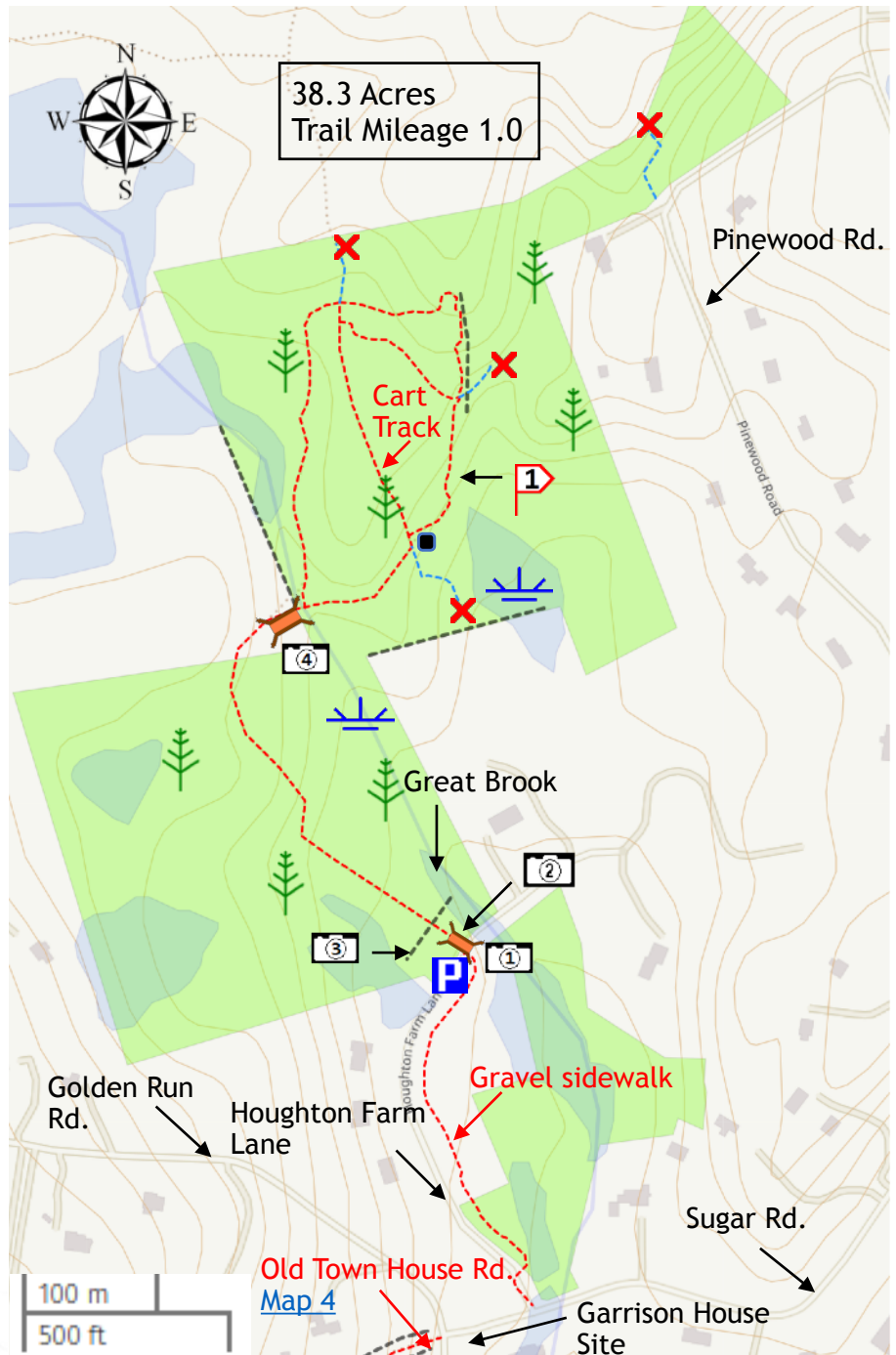


Legend:

-  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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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. 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.



② Bridge near the Trailhead

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 ① 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 ① 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.



③ Stone structure near the trailhead



④ Looking south along the Brook



⑤ Prominent cliff near the Trail



Bolton Conservation Land Rules and Regulations.

The areas of Bolton Flats (Map 1) and Delaney Wildlife Management Areas (Map 7) fall under the Massachusetts Division of Wildlife regulations. Additional details can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/division-of-fisheries-and-wildlife>.

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 Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations to protect:

- Surface and groundwater resources
- Unfragmented forest habitat
- Wildlife habitat
- Open space and the 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 attendees 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 must be under the direct control of an adult on conservation land.



Individuals walking dogs on conservation land must remove all feces.



Please keep dogs out of vernal pools and wetland resource areas.



Do not let dogs or individuals chase or harass wildlife.

