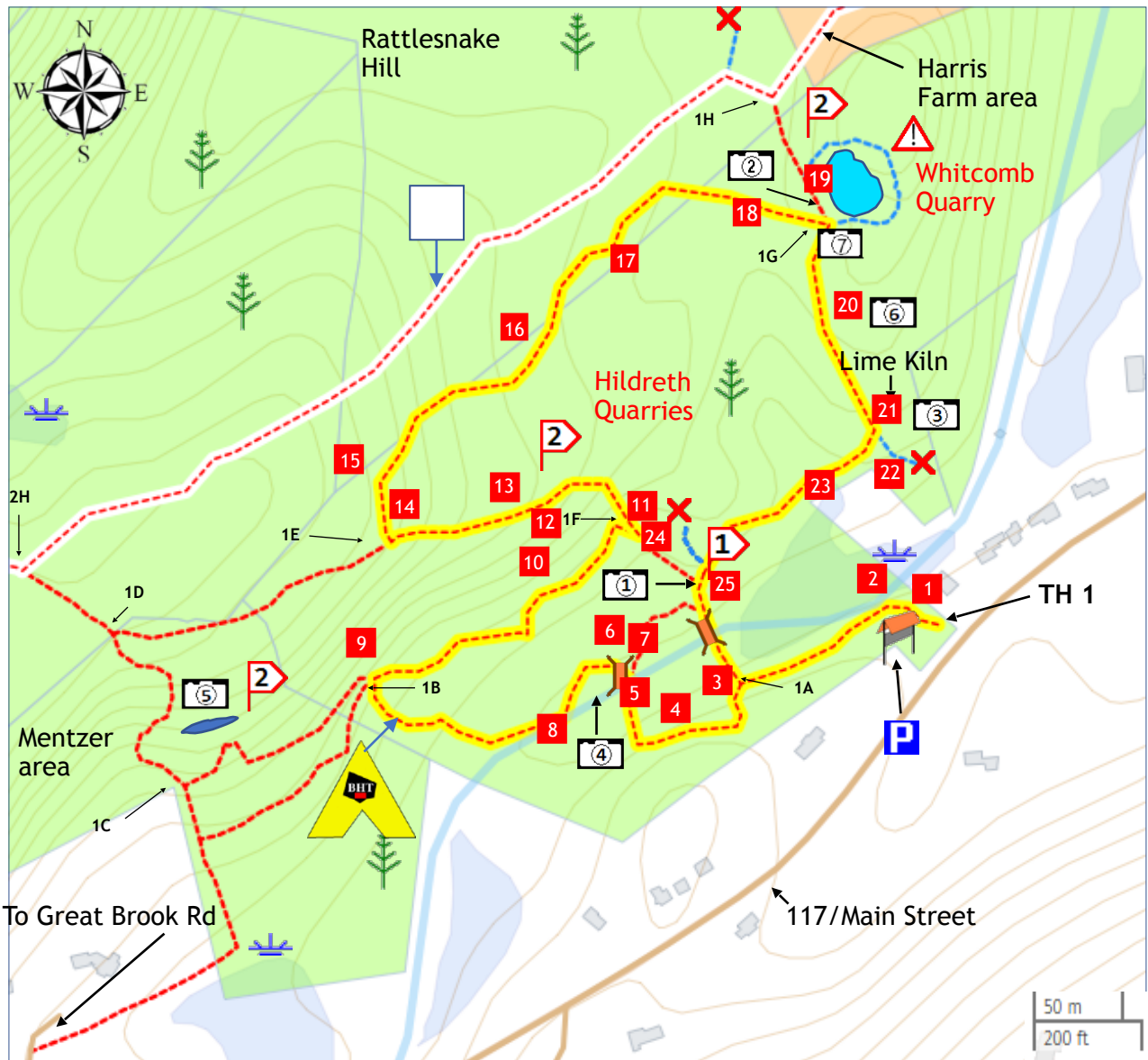
Parking:

- *Trailhead TH1*, Main St. 8-9 cars.
42.438333, -71.566250
- *Trailhead TH 1A*, Harris Farm Circle: 2 cars along the roadway, NOT on the private driveway.
42.445752, -71.563310

Suggested walks: The Bob Horton Memorial Trail ([Map 6C](#)) visits several interesting locations and is well signposted with notes about the vegetation and the locations of former industrial and quarrying activity. Note that the trail is uneven and can be wet underfoot.

The Bolton Loop Trail: Part of this trail crosses the area from TH 1A to trail junction 2A and eventually to the Sugar Rd. Trailhead TH 2 ([Map 6A](#)). The Rattlesnake area section can be walked by leaving cars at the respective trailheads. More information is available from the Bolton Trails Committee.





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Legend:

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Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions.	Secondary trail	Photo location	Kiosk
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	Wooded area	Marsh or swamp	

Color-Marked Trails

White Bolton Loop 1.4 mi


Yellow Bob Horton 1.1 mi



Bob Horton Memorial Trail: This nature trail in the woods passes many wildflowers and points of interest such as the quarry workings and the Lime Kiln. The locations of plants are shown with markers along the trail. There are detailed guides at: <https://boltontrails.org/Wild-Flower-Walk> and https://boltontrails.org/Horton_Trail_Guide.


Bob Horton lived in Bolton from 1953 to 1978. He was a founder of Bolton Conservation Trust and very active in town politics as a selectman and town moderator.

Limestone Quarries:  Limestone was found in Bolton between 1736 and 1738. The kiln's front face  collapsed in the 1950s, but was rebuilt in 1976 and can be visited today. Extensive historical notes are nearby and at <https://boltontrails.org/Bolton-Limestone-Quarries-Kiln>. Rock splitting is described near Point of Interest  and here: <https://boltontrails.org/Rock-Splitting>

Philo Clapp Pump Log Mill:  The first bridge encountered when following Great Book from TH 1 is located at the site of this mill. For more information see <https://boltontrails.org/Philo-Clapp-Pump-Mill>

Parking: Trailhead TH1, Main St. 8-9 cars. 42.438333, -71.566250



 Great Brook Bridge




 Native Columbine




 Lime Kiln



 Great Brook looking west



 Quarry. Also Known as "The Cave"





Point of Interest shown on the [Flower Walk Map](#) and [Bob Horton Trail Guide](#)





Trail Junction Marker used to identify location for Emergency Services

On the Bob Horton Trail there are two types of red and white markers. Do not confuse them



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.

