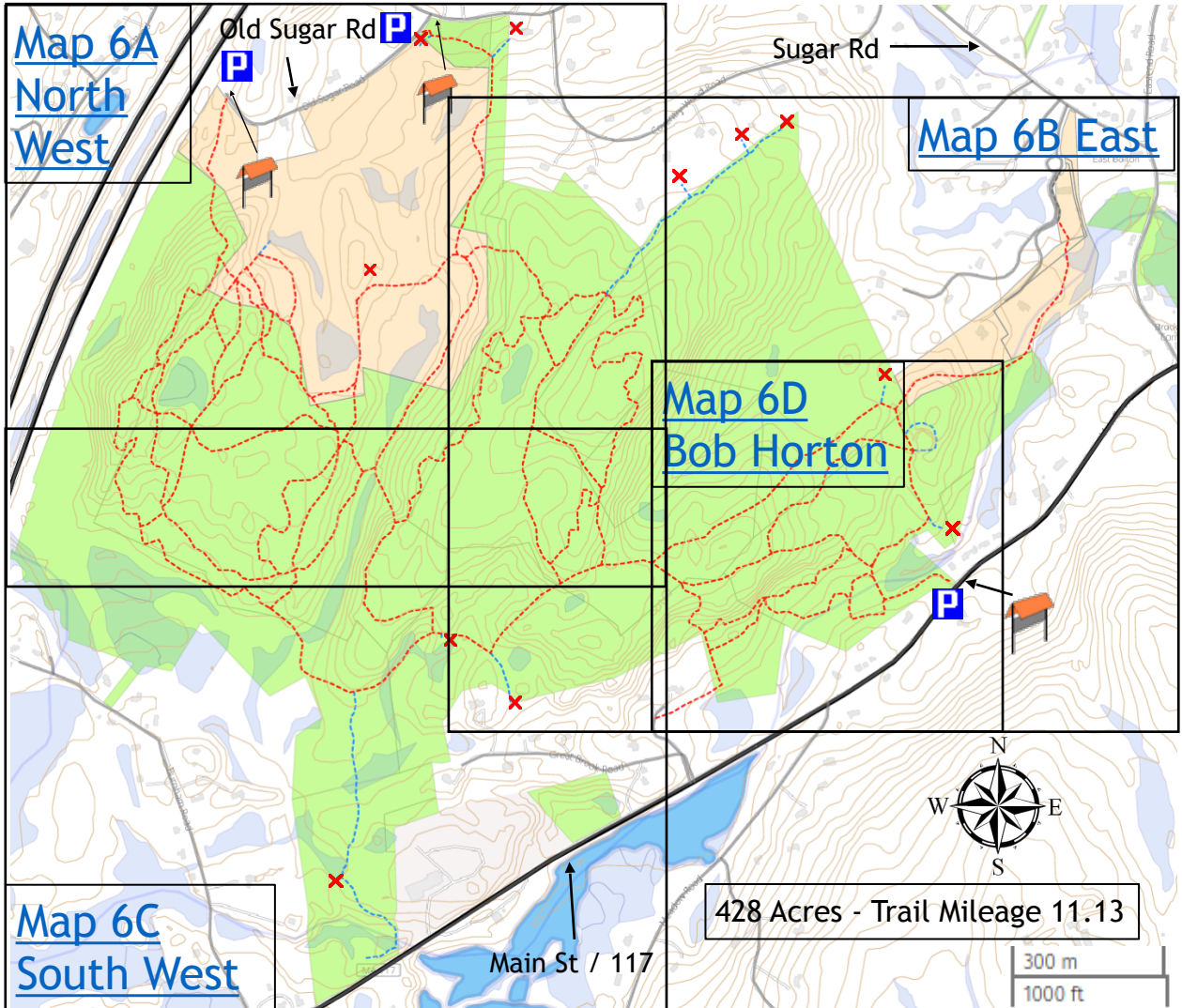


Rattlesnake Hill and Vicinity

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. Note there are very few trails on this land that do not cross rough ground and/or necessitate some hill climbing. Click on a map title to jump to the detail.

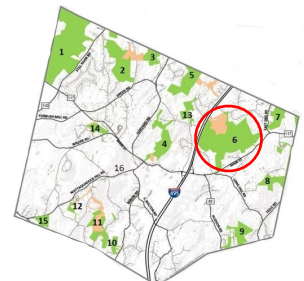


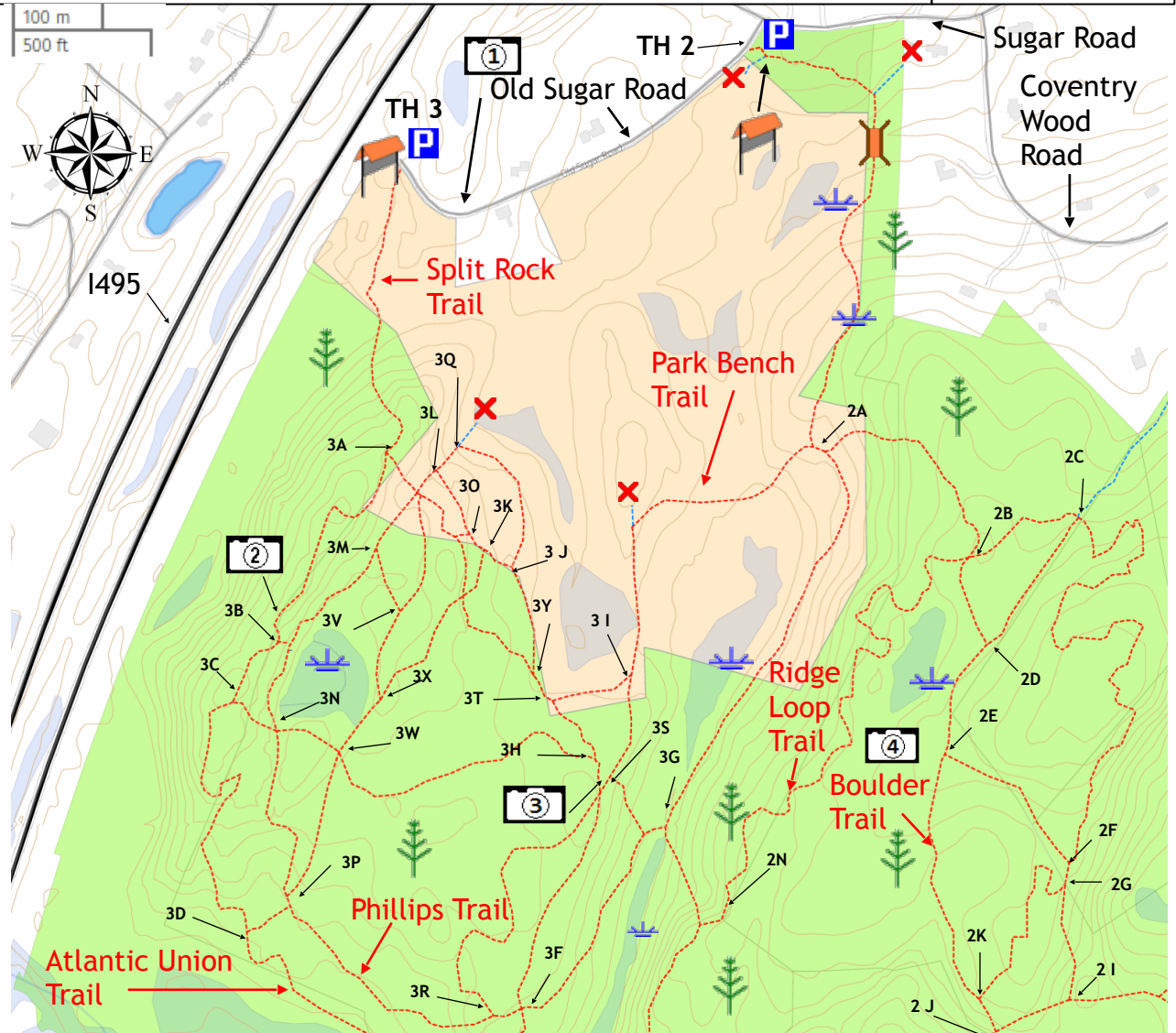
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| Private land or easement. Please stay on trail | Lake or Pond. Permanent water. | Primary trail | Parking | No access |
| Town or Conservation Land. Please obey trail restrictions. | Swamp, wetlands or area subject to flooding. | Secondary trail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

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



Map coverage: Although the map is dominated by the Phillips area it also includes parts of the Rattlesnake Hill and Harris Farm areas.

Phillips Conservation Area: This valuable piece of conservation land is one of Bolton's most popular places to walk, ski, ride a horse or pedal a mountain bike. It's a 75 acre parcel consisting mainly of upland oak forest interspersed with blueberry scrub - was donated to the Bolton Conservation Trust by Dr Philip Phillips and his family in an effort to preserve its ecological, recreational and scenic qualities. Dotted in the upland forest are several vernal pools which fill with water in the Spring and serve as a habitat for numerous rare species. Stone walls and a slow moving stream meander through the property. Paths and cart tracks that extend out to Harris Farms and the Lime Kiln area make this an important part of Bolton's eastern conservation lands.



Parking: There is limited space at the junction of Sugar Road and Old Sugar Road (trail head TH 2). At the end of Old Sugar Road (trail head TH 3) there is plenty of space for several vehicles in the cul-de-sac

Suggested walks: The map above covers much more than the Phillips area and many routes can be followed. Ant loop walk that starts and/or ends at TH2 or TH3 can be very rewarding. Note that the trail is invariably uneven and can be wet underfoot.

Thoreau Walk Part of the Bolton Section of the Thoreau walk from Walden Pond to Mt Wachusett crosses this area from trail junction 21 to the Sugar Road Trailhead (TH 2). For a long walk, spot a car and follow the 11-mile Across Town Trail from the Delaney Land in Stow to the Bolton Flats area. Or just walk the Rattlesnake section from Harris Farm (TH1A, Map 6B) to TH 2. More information is available from the Bolton Trails Committee.



Fields adjacent to the property



Split Rock

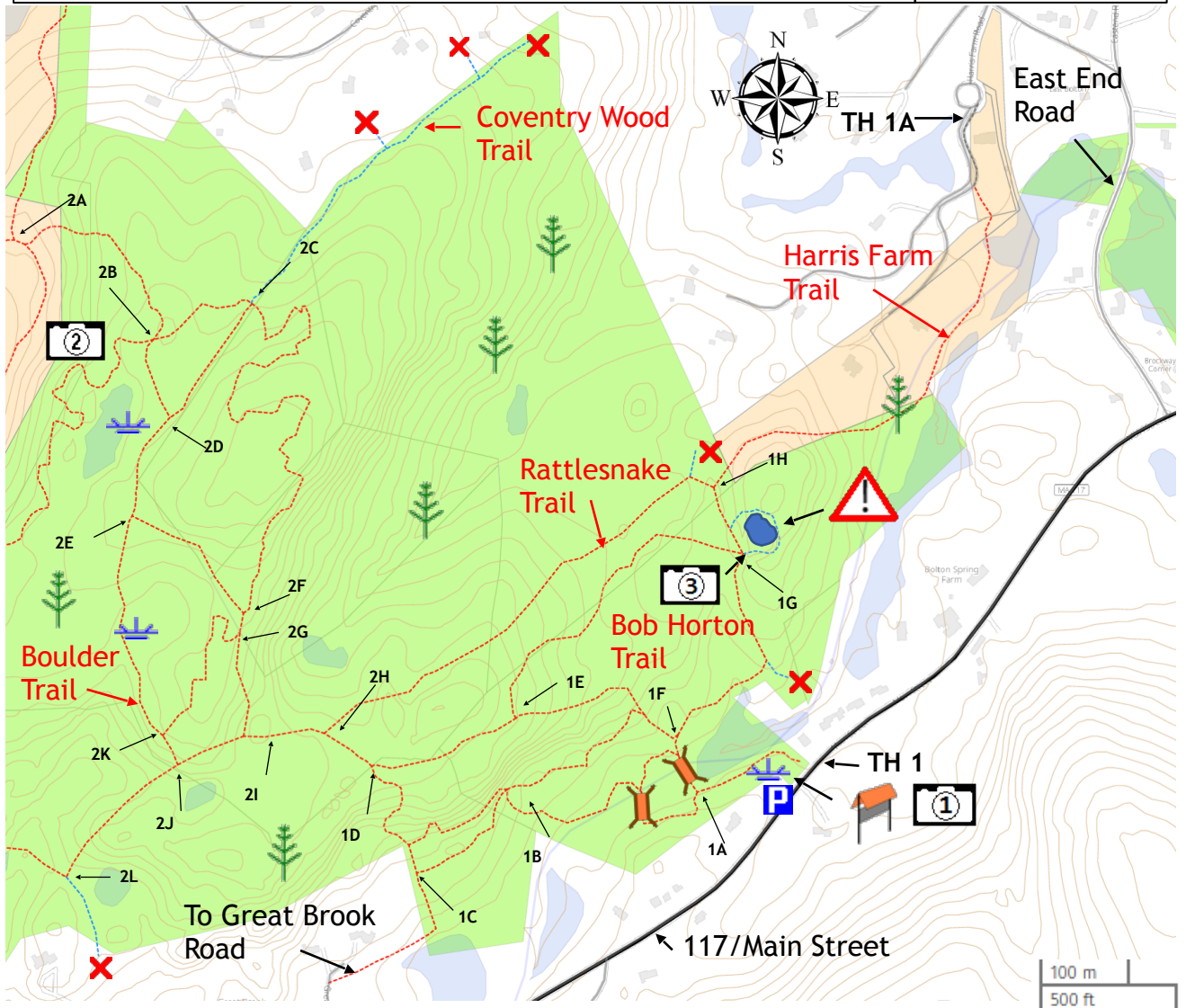


Phillips Plaque



Large Boulder near the trail





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Trail Head 1



Chicken of the woods

Map coverage: The map covers Rattlesnake Hill, Harris Farm and the Lime Kiln area including the quarries. It also overlaps parts of the Mentzer, Skinner and Phillips areas.

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 presence at some time in the past among the hill's rocky slopes. There are several large boulders left by glaciers on the crest of the hill.

Access: through Harris Farm or Phillips Land.

Harris Farm: This 56-acres 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 area derives its 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 (see map 6 BH) traverses the 40-acre property and links to the Phillips and Harris Farm conservation areas.

Access: Trailhead TH1 on the North side of Route 117, 1.5 miles east of route 495.

Parking: Trail Head TH1 -GPS address 195 Main Street.

Trail head TH 1A - Harris Farm Circle space for a limited number of cars along the outside

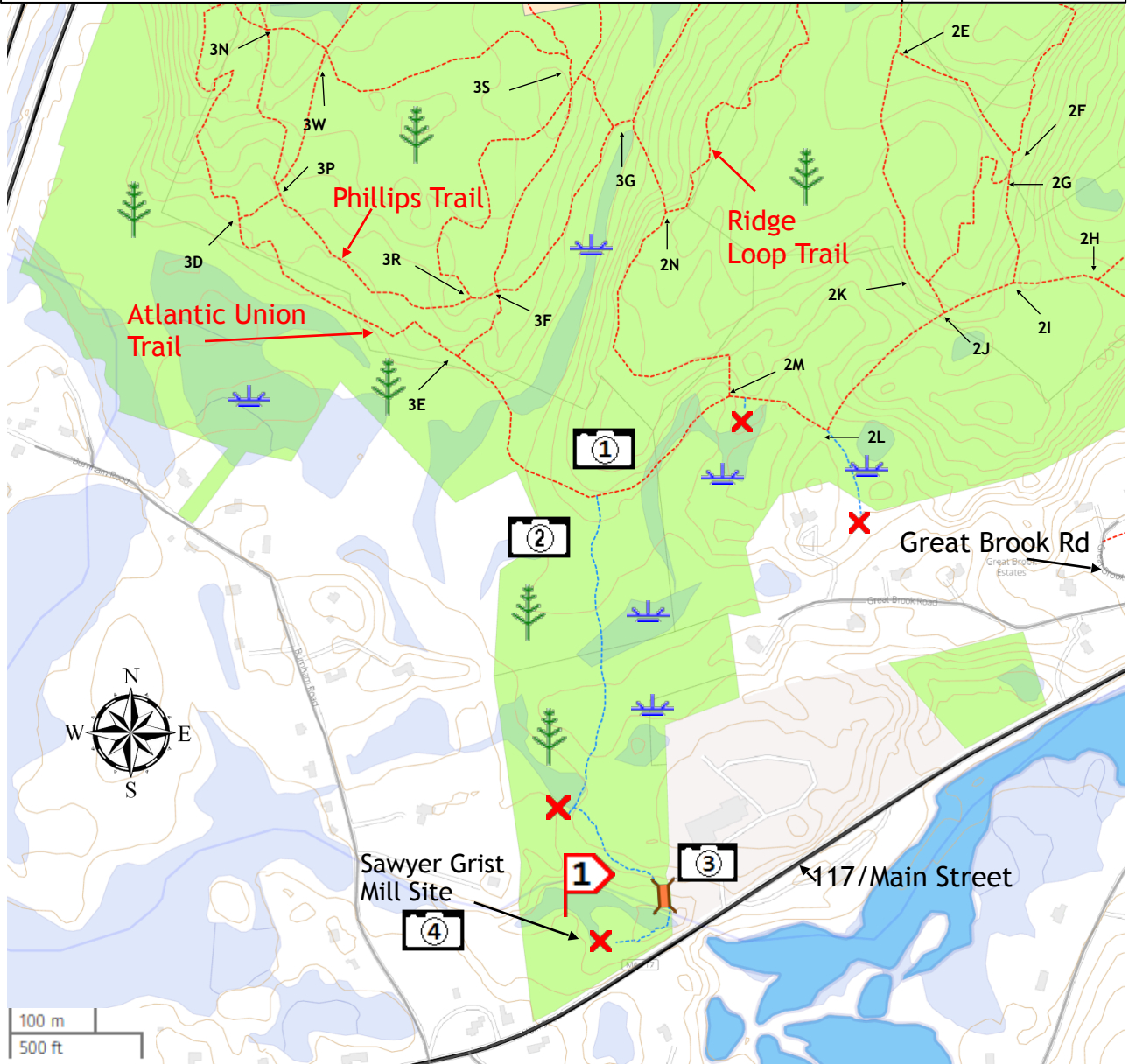
Suggested walks: The Bob Horton Memorial Trail (see Map 6D) visits several interesting locations and is well signposted with notes about the vegetation and the various locations of former industrial and quarrying activity. Note that the trail is invariably uneven and can be wet underfoot.

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Whitcomb Quarry





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Map coverage: The map shows the Skinner and Mentzer lands with parts of the Phillips and Harris Farm areas.

Skinner Land: This property was a gift by Nancy Skinner to Bolton Conservation Trust in 2007. It fills in the group of conservation lands shown on Map 6 including the Sawyer Grist Mill and the nearby brook. There are two lots of 18.2 and 3 acres.

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

Access: All of the space shown on the map must be accessed via the other areas shown on maps 6 Phillips and 6 Rattlesnake. The areas can be included in any walk on the whole of the land described in the Map 6 series.

Parking: is available at all the trailheads, though TH 1A is rather remote.

Sawyer Grist Mill site: Benjamin Sawyer owned a saw mill and a grist mill relatively close to each other on the east side of Burnham Road  and the north side of Main Street (Rt. 117). It was in operation from 1794 until about 1899. for more information please take a look at the Bolton Conservation Trust document which is online at :

<http://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Sawyer-Gristmill-Description-r1-with-cover.pdf>

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.



Autumn leaves fall into many places



Grist Mill Trail

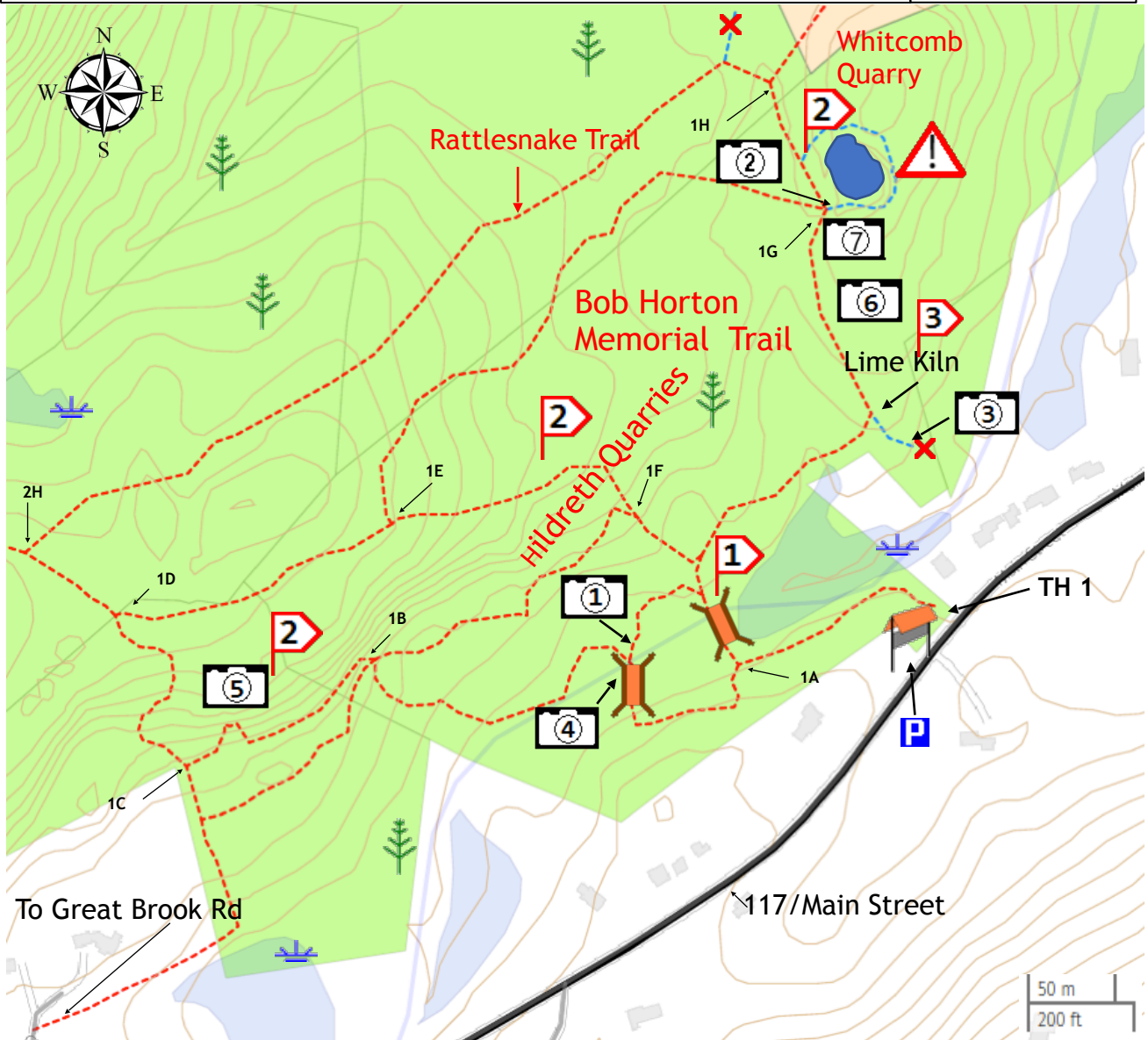


Great Brook



Sawyer Grist Mill Site Brook





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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 is a detailed guide to a walk in this area <http://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Wild-Flower-Walk-Handout-EB-190509-2.pdf>
 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: 2 Limestone was found in Bolton between 1736 and 1738. The kiln's front face 3 collapsed in the 1950s, but was rebuilt in 1976 and can be visited today. There are extensive historical notes nearby. More information can be found at <http://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Bolton-Limestone-Quarries-Kiln-25-Sep-2019.pdf>

Philo Clapp Pump Log Mill: 1 The first bridge encountered when following Great Book from TH 1 is located at the site of this mill. For more information please see <http://boltontrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Philo-Clapp-Pump-Mill-Description-R2.pdf>



1 Great Brook Bridge



2 Native Columbine



3 Lime Kiln



4 Great Brook looking west



6 Point of Interest shown on the Flower Walk Map



7 Trail Junction Marker used to identify location for Emergency Services



5 Quarry. Also Known as "The Cave"

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 Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, section 8c, the Conservations Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to provide to provide a pleasant experience to users and in order to project in perpetuity the wildlife, aesthetic, 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 trails system

Dogs may be walked on conservation land as long as they are under the 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 the breeding season for frogs and salamanders (generally mid-February through April). Do not let dogs chase or harass wildlife.

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 wading by 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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