

















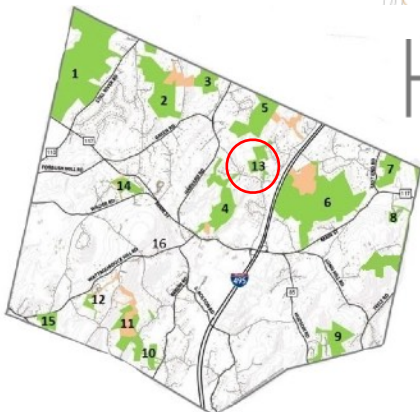
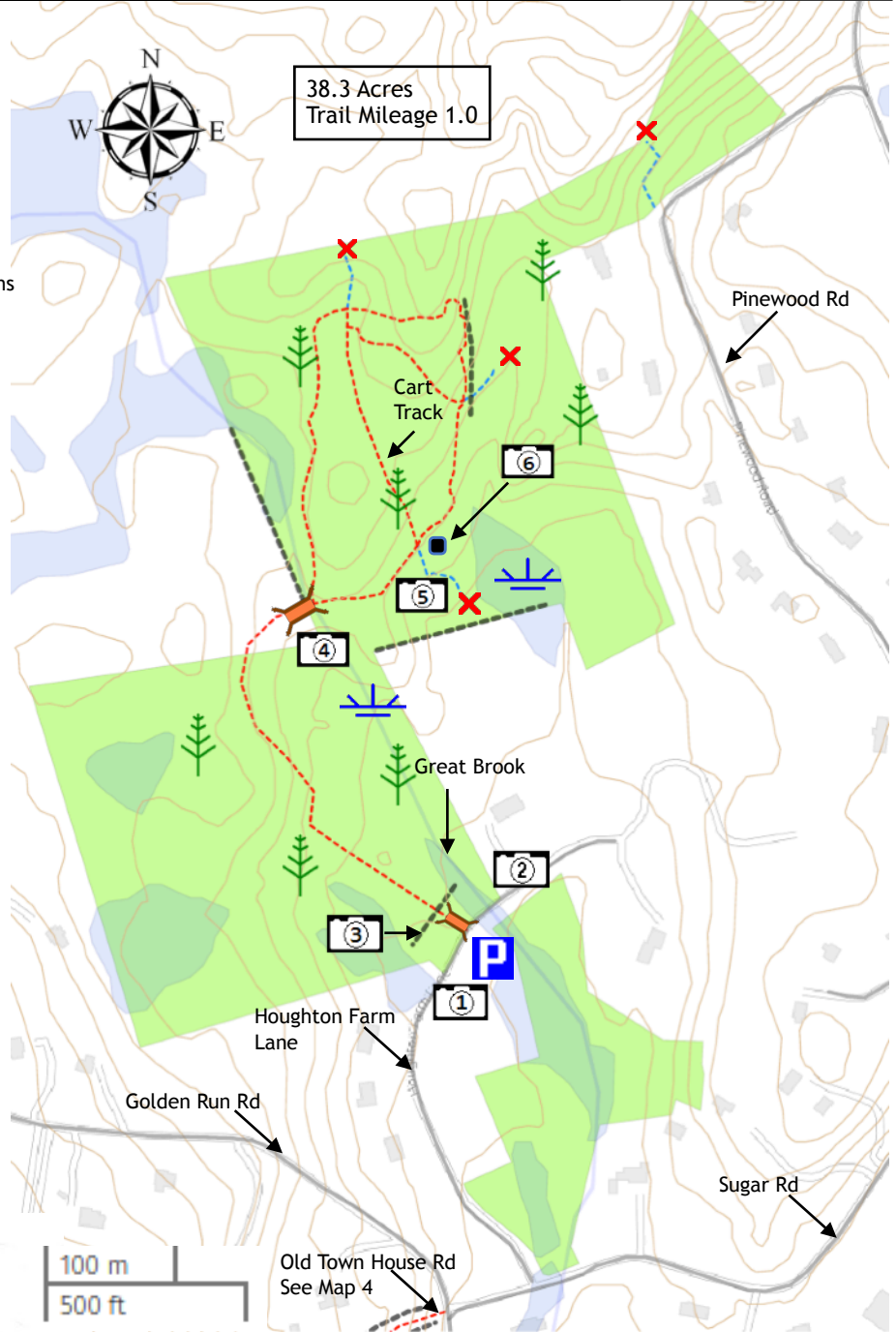


Legend:

-  Private land or easement
Please stay on trail
-  Agricultural Preservation
Restriction. 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
-  Dam
-  Parking
-  Photo location
-  Point of interest
mentioned in the text
-  Trail susceptible
to flooding
-  Bridge
-  Kiosk



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Contour lines at 20' intervals





① 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 and whose ancestors had settled in Bolton during its earliest days in 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.



② Bridge crossing the Brook near the Trailhead

Trails: This is a very 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 on this land were built as part of an Eagle Scout project in 2013 by a member of Troop 1.

Parking: There is room for one or two cars on the verge of Houghton Farm Lane next to the trail head sign. ①

Connections: A short walk along Houghton Farm Lane to Sugar Road leads to the Garrison House site and the nearby Old Town House Road (see map 4).



③ Stone Structure near the Trailhead

Suggested walks: All of the paths are worth a visit and with a total mileage 1.0 miles all of the area can be visited without too much effort in a fairly short time. The paths to the east of the old cart track that runs up the middle of the main loop have some good views of the nearby rocky outcrops and the small brook that runs below them. These paths are among the least popular and are quieter. These trails break away from the cart track near a large boulder ⑤



④ Looking South along the Brook



⑤ Big Stone at a Trail Junction



⑥ 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 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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