



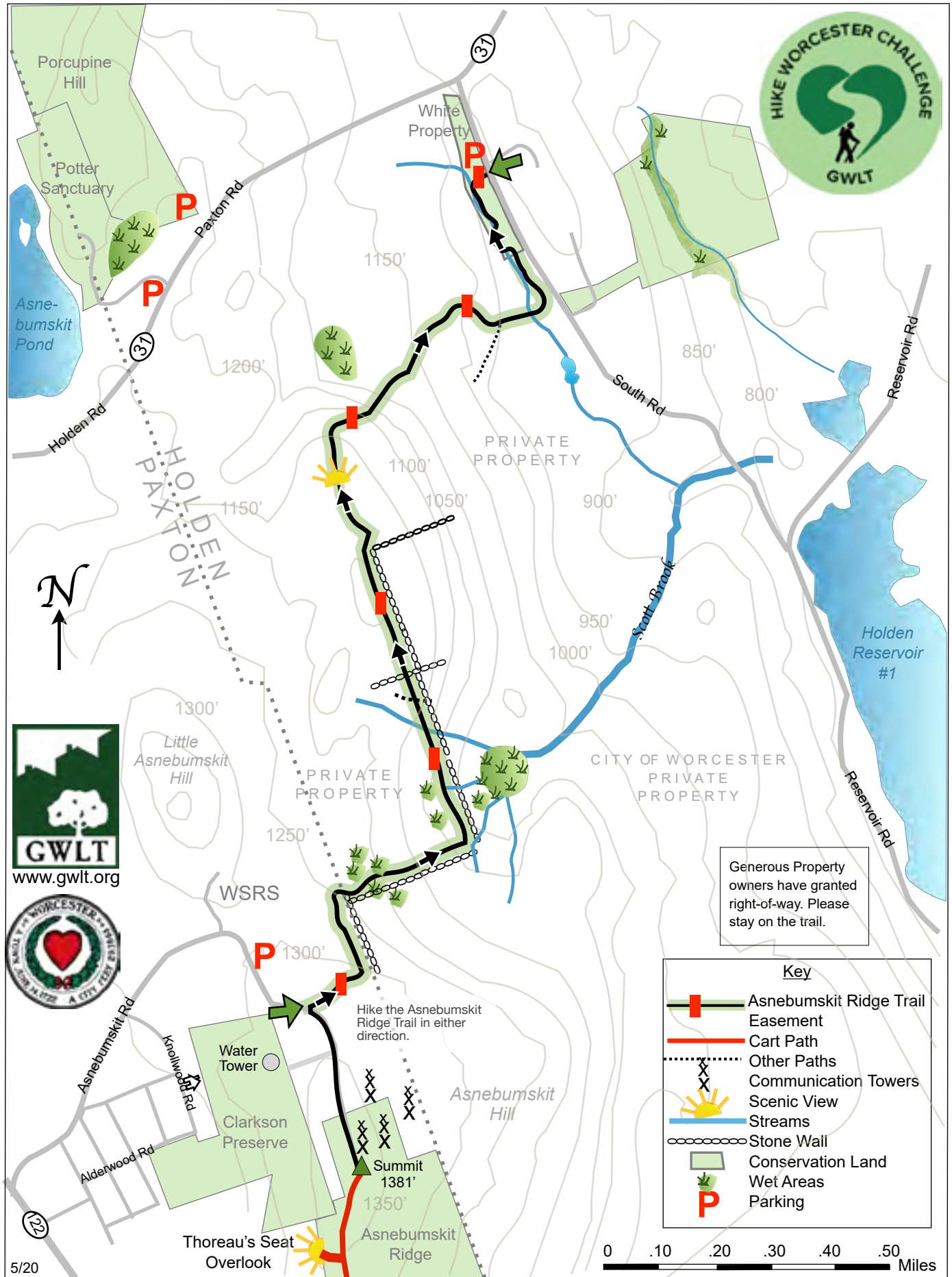
HIKE WORCESTER CHALLENGE TRAIL MAPS

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Asnebumskit Ridge Trail

Paxton, Holden





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Asnebumskit Ridge Trail

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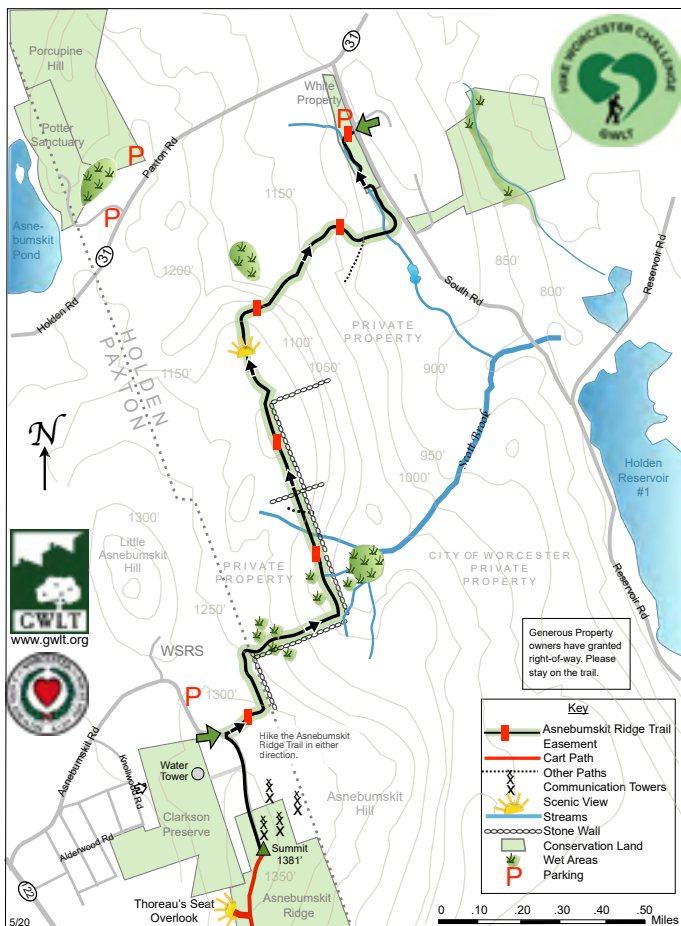
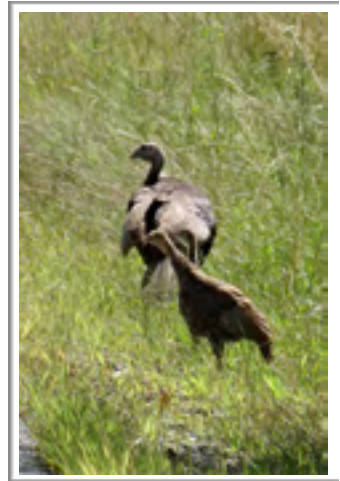
Challenge route: (highlighted in green)

This is a one way hike that can be done in either direction. If you start at the trailhead on Asnebumskit Road in Paxton, the hike will be downhill. If you start from South Road in Holden, it will be mostly uphill. You could also hike it as an out-and-back and get the full experience.

Total length: 2.18 miles each way.

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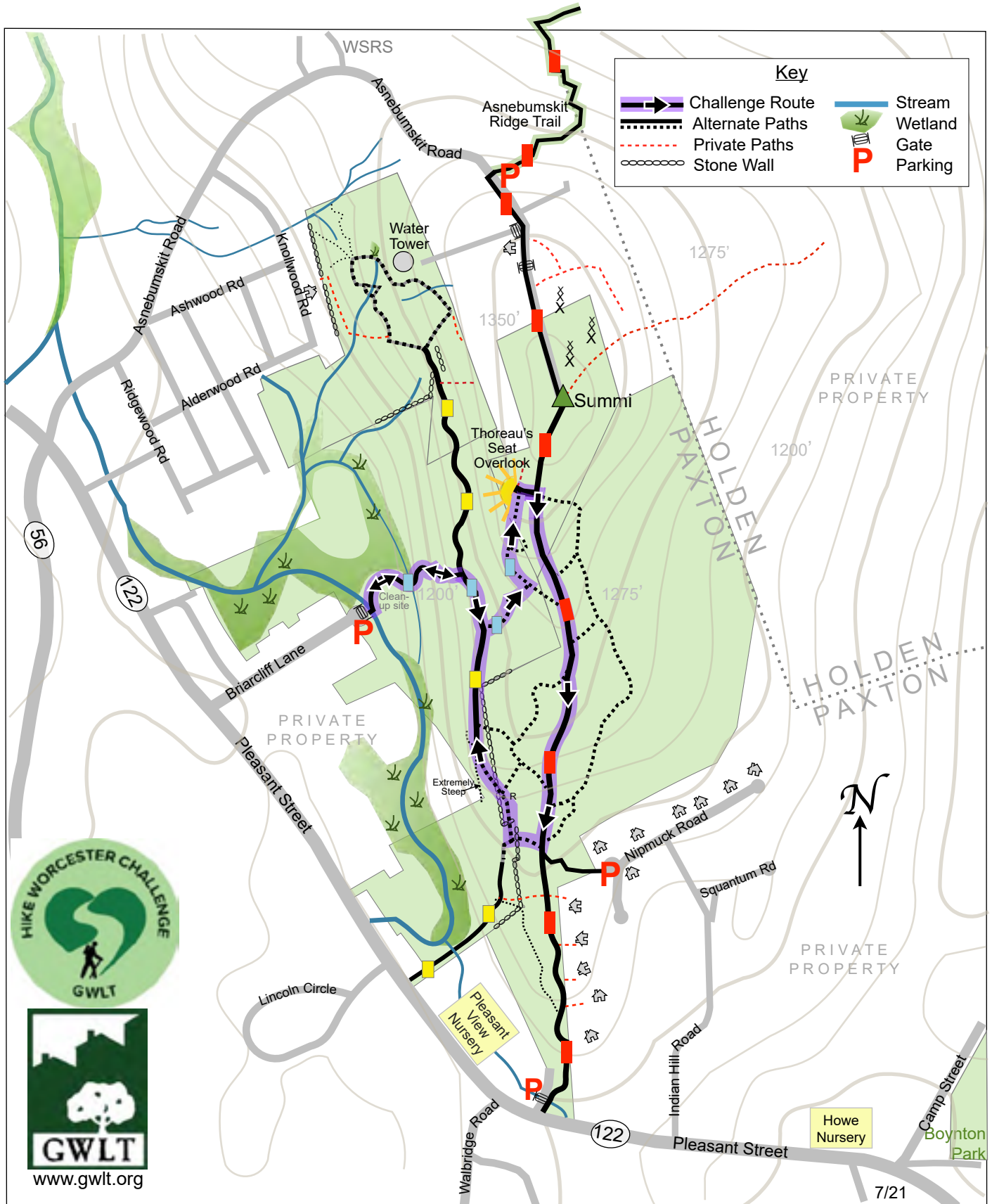
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Asnebumskit Hill

Briarcliff Lane to Thoreau's Seat

Paxton, MA





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Asnebumskit Hill Briarcliff Lane to Thoreau’s Seat

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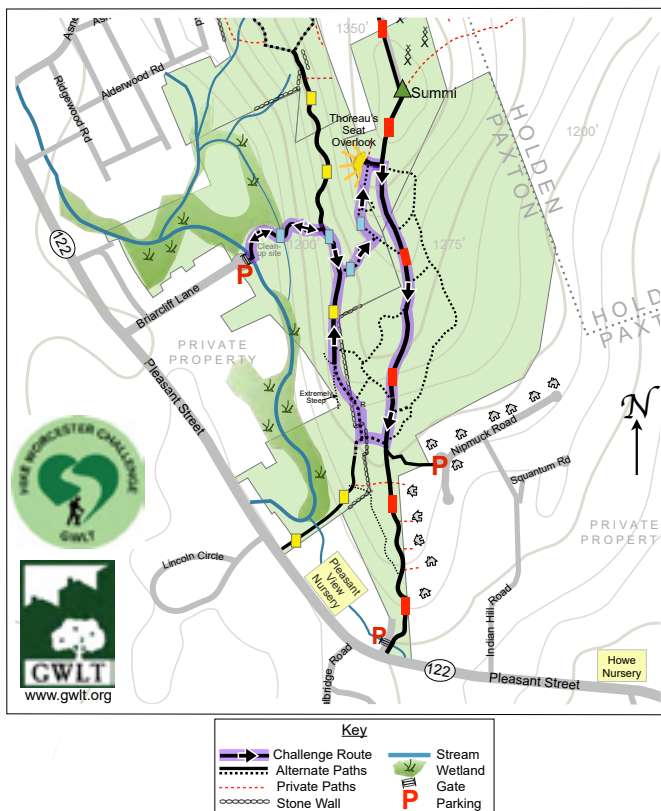
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Park at the cul-de-sac at the end of Briarcliff Lane in Paxton. Walk around the gate and follow the dirt road across the clean-up area to the stream. Cross the stream and climb up this steep rocky path (blue rectangles). (Using a hiking pole is suggested.) When you meet the cart path, turn right and head South on the cart path for almost .100 mile. The blue rectangular path continues NE up the hill to Thoreau’s Seat. To return, head East to this upper cart path which is blazed with red rectangles. Hike South down the hill for almost .400 mile. Just before you reach an ‘outdoors room’ turn right and head West, crossing stone walls and winding your way back to the lower cart path. Head North until you reach the short steep path back down to the starting point, about .350 mile. See map.

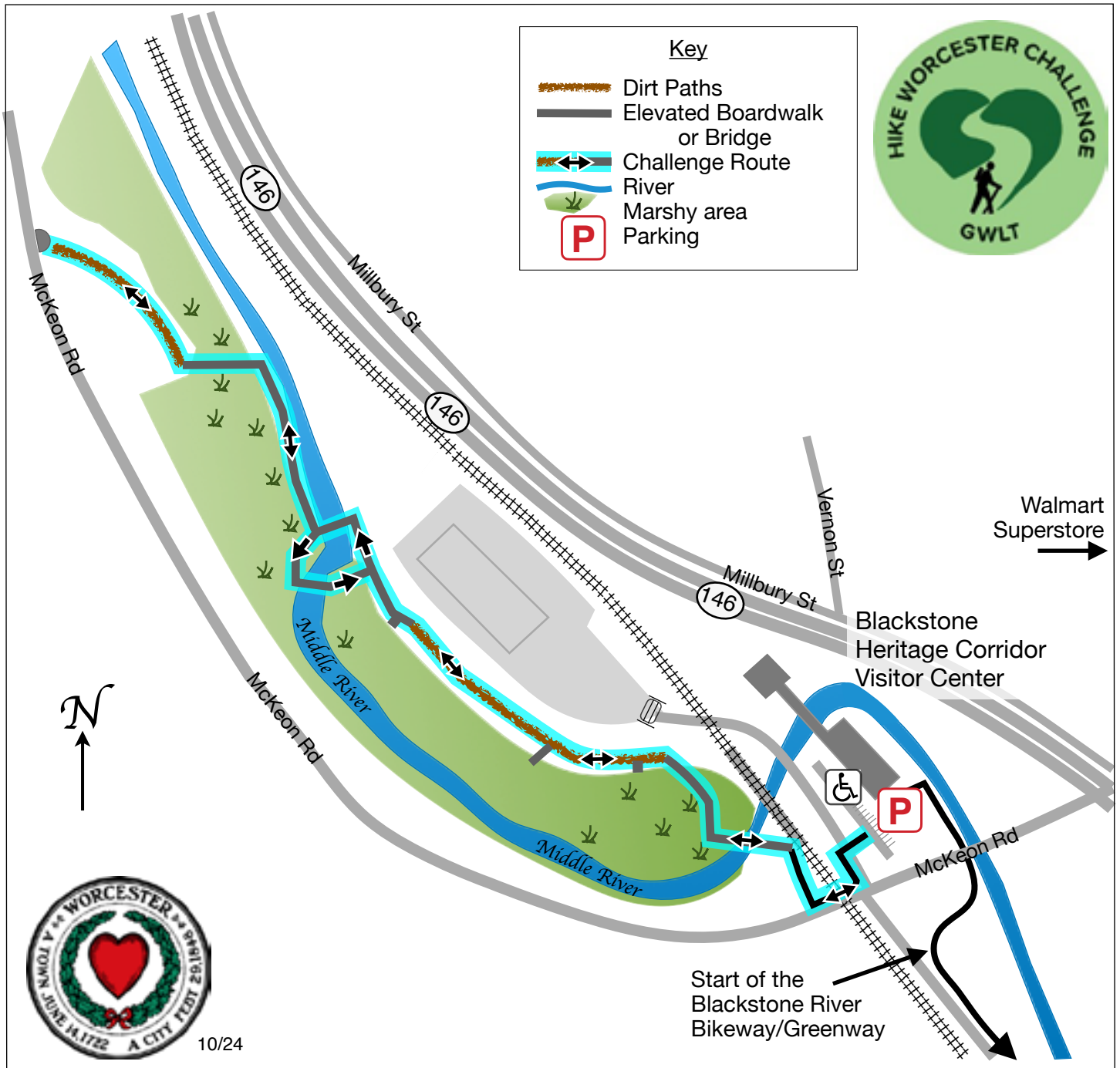
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Blackstone Gateway Park

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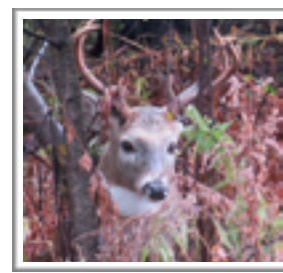
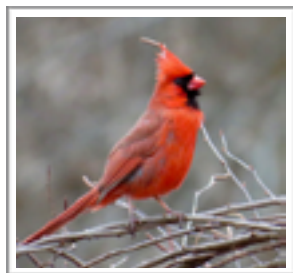
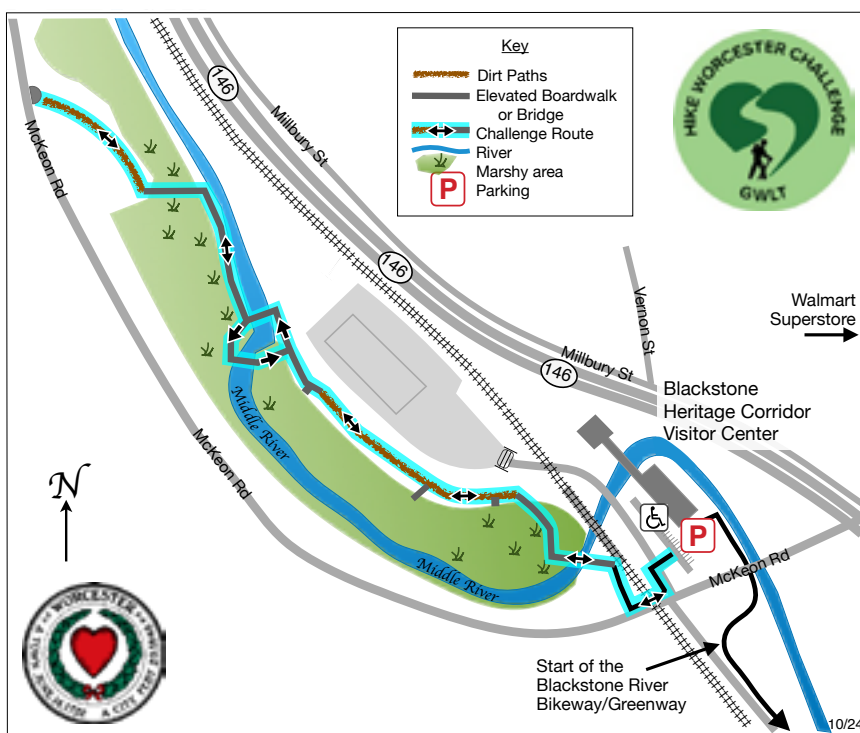
Challenge route: (highlighted in turquoise)

Park at the Blackstone Heritage Corridor Visitor Center off of McKeon Road in Worcester. Walk from the Visitor Center to McKeon Road. Turn right, crossing the railroad tracks. The Blackstone Gateway Park will be on the right. Walk under the gate and follow the path to a series of elevated boardwalks and bridges. When you reach the other entrance, retrace your steps back to the Visitor Center. On the return trip follow the portion of the boardwalk that you didn't take originally. See map.

Total length: About 1.00 mile

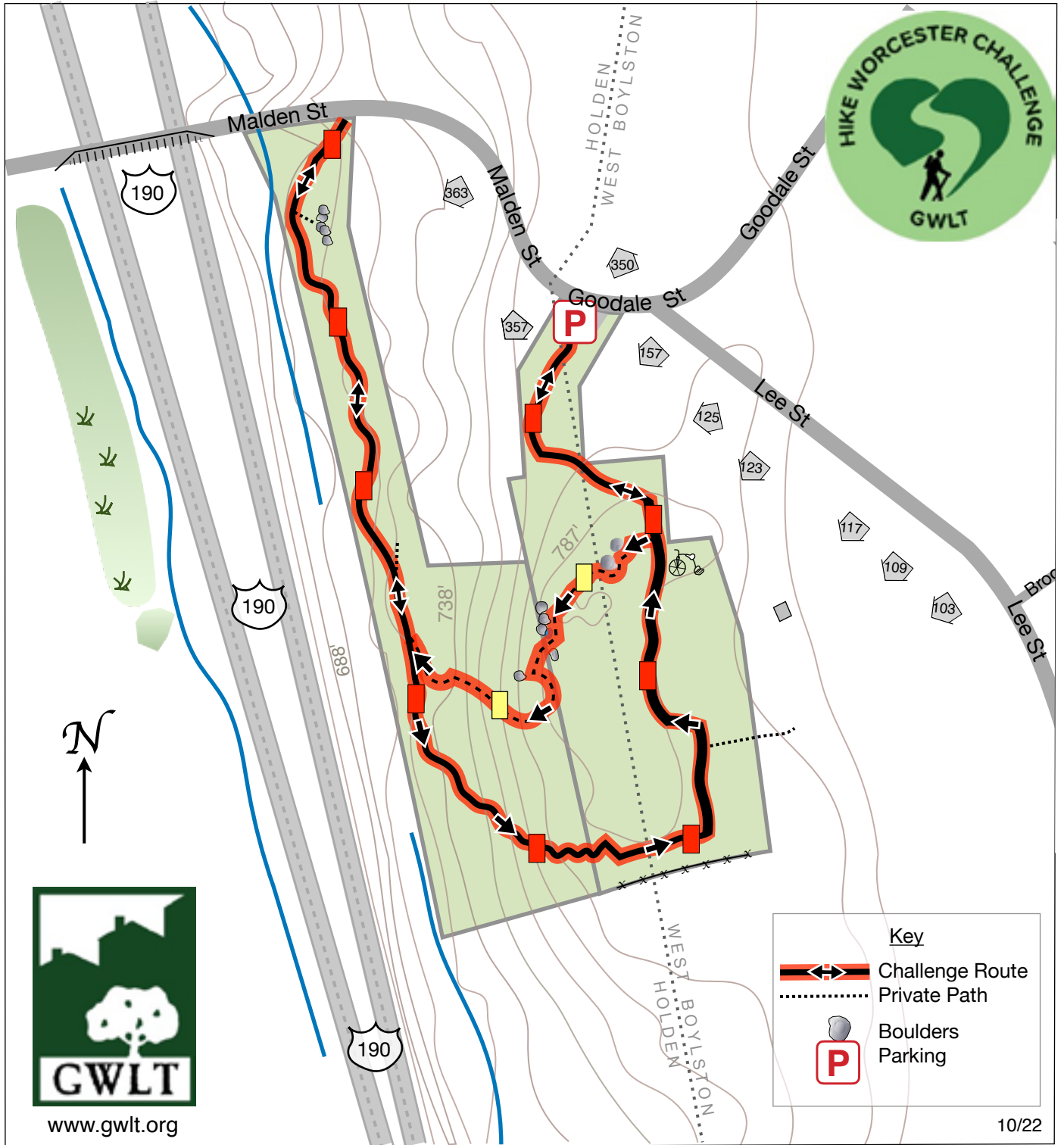
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Blueberry Hill

Holden, West Boylston





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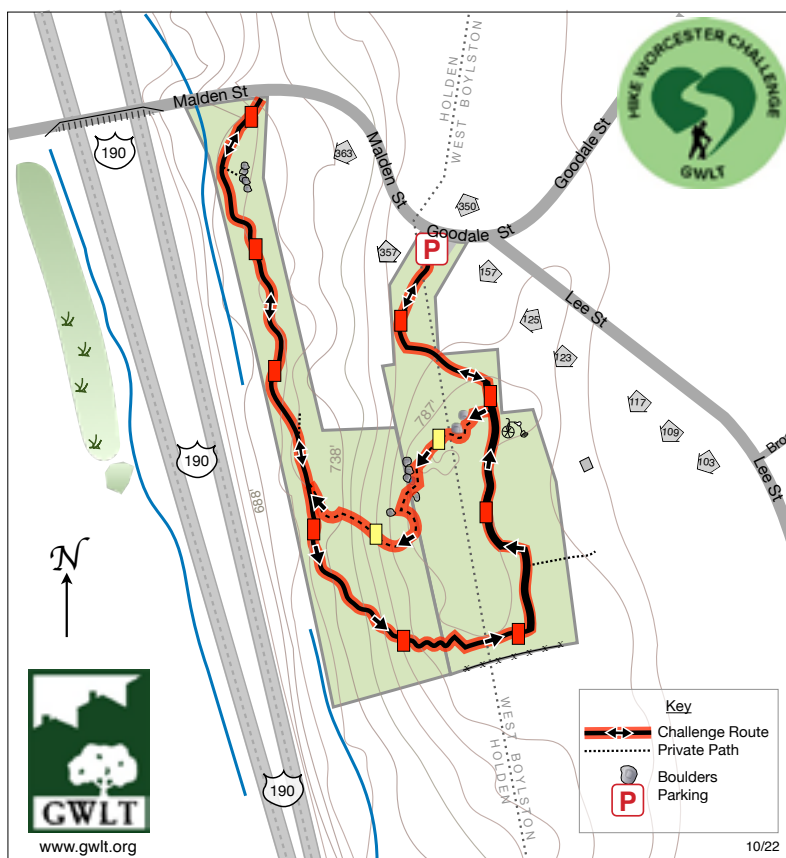
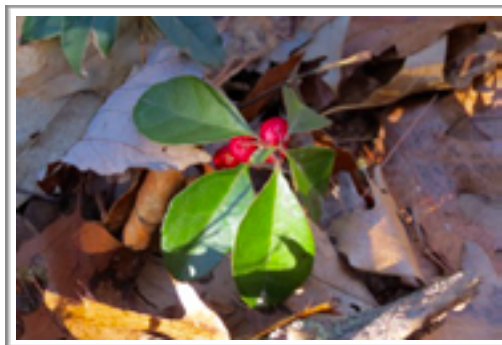
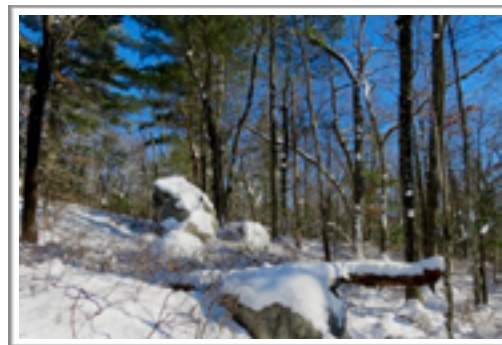
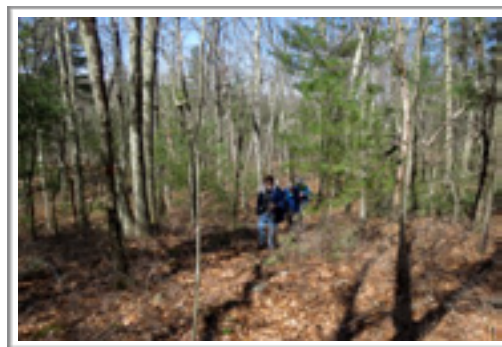
Challenge route: (highlighted in red)

The parking lot is located on the Holden, West Boylston town line, where Malden Street, Holden changes to Goodale Street, West Boylston. A GPS reading of 355 Goodale Street, West Boylston locates the lot. Currently there isn't a property sign. Head South on the main trail (Red Rectangles). When you reach the cross path (Yellow Rectangles) turn right and head SW. When you reach the main trail, turn right and head North to the property boundary. Reverse direction and head South following the main trail around the property returning to the parking lot.

Total length: about 1.70 miles

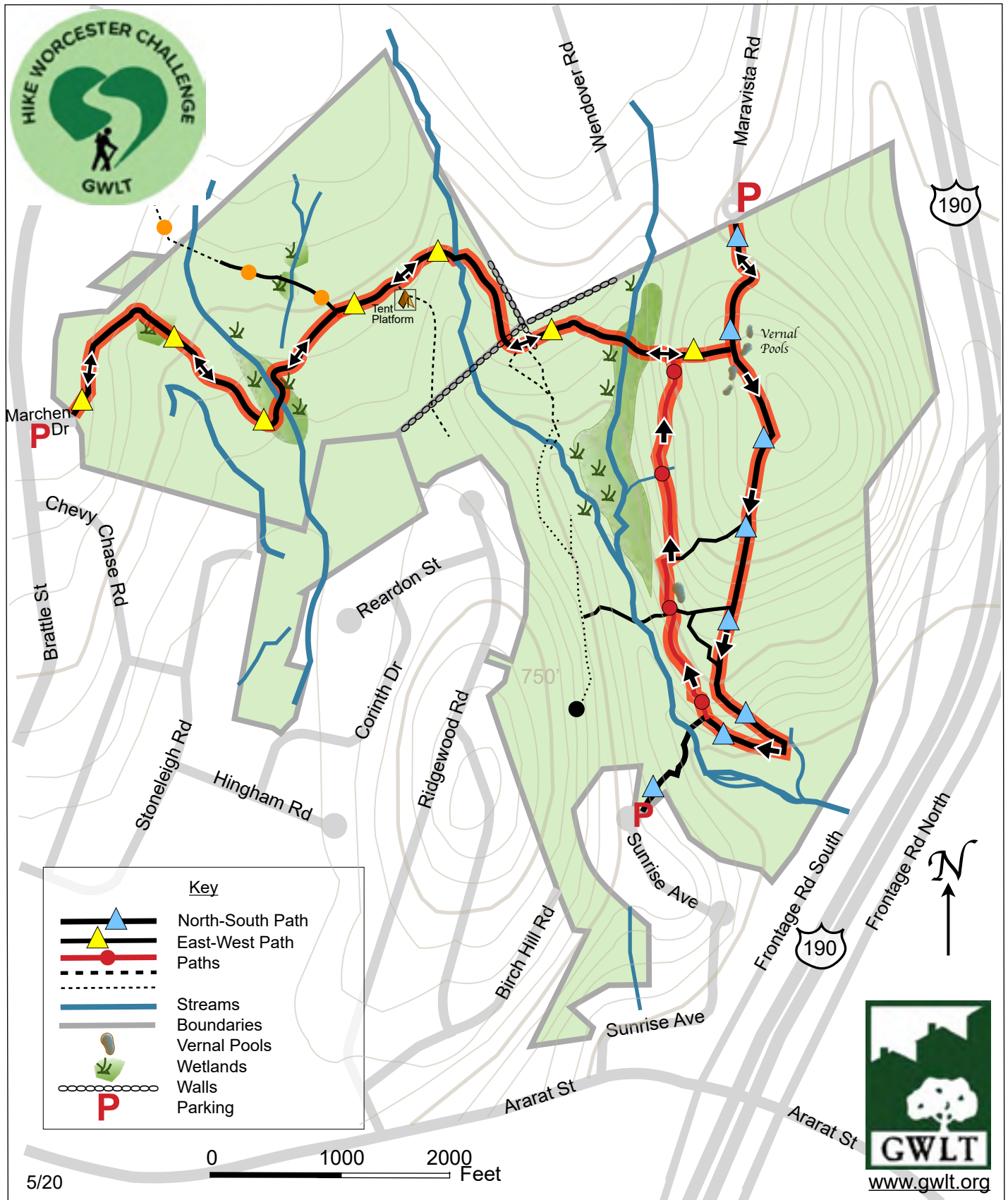
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Bovenzi Conservation Park

Worcester





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Bovenzi Conservation Park

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Challenge route: (highlighted in red)

Park at the end of Maravista Road, Worcester. Follow the North-South Path (blue triangles). At the Southern end of the property the path turns and heads North, continuing on a path marked with red circles. When you reach the end of the trail, turn left (West) onto the East-West Trail (yellow triangles). This path winds across the property to the entrance on Marchen Drive. To return, retrace your steps until you intersect the North-South Path. Turn left (North) to return to the parking area.

Total length: 2.500 miles

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Green Frog in vernal pool



Witch Hazel

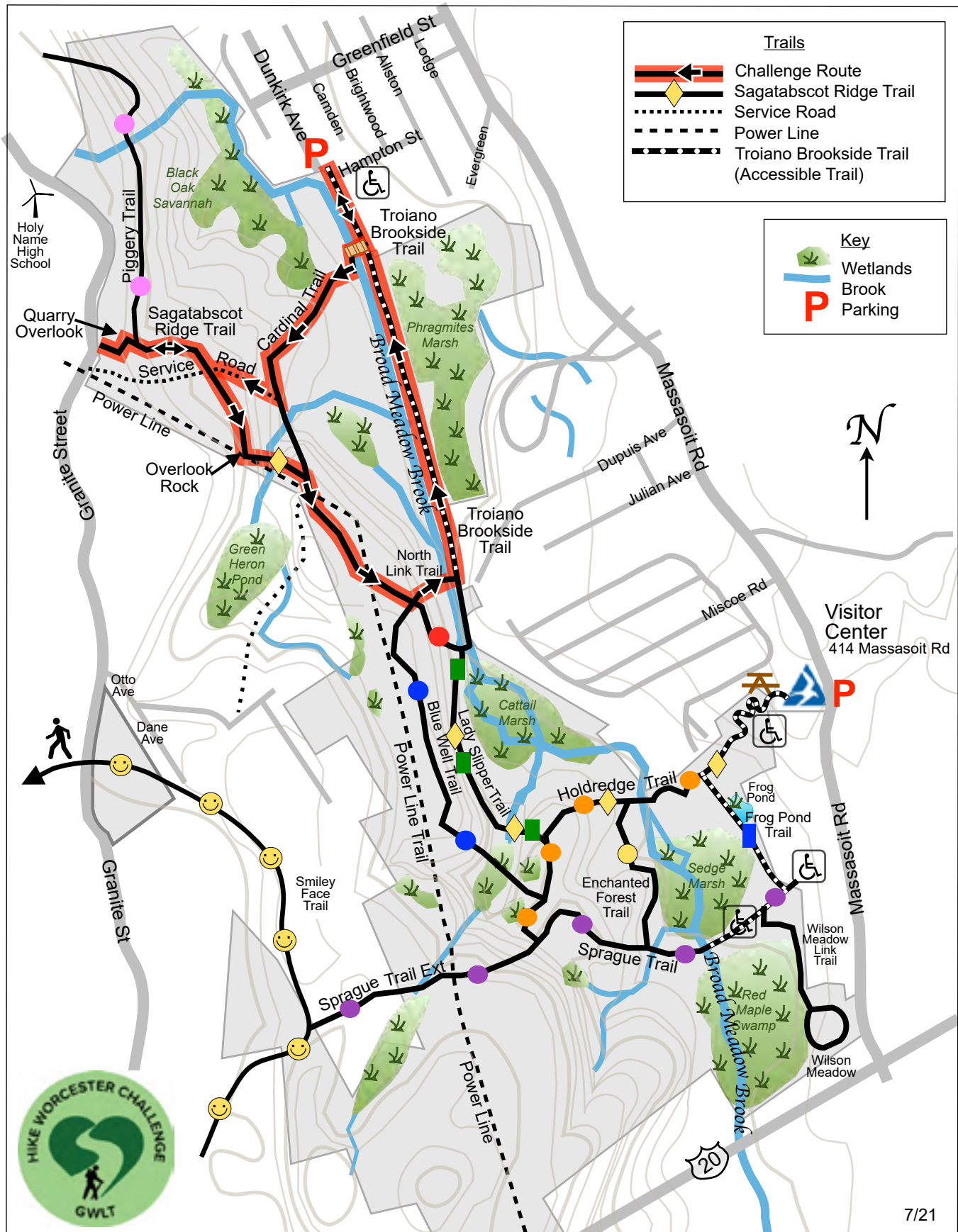


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Broad Meadow Brook Savannah

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

Worcester





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Broad Meadow Brook Savannah

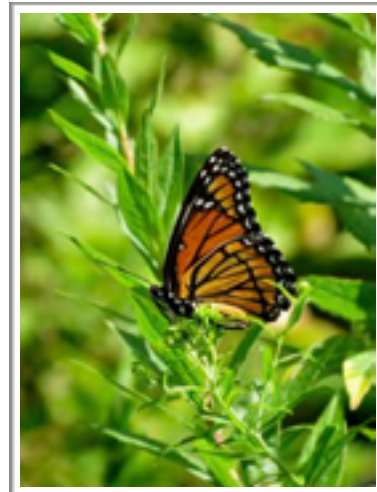
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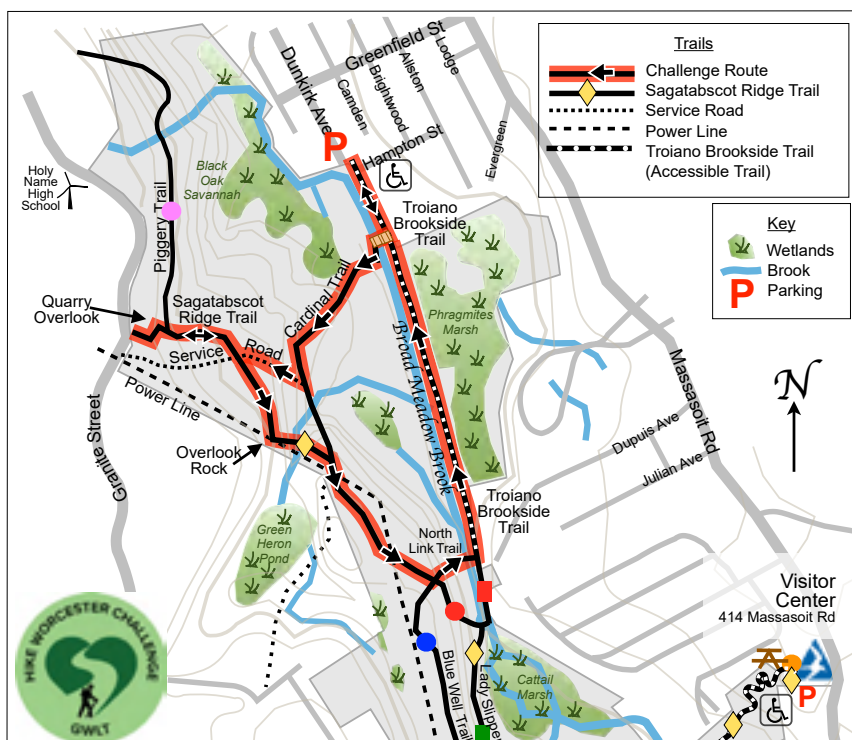
Park at the end of Dunkirk Avenue in Worcester. Take the short path thru the woods to the Troiano Brookside Trail. Cross the bridge and head West, on the Cardinal Trail. When you reach an intersection, take the powerline ‘service road’ NW to connect with Sagatabscot Ridge Trail and the Quarry Overlook. When this ‘service road’ crosses the Sagatabscot Ridge Trail, take that trail West to the Quarry Overlook and Granite Street. Retrace your steps on the Sagatabscot Ridge Trail as it heads SE towards Overlook Rock. After checking out the view, follow the Sagatabscot Ridge Trail to rejoin the Cardinal Trail. Walk South following the Cardinal Trail as it crosses the power line meadow and enters the woods. Take the North Link Trail East to join the Troiano Brookside Trail. From here you can power walk North back to your parking spot, or take your time watching the wildlife in the wetland as you return to your car. See map.

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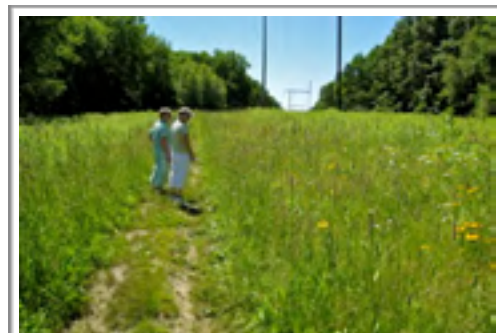
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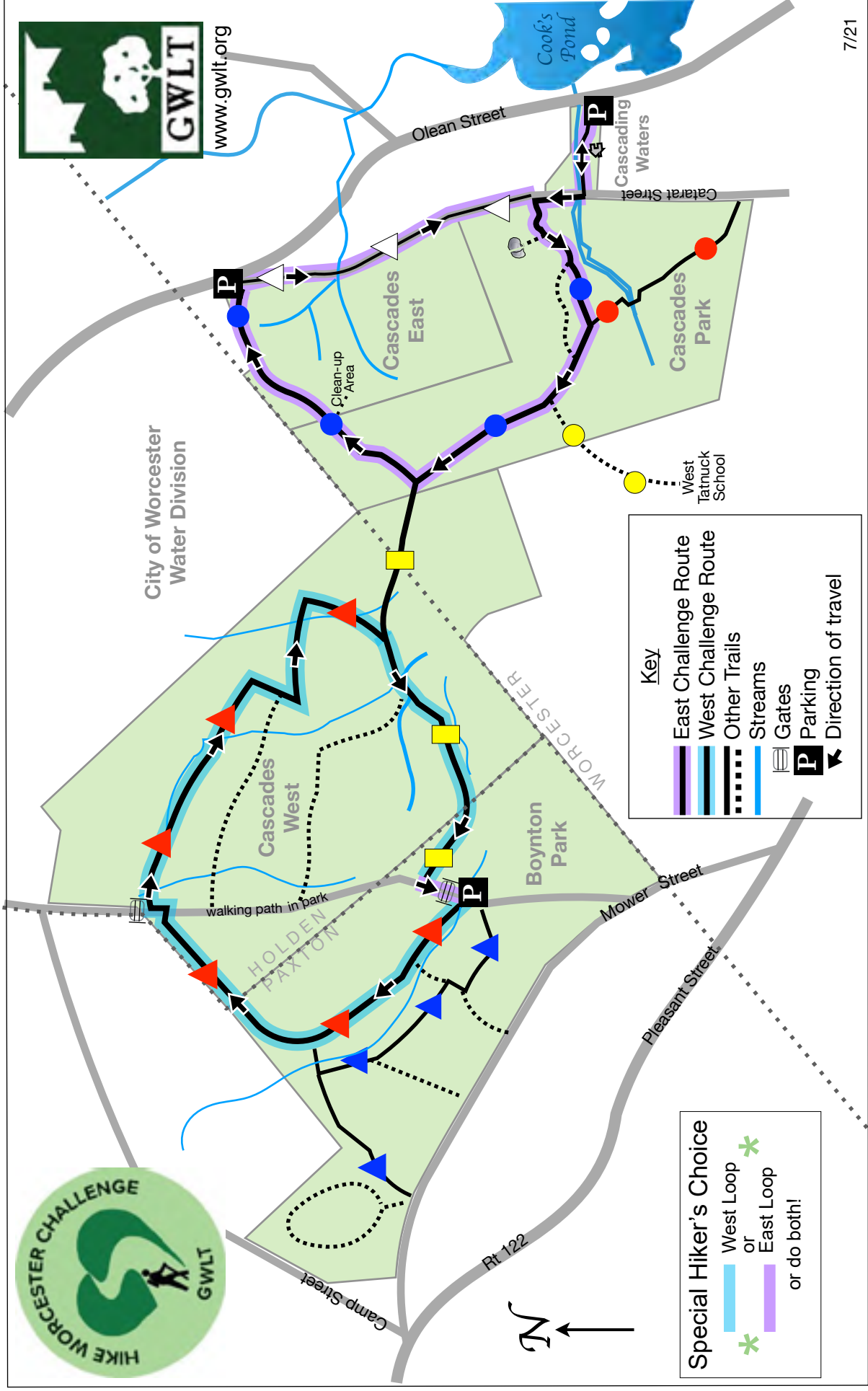
Quarry Overlook



View from Overlook Rock



The Cascades Trail System





“Hike Worcester Challenge”

The Cascades

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* Special Hiker's Choice *

Challenge route: East Loop (highlighted in purple)

Start this hike at the Cascading Waters parking area on Olean Street in Worcester. Follow the Cascades Trail (blue circles) to the waterfall and continue up the switchback by the falls. Continue following the Cascades Trail NW, then NE, eventually circling around to meet the Holden Trail (white triangles). Head South to return to the waterfall and the parking area at Cascading Waters.

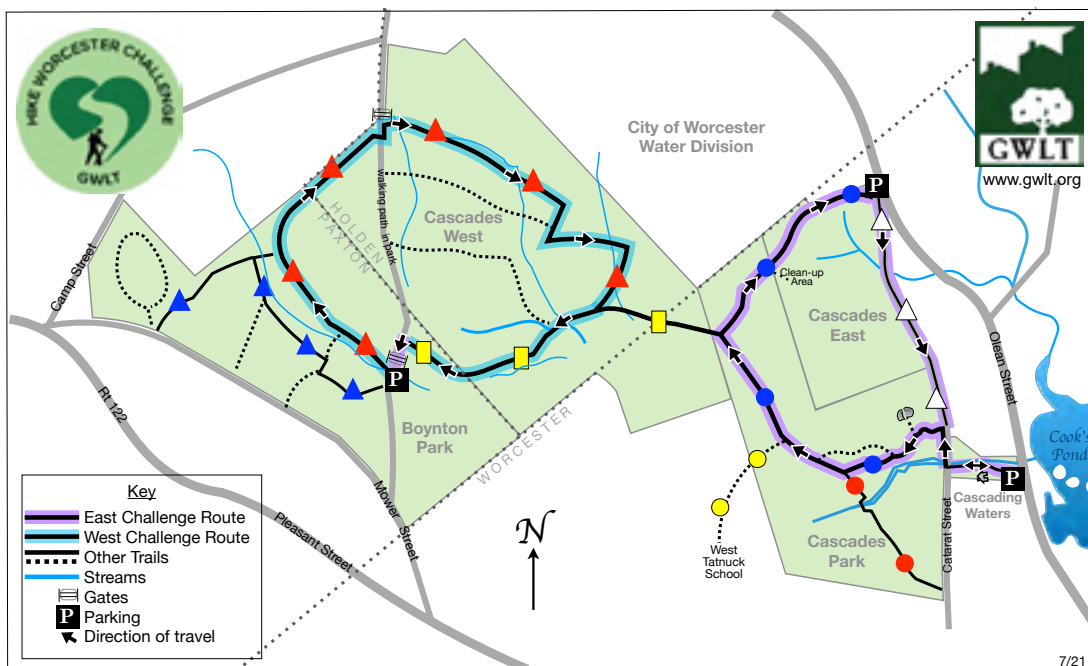
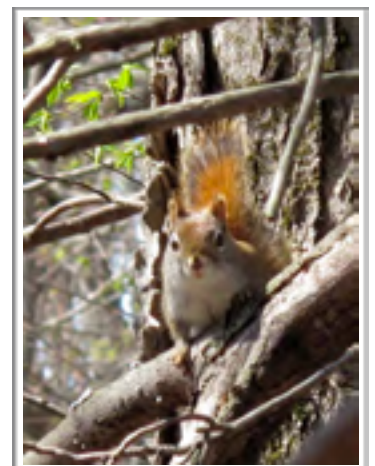
West Loop (highlighted in blue)

Park at Boynton Park near the ball field. Head NW and follow the Meadow Ridge Trail (red triangles). It circles around the upper part of the park, ending at the Silver Spring Trail. Turn right and head West following the Silver Spring trail back to the parking area. You will be passing a small waterfall and an Indian amphitheater.

Length: Either loop is about 2 miles.

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Coes Reservoir & Hadwen Arboretum Worcester, MA

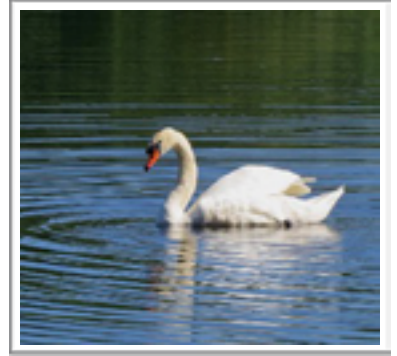




“Hike Worcester Challenge”

Coes Reservoir and Hadwen Arboretum

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Challenge route: (highlighted in turquoise)

Start at Coes Park located off Mill Street in Worcester. Park at one of the two adjacent lots on Coes Street. Walk thru the playground to the reservoir. You will be following a section of the East-West trail. Walk North along the path, cross the dam spillway, and continue along the shore on the beautiful boardwalk. The trail continues thru the woods, crosses an access road and walks by the field and playground at the Knights of Columbus Park. Exit the property and cross the street to Clark University’s softball field. Walk along the right side of the field, and head up the hill into Hadwen Arboretum. At the summit turn right and head down the hill. Continue along the boundary of the property, to Lovell Street, then to May Street and along May Street to the Northern boundary of the property. Turn left and continue along the boundary. At the compost area, turn right and head down hill to the softball field. Turn left to meet the path you came up on. Retrace your steps back to Coes Park (see map).



Total length: About 3.00 miles

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Crow Hill Savannah Worcester

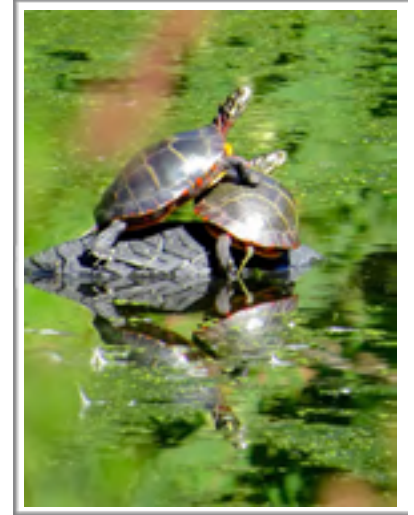




“Hike Worcester Challenge”

Crow Hill

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Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Begin in the parking area on Harrington Way, Worcester, across from the Ecotarium. Follow the Silver Trail (blue rectangles) South. Once across the field the cart path narrows and climbs up Crow Hill. After crossing the summit you join the path marked with red circles. After you descend, the path heads North across the meadow to a pond that has numerous turtles. If you approach them quietly you can observe them on a variety of perches. The path heads East along the wetland, then rejoins the Silver Trail. Turn left (NE) and retrace your steps to the parking area.

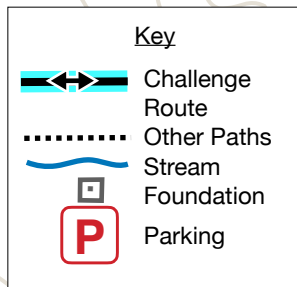
Total length: about 2 miles

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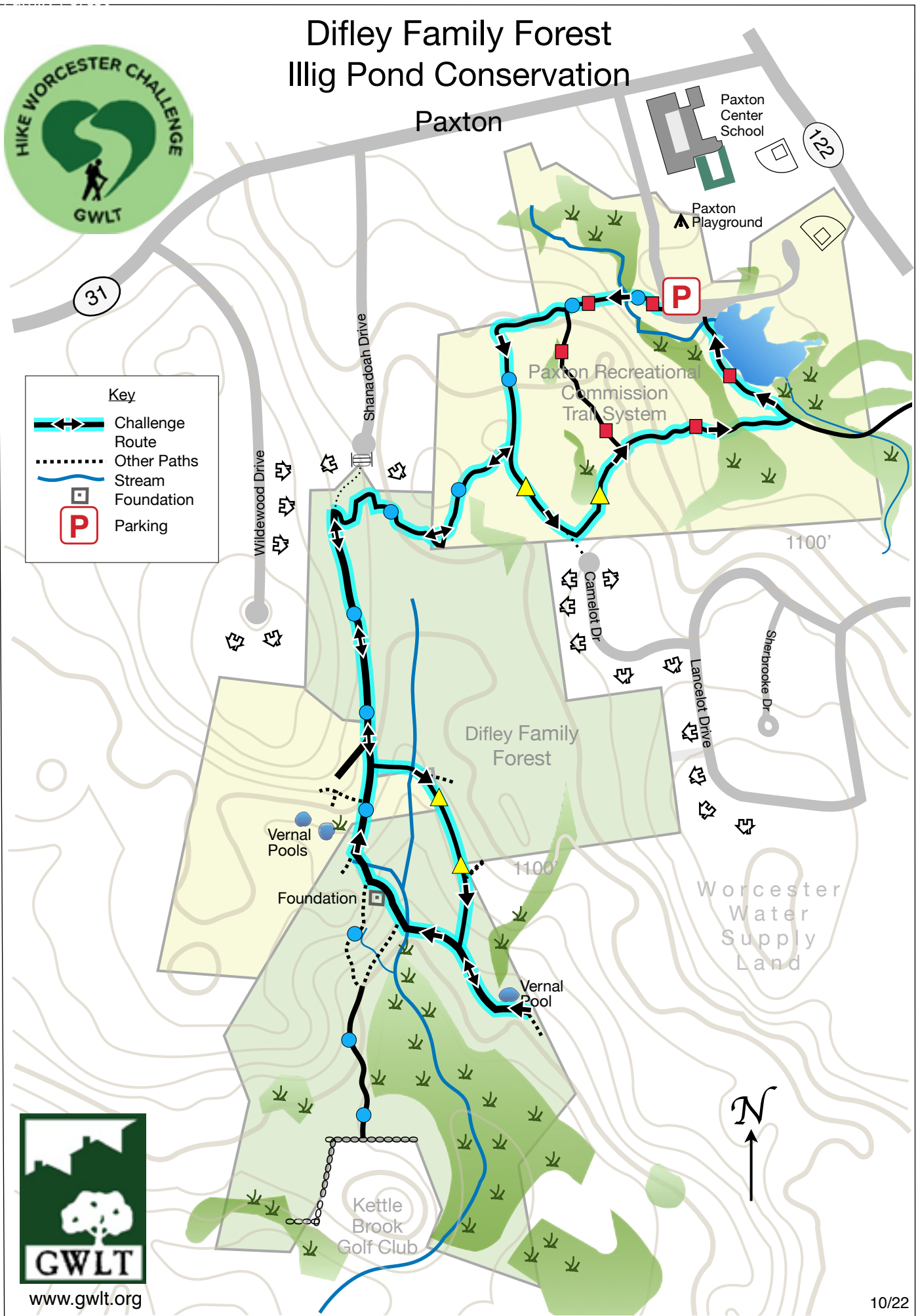
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Difley Family Forest Illig Pond Conservation



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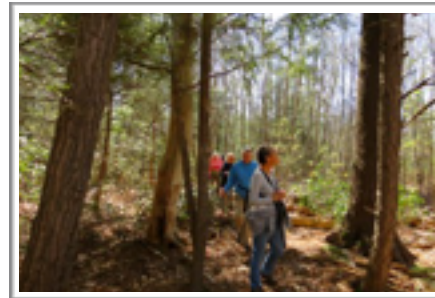




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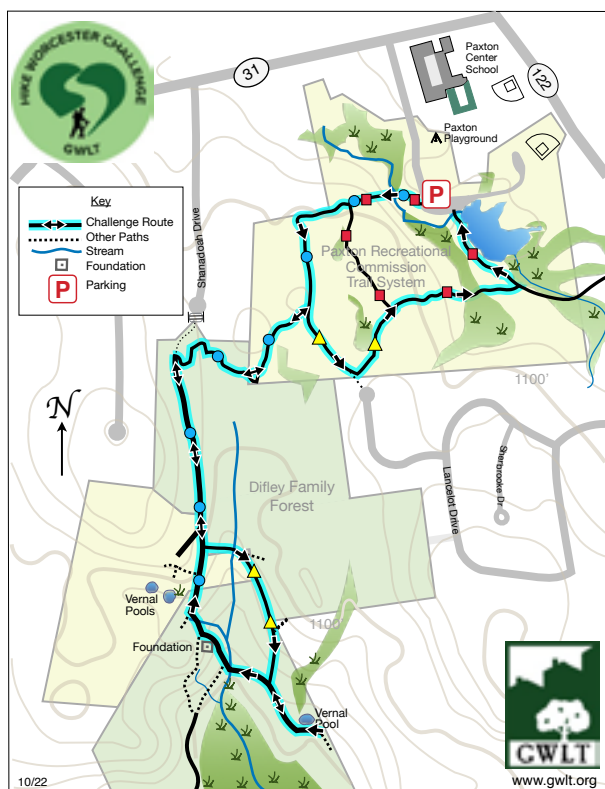
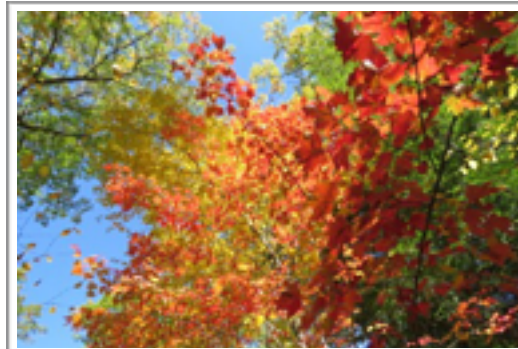
Challenge route: (highlighted in turquoise)

From the intersection of Routes 122 & 31 in Paxton, turn South on Route 31 (West Street). Turn left into the parking area of the Paxton Center School. Pass the school and drive to the end of the road. Park near the sign for the Illig Pond Conservation Area and the Paxton Recreation Commission Trail System. The trail starts at the sign. Follow this trail West, then South, following the Blue Circle blazes. Mid-way on this outer loop, take the connector trail West to the Difley property. At the end of the connector trail, turn left and head South on the cart path. Follow this path, turning left on a side trail that heads East. Follow this trail down the hill, cross the stream and bears right. Follow this trail until it meets the main cart path. Continue South to a large vernal pool and the property's boundary. Reverse course and head NW. Stay on the main path, passing the one-room stone foundation. Continue on this path as it heads North. When you reach the connecting path, retrace your steps back to Illig Pond. To complete this adventure, head South and then East on the Illig Pond trails. When you reach the pond, turn left following the pond as you return to the parking area. (See Map)

Total length: about 3.00 miles

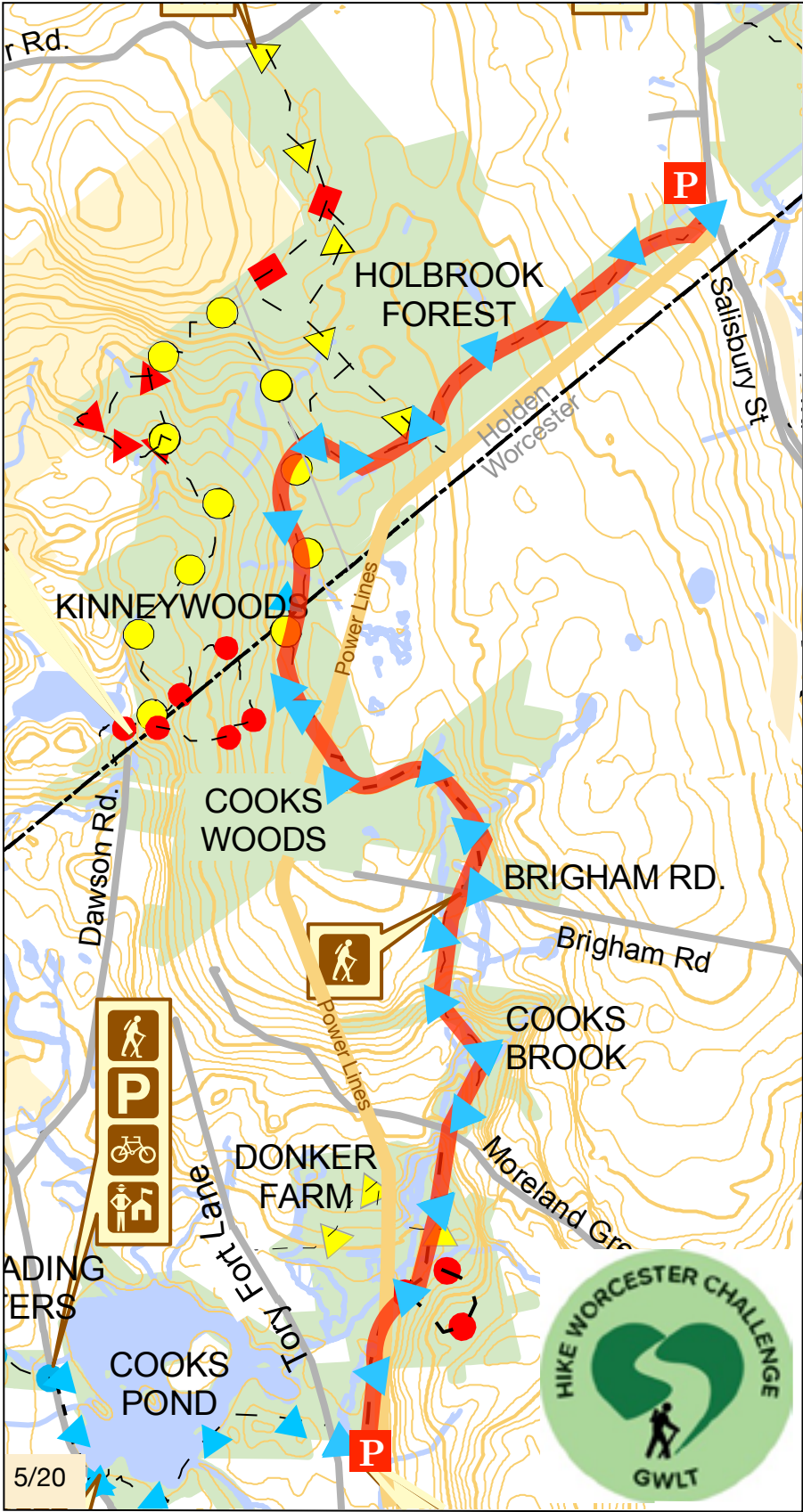
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Holbrook Forest to Donker Farm

Hike in either direction





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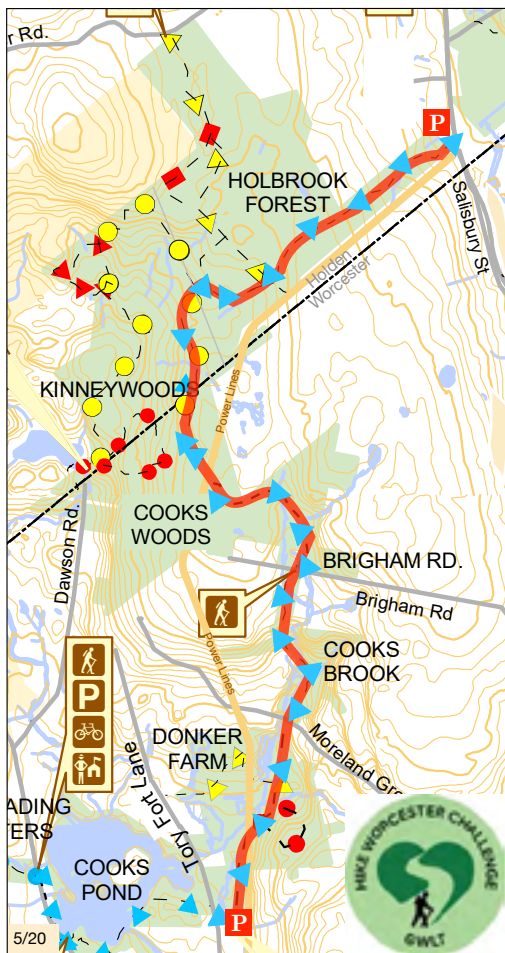
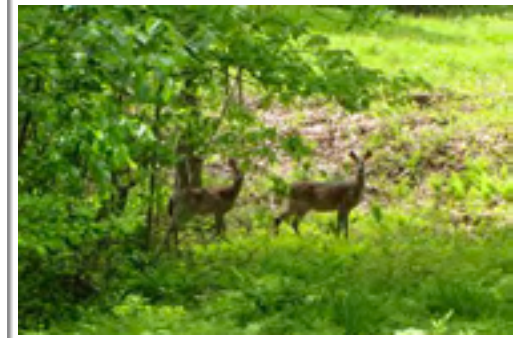
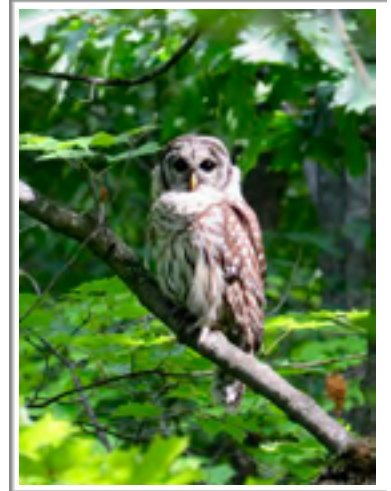
Challenge route: (highlighted in red)

This is a one way hike that can be done in either direction. You can start at Holbrook Forest on Salisbury Street in Holden or at Donker Farm on Fort Tory Lane in Worcester. This is part of Woonaskochu's Path that currently goes from Marshall Street in Leicester to Salisbury Street in Holden. You could also hike it as an out-and-back and get the full experience.

Total Length: 2.500 miles each way.

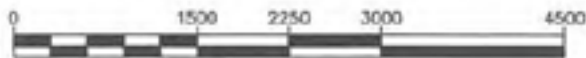
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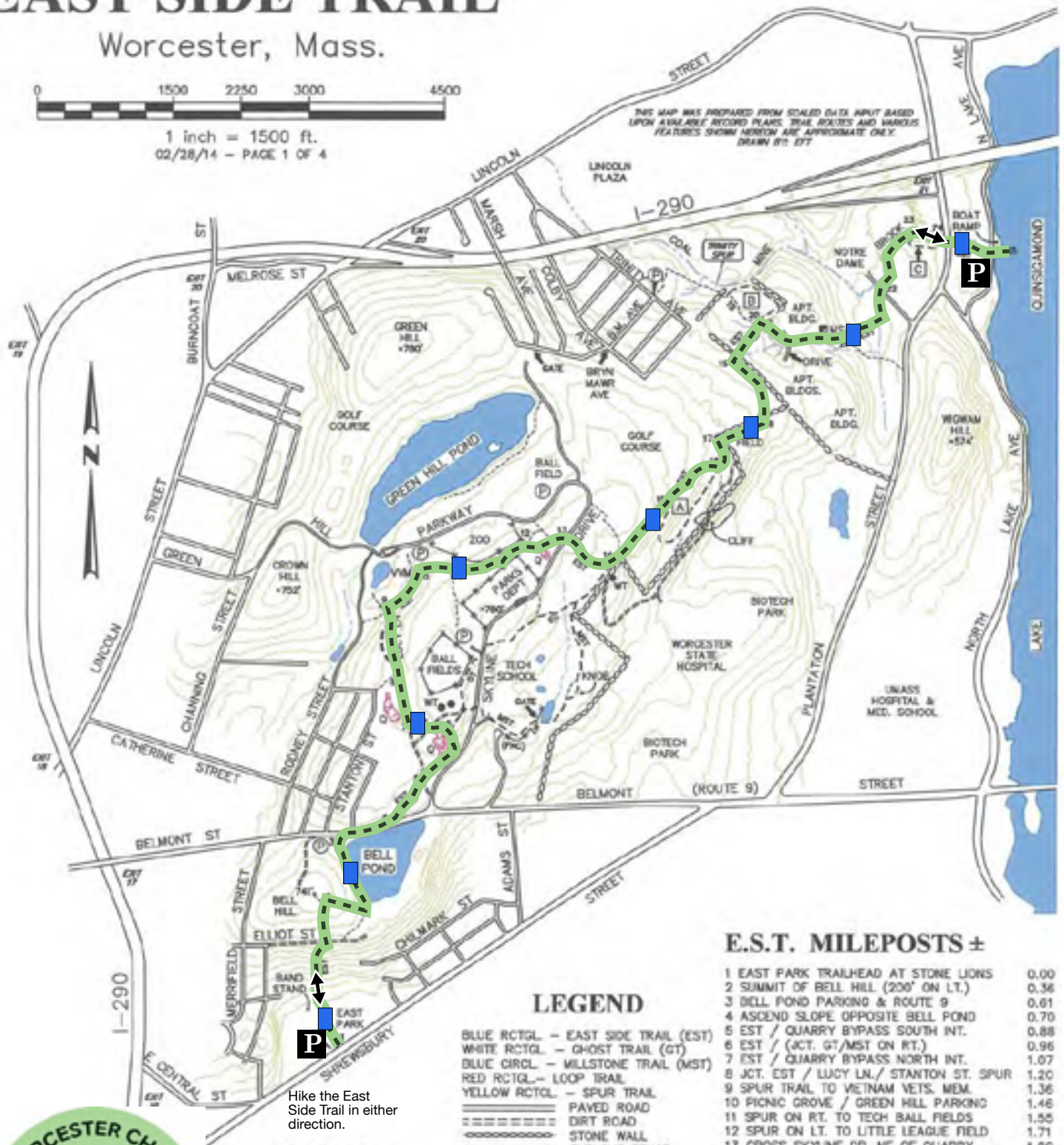


EAST SIDE TRAIL

Worcester, Mass.



1 inch = 1500 ft.
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Hike the East Side Trail in either direction.

NOTES

- * EAST SIDE TRAIL MILEPOST 0.00 TO TRINITY AVE = 2.98 MILES
- * TRINITY SPUR (TS) - 0.31 MILES TO JCT. WITH EAST SIDE TRAIL AND BROOK LOOP (LOOP "B")
- * GHOST TRAIL (GT) - 0.57 MI
- * MILLSTONE TRAIL (MST) - 0.69 MI (MST BLAZED S OF TECH SCHOOL BY FENCE & E TO GATE AT POND)

LEGEND

BLUE RECTGL.	- EAST SIDE TRAIL (EST)
WHITE RECTGL.	- GHOST TRAIL (GT)
BLUE CIRC.	- MILLSTONE TRAIL (MST)
RED RECTGL.	- LOOP TRAIL
YELLOW RECTGL.	- SPUR TRAIL
=====	PAVED ROAD
-----	DIRT ROAD
=====	STONE WALL
-----	CYCLONE FENCE
-----	MAIN TRAILS
-----	SPUR TRAILS
-----	BROOK
VVM	QUARRY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
WT	WATER TANK
A	LEDGE LOOP 0.30 MI
B	BROOK LOOP 0.16 MI
C	KNOLL LOOP 0.10 MI
P	PARKING
MS	MINE SHAFT

E.S.T. MILEPOSTS ±

1 EAST PARK TRAILHEAD AT STONE LIONS	0.00
2 SUMMIT OF BELL HILL (200' ON LT.)	0.36
3 BELL POND PARKING & ROUTE 9	0.61
4 ASCEND SLOPE OPPOSITE BELL POND	0.70
5 EST / QUARRY BYPASS SOUTH INT.	0.88
6 EST / (JCT. GT/MST ON RT.)	0.96
7 EST / QUARRY BYPASS NORTH INT.	1.07
8 JCT. EST / LUCY LN. / STANTON ST. SPUR	1.20
9 SPUR TRAIL TO VIETNAM VETS. MEM.	1.36
10 PICNIC GROVE / GREEN HILL PARKING	1.46
11 SPUR ON RT. TO TECH BALL FIELDS	1.55
12 SPUR ON LT. TO LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD	1.71
13 CROSS SKYLINE DR. NE OF QUARRY	1.80
14 LT. ON EST (WT 200' RT) (JCT. GT/MST)	1.93
15 RED TRAIL ON RT. (LOOP "A")	2.09
16 JCT. RED, BLUE & YELLOW TRAILS	2.25
17 ENTER SW COR. FIELD AT WALL CROSSING	2.33
18 EXT NW EDGE FIELD AT WALL CROSSING	2.43
19 CROSS AT WALL INTERSECTION	2.59
20 JCT. RED TRAIL (LOOP "B") / TRIN. SPUR	2.67
21 COAL MINE SHAFT / SPUR TRAIL ON RT.	2.86
22 CROSS NOTRE DAME DRIVEWAY	3.05
23 RED TRAIL ON RT. (LOOP "C")	3.21
24 PLANTATION ST. / RED TRAIL ON RT.±	3.29
25 LAKE QUINSIGAMOND / END EST	3.44





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East Side Trail

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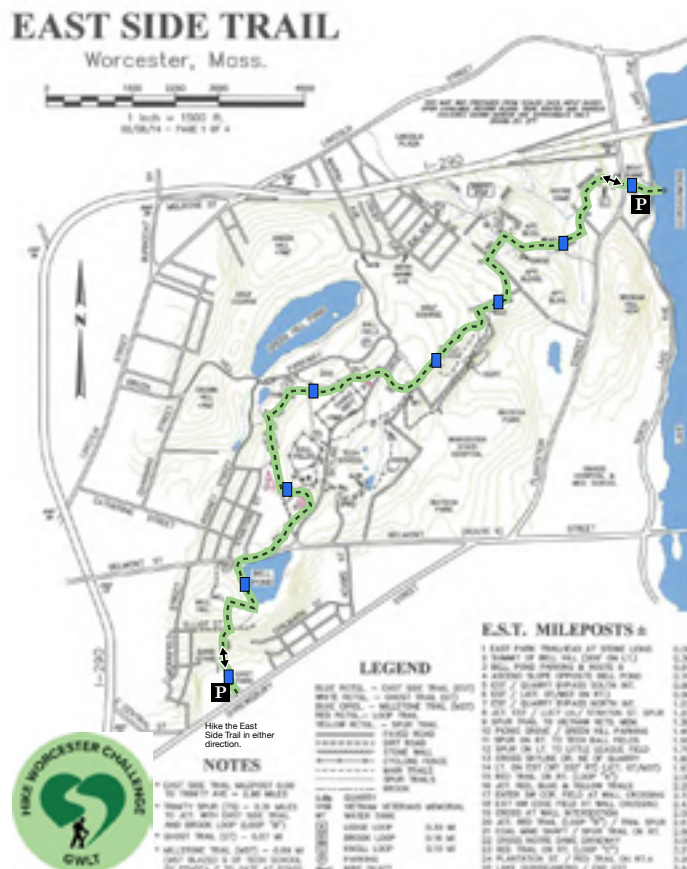
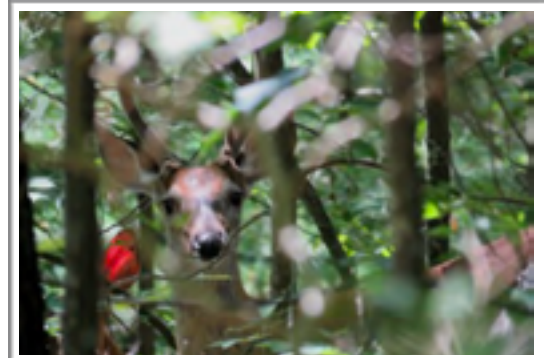
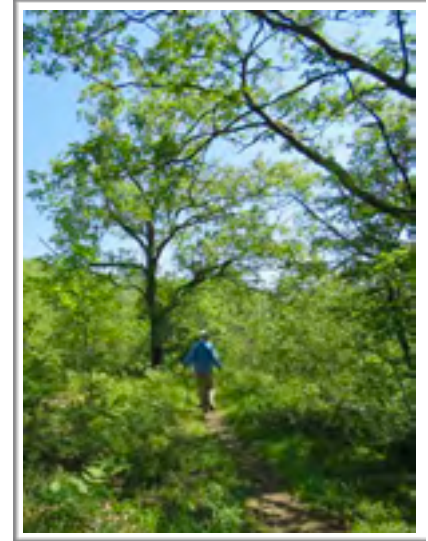
Challenge route: (highlighted in green)

This is a one way hike that can be done in either direction. You can start at East Park on Shrewsbury Street or near the boat ramp on Lake Quinsigamond off North Lake Drive. Follow the blue rectangular trail markings and have a wide range of hiking adventures. You could also hike it as an out-and-back and get the full experience.

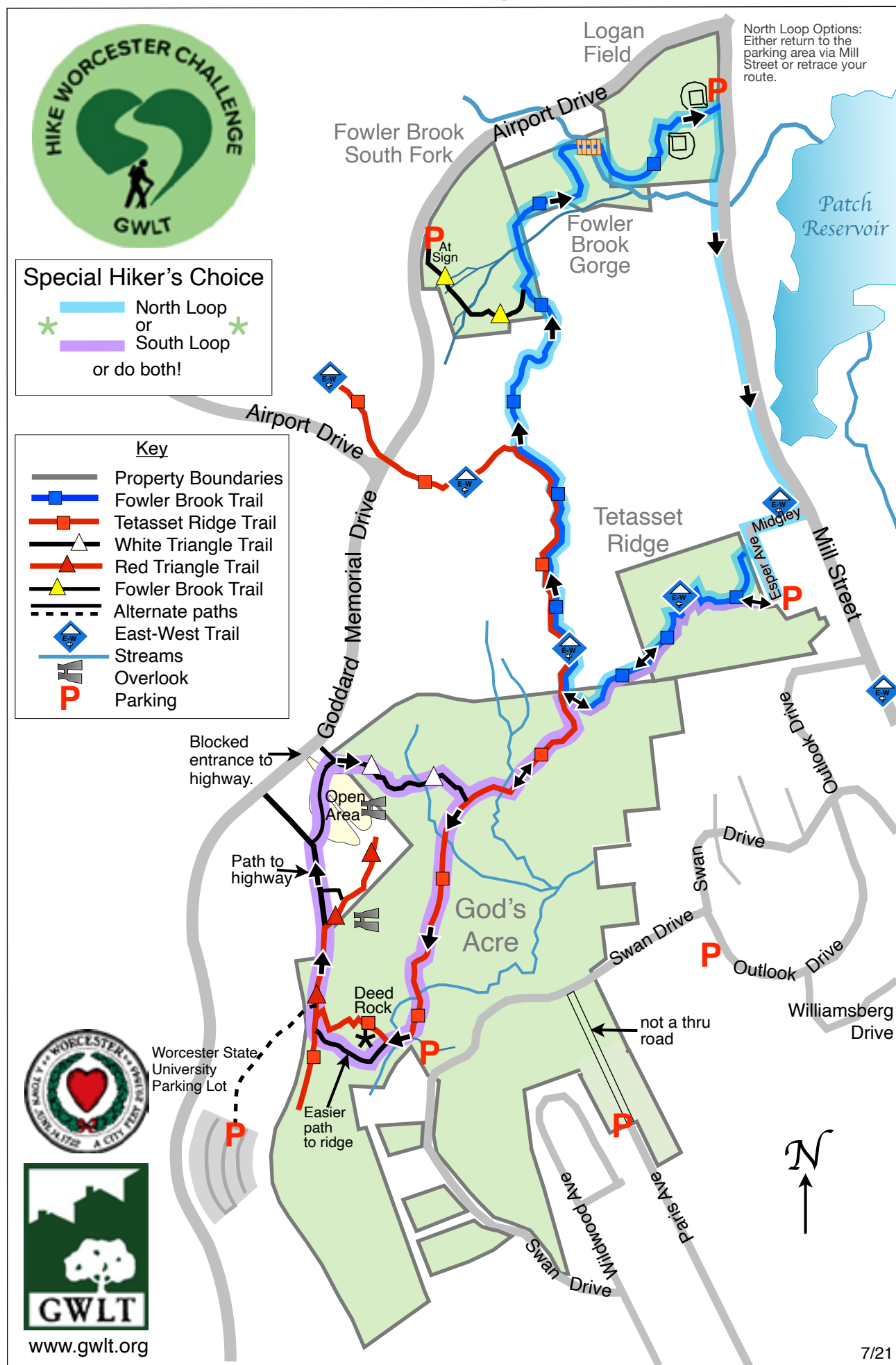
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God's Acre, Tetasset Ridge & Fowler Brook





“Hike Worcester Challenge”

God’s Acre

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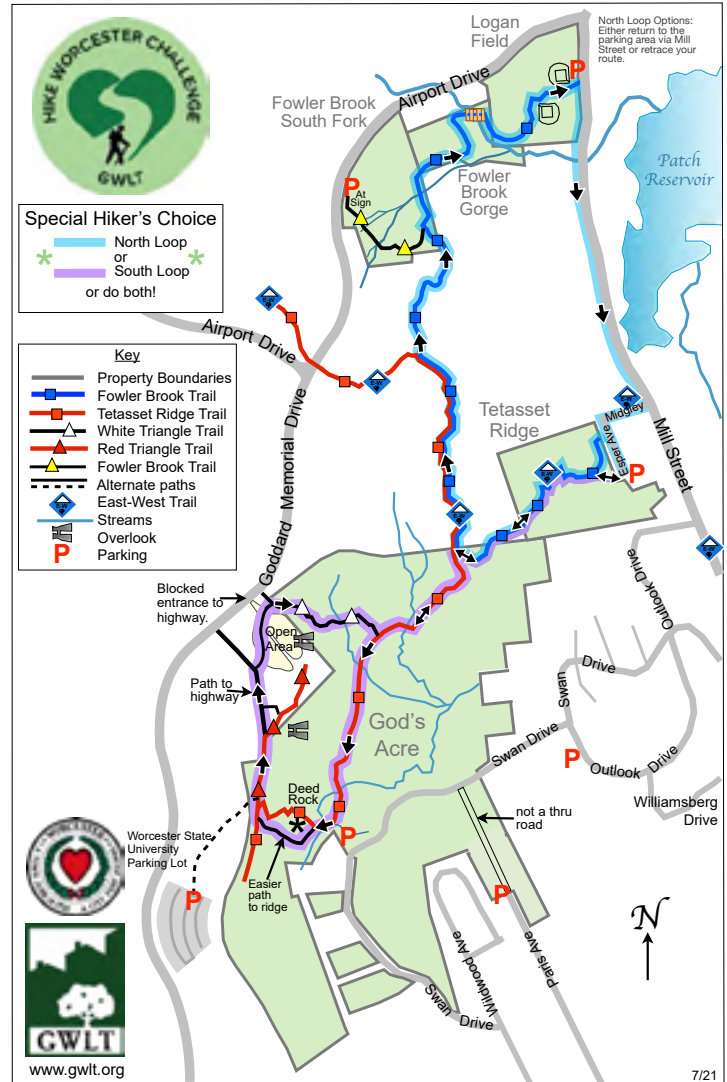
Challenge route: North route (highlighted in blue)
Both routes start from the parking area on Esper Ave., Worcester and head West on the Fowler Brook Trail (blue squares). When you reach the intersection, turn right and head North to Fowler Brook Gorge and Logan Field. To complete the challenge you can retrace your steps to the parking area or you can walk along Mill St., Midgley Ave. and Esper Ave. to complete the hike.

South route (highlighted in purple)

Start by following the same path as the North route. When you reach the trail intersection turn left and head South, following the Tetasset Ridge Trail (red squares) until you get to Swan Drive. Look for the sign for Deed Rock. From here you have a choice of following the path up the ridge or you can follow an easier path that is flagged. From the ridge, head North on the cart path, turn right to head into the open area, cross the open area heading almost to the Goddard Memorial Dr. There will be a path on the right side with white triangles that heads East. It intersects with the Tetasset Ridge Trail. Turn left heading NE and retrace your route home. See map.

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South Loop-Deed Rock



North Loop-Fowler Brook

Kettle Brook

Worcester, MA

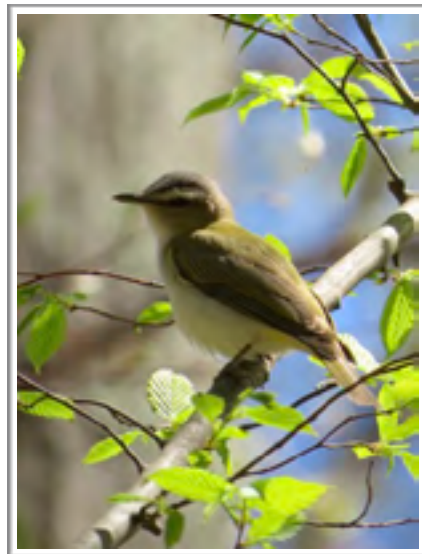




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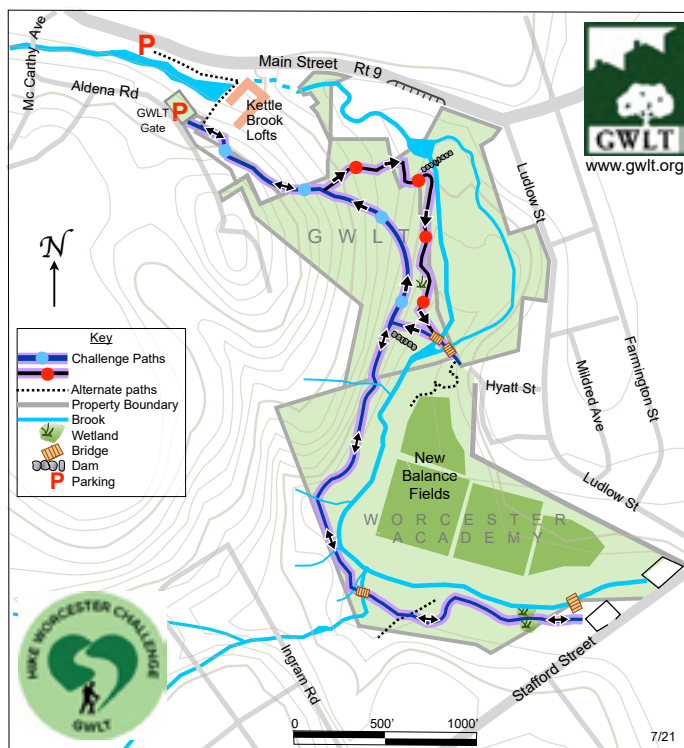
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Park in a visitor parking space near the GWLT sign at the Northern end of the Kettle Brook Lofts parking lot or at the GWLT gate on Aldena Road. Walk along the side of the Lofts and up the hill to a cart path. Head SE to the official property boundary. Shortly after you enter the property head East into the woods on a trail marked with red circles. This path goes by a breached dam and along Kettle Brook. You end up at the base of another dam, where several streams meet. Head West up the hill to join the main cart path. Turn left and head South following the brook. When you get to the gate at the end of the property, return by following the cart path all the way back to your parking spot.

Total length: about 2.500 miles

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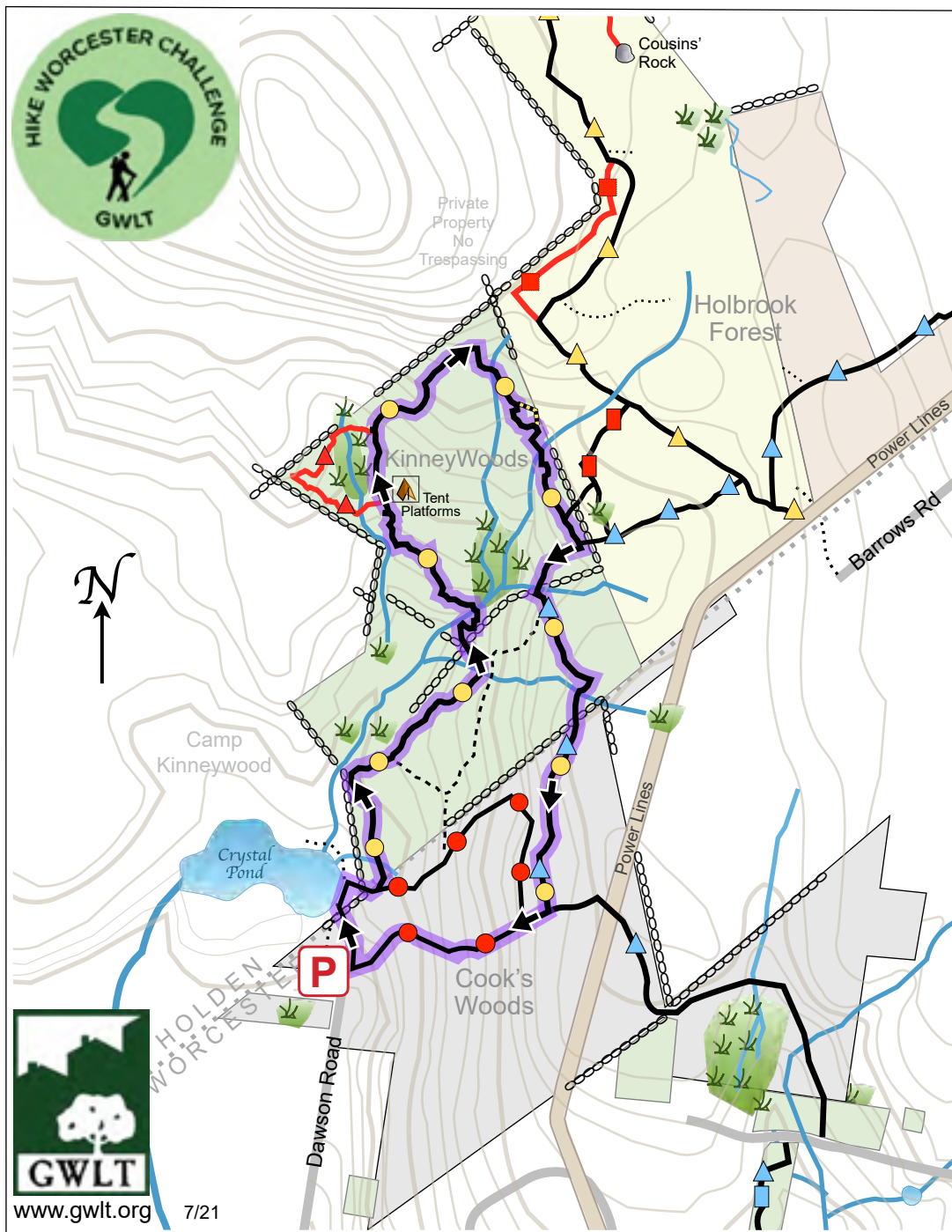
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KinneyWoods

Holbrook Forest & Cook's Brook

Holden & Worcester, MA



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Key

- Challenge Route
- Crystal Pond Loop
- Dresser Loop
- Woonaskochu's Path
- Stone Walls
- Wetlands
- Streams
- Parking



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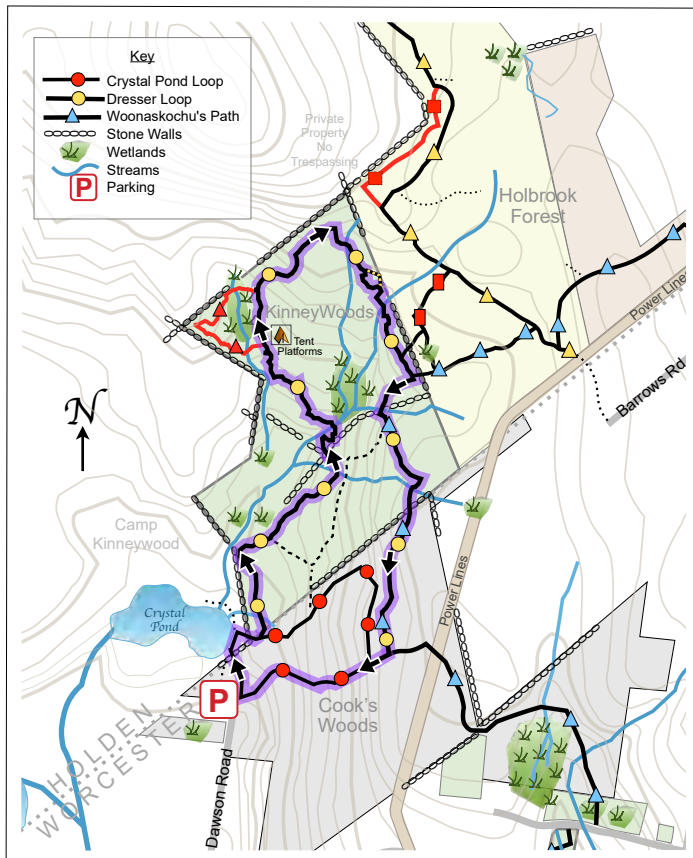
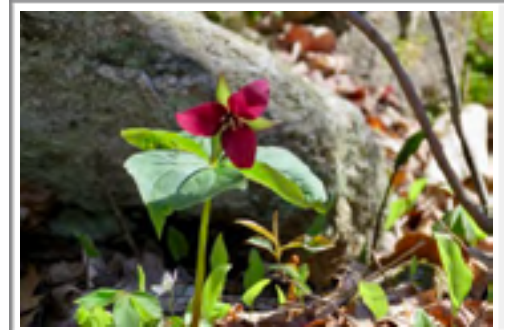
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

From parking area at the end of Dawson Road in Worcester, head North on the Crystal Pond Loop. After you pass the pond, head East crossing over the remains of a wall, and then head North on the Dresser Loop (yellow circles). Follow this trail around the property until you meet the crossing path. Turn right and head West, following this path down to the parking area.

Total length: about 1.750 miles

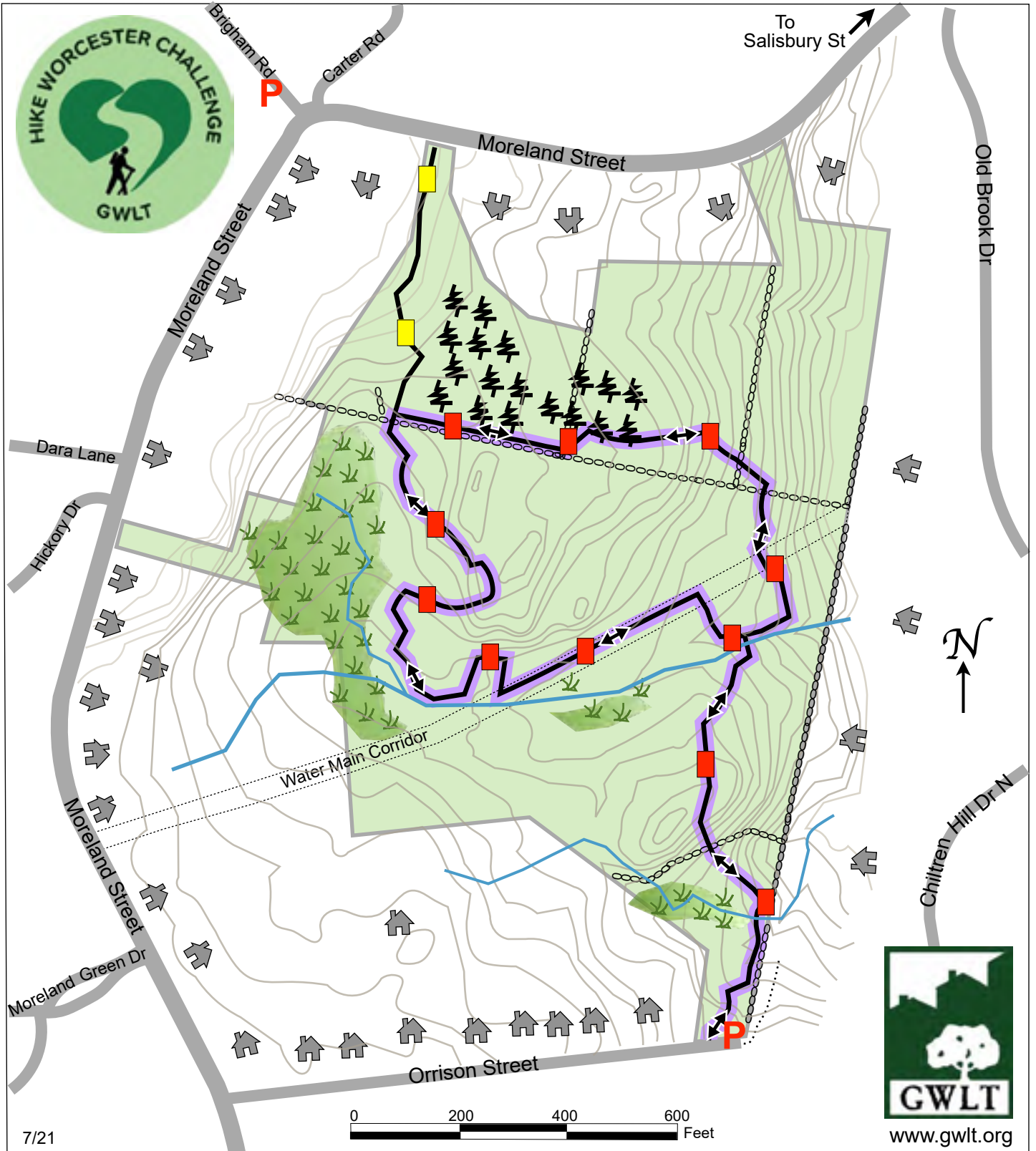
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Moreland Woods

Worcester, MA



Key	
	Path
	Private Path
	Property Boundary
	Stream
	Evergreen grove
	Wetlands
	Stone walls
	Park on street



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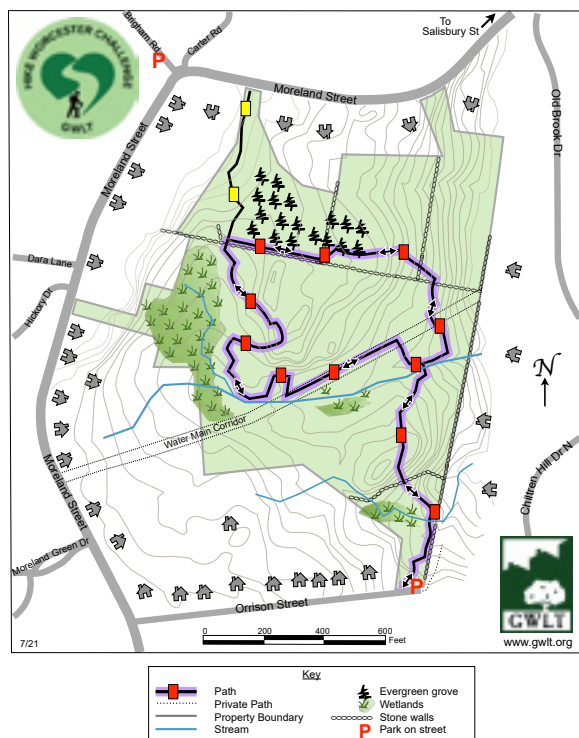
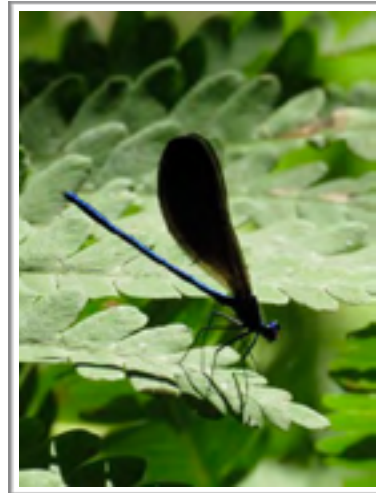
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Drive to the end of Orrison Street and park on the left side of the street in front of the trailhead. This is an easy hike to navigate. Follow the trail from Orrison Street to the stream crossing and the main loop. You can do the loop in either direction. The path (red rectangular blazes) takes you along a stream, through an evergreen grove and along a wetland. You get to experience many habitats in a short hike. After you complete the loop, cross the stream and following the path South to Orrison Street.

Total length: about 1 mile

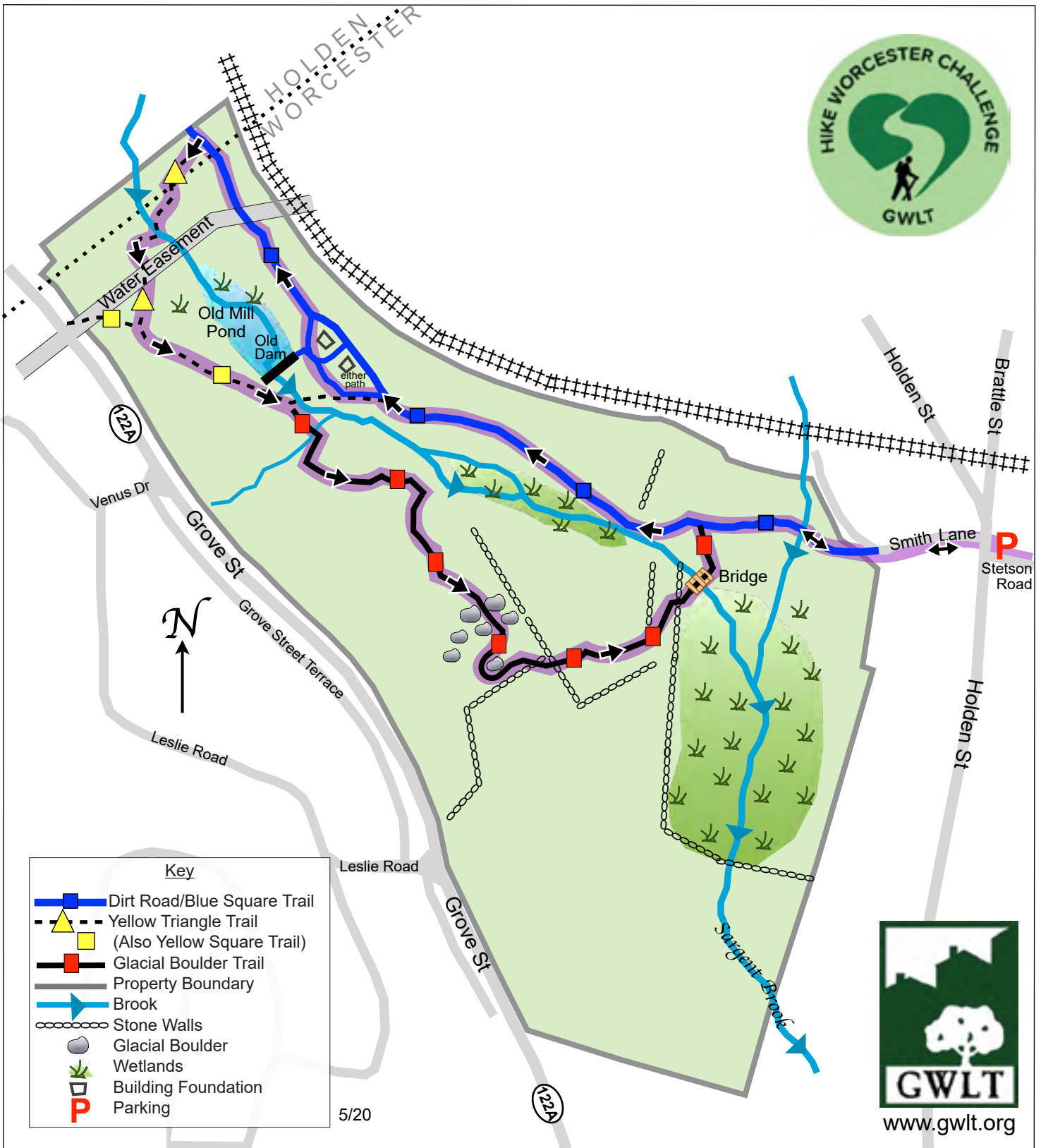
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Nick's Woods

Worcester, MA





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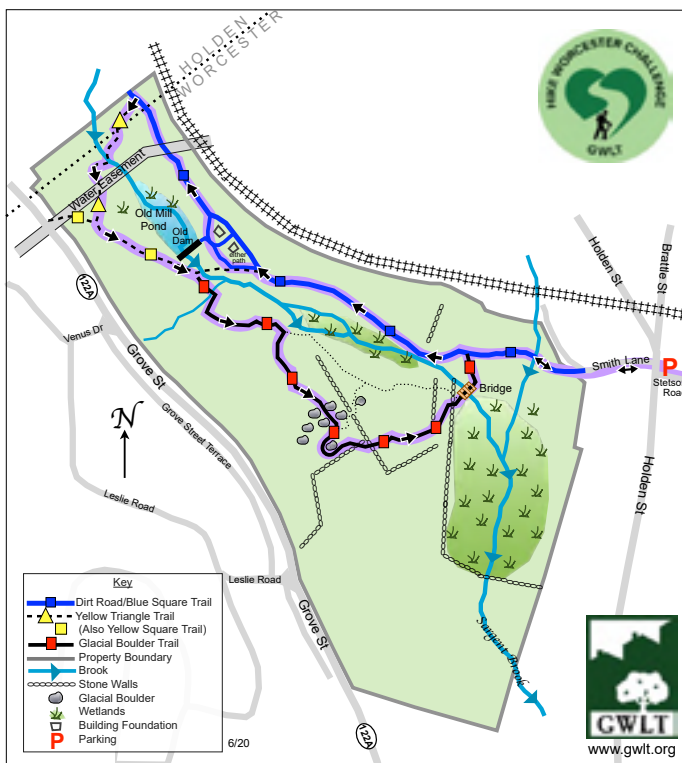
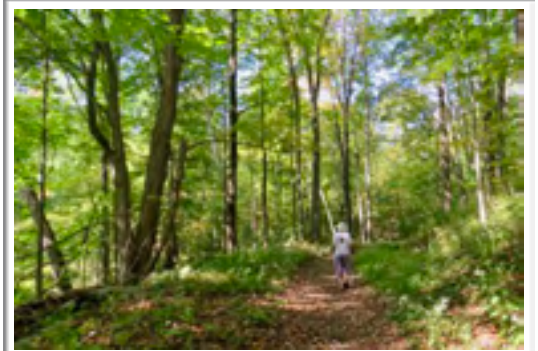
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Park on the side of Stetson Rd, Worcester. Head West crossing Holden St. and walking down Smith Lane. The trailhead is at the end of the lane on the left. Follow the cart path West. When the path divides, go on either side. As you approach the end of the property, take the trail on the left marked with yellow triangles. This path goes through the woods, across the stream and up the hillside. This side of the property has narrower more rustic paths. When the path intersects with a trail marked with yellow squares, turn left and head SE. This trail merges with the Glacial Boulder Trail (red squares) and continues to a field of glacial boulders. The path crosses a bridge and returns to the original cart path. Head East and retrace your steps to your car.

Total length: about 2 miles

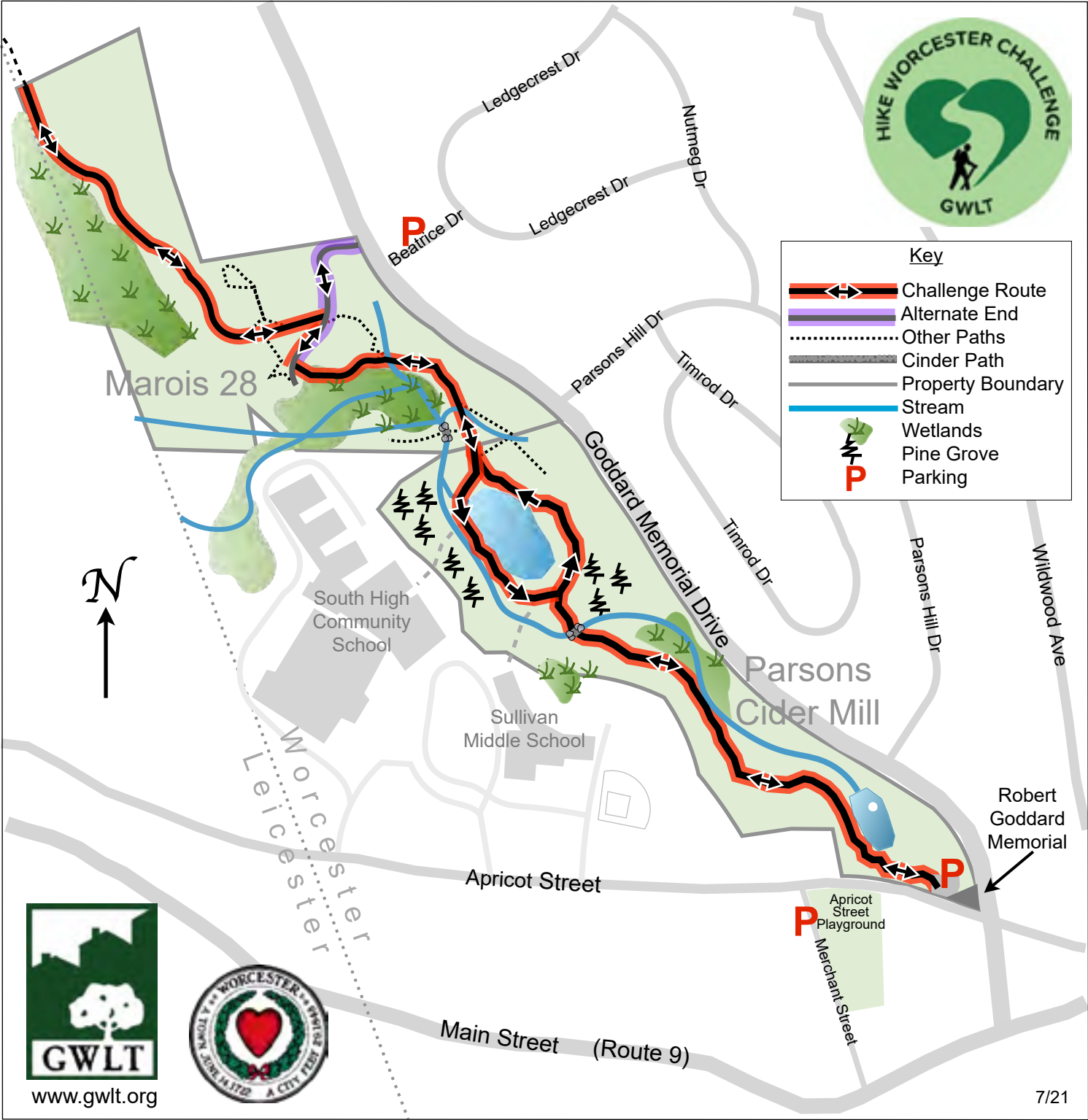
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Parsons Cider Mill and Marois 28

Worcester, MA





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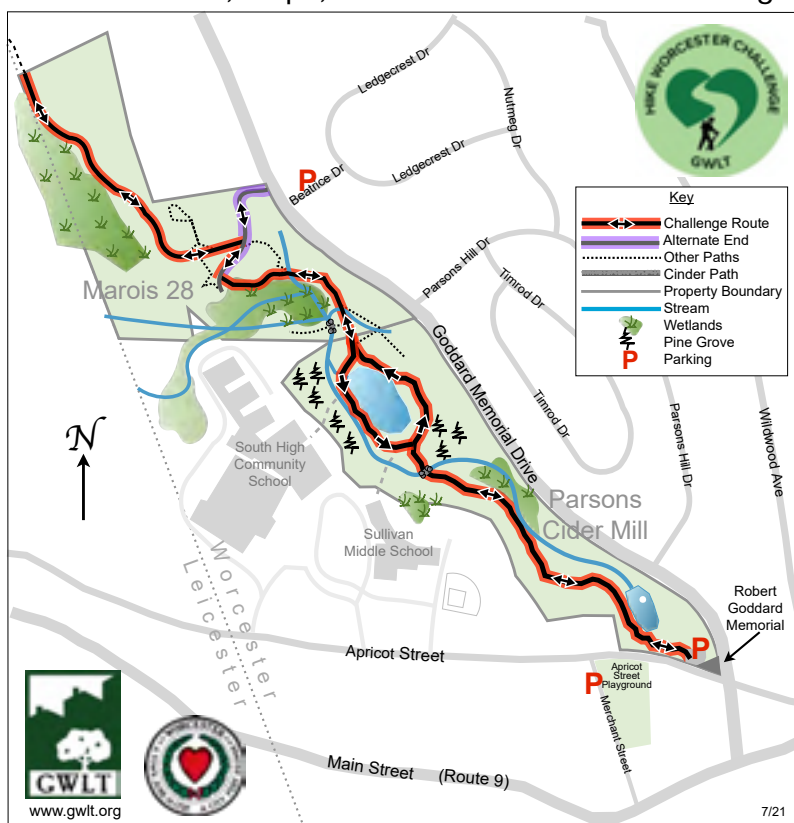
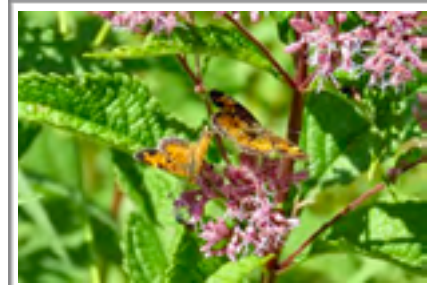
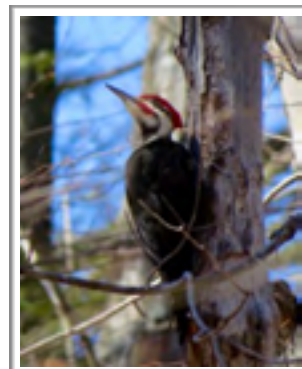
Challenge route: (highlighted in red)

The best place to park is the lot on Apricot Street in Worcester, located North of the Robert Goddard Memorial. If this lot is closed, park on Merchant Street or at the other end of the walk on Beatrice Drive. In both cases, it is a short walk to the start of the hike. This is a linear hike that goes from Parsons Cider Mill to Marois 28 and back. At the Marois 28 end you have two options, you can end/or turn around at the entrance on Goddard Memorial Drive (purple highlight) or you can follow the path along a wetland NW to the stone wall property boundary (red highlight). The wetland that separates the two properties has a narrow path that may be wet in damper weather. The Parsons Cider Mill section of the hike follows wide woods roads and passes two ponds. Which ever direction you take, return by retracing your steps.

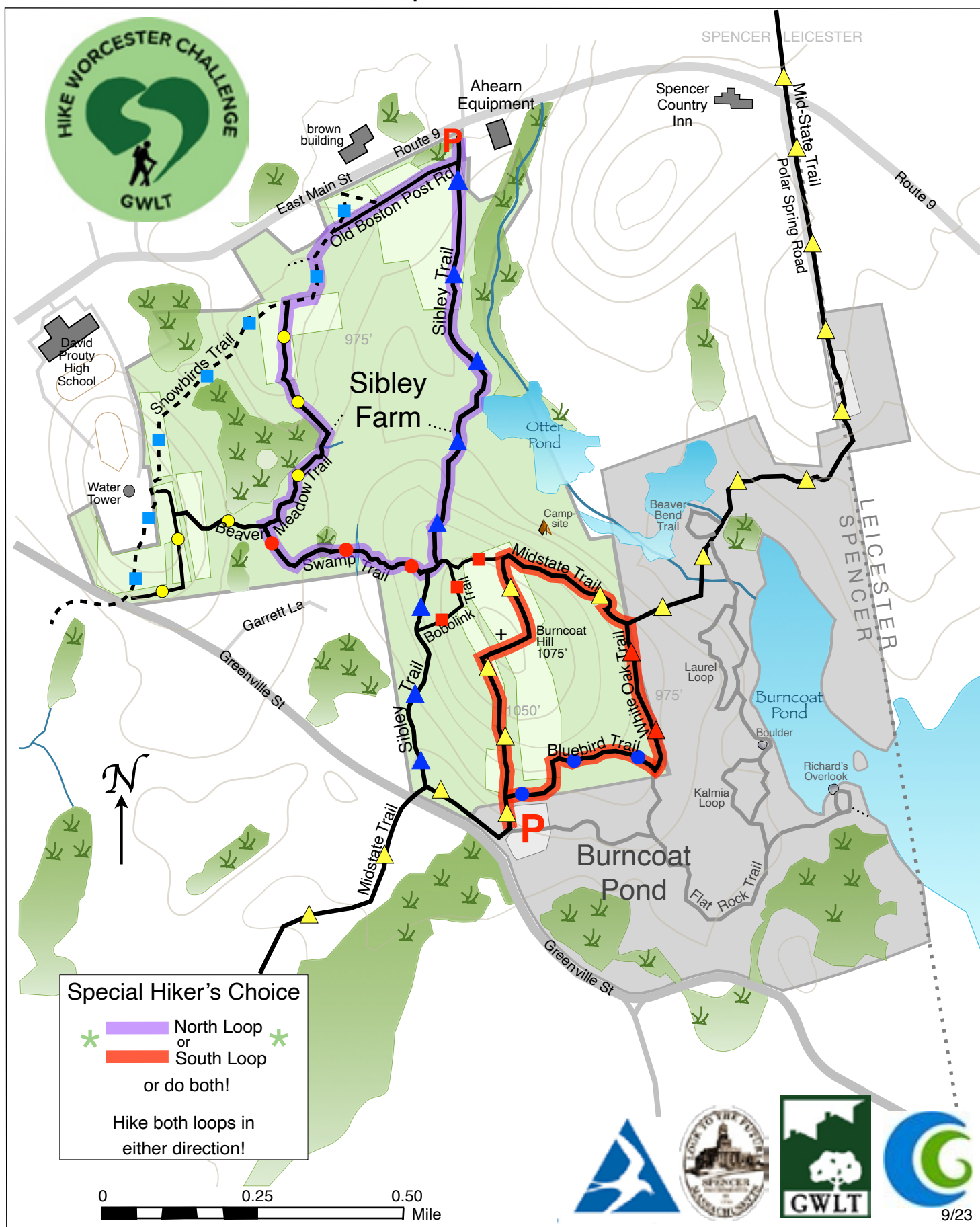
Total length: 2 to 2.500 miles, depending of the option you choose.

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Sibley Farm and Burncoat Pond Spencer, Leicester





“Hike Worcester Challenge”

Sibley Farm

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Challenge route: North Loop (highlighted in purple)

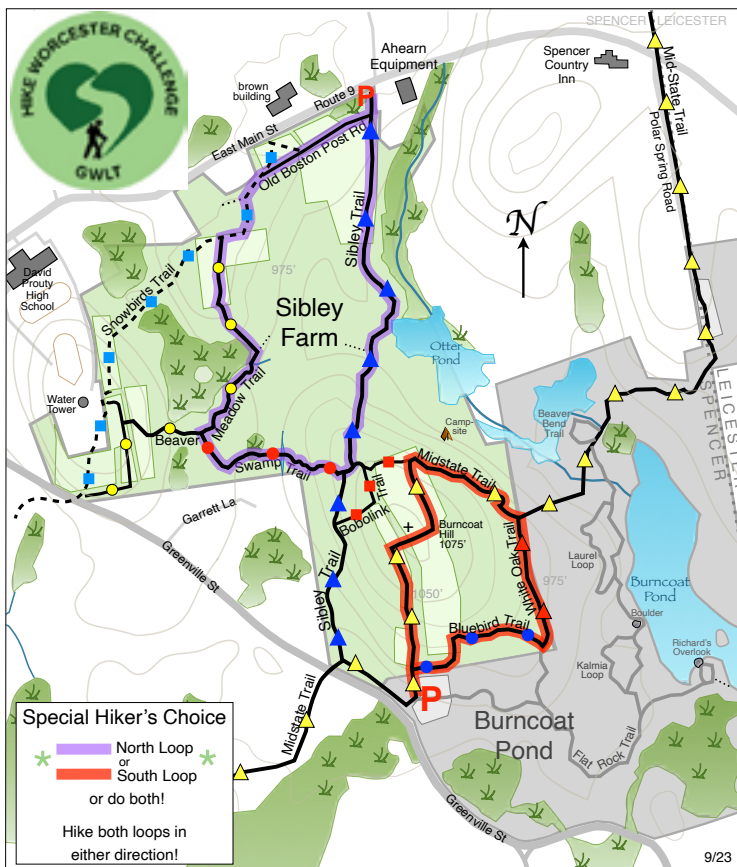
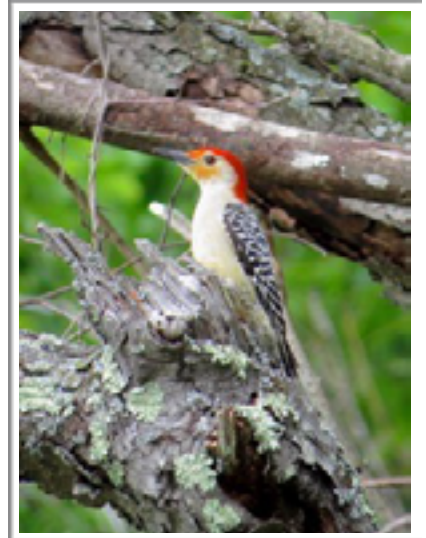
Either of these loop hikes can be done in either direction. If you head South, follow the Sibley Trail across the meadow, past Otter Pond and up the hill. Near the top, head West on the Swamp Trail. Next head North on the Beaver Meadow Trail, continuing across the field on Old Boston Post Road. Total length: about 2 miles

South Loop (highlighted in red)

If you head North, follow the Midstate Trail up the hill thru the field. Continue following the Midstate Trail SE into the woods. At the Mass Audubon boundary, head South on the White Oak Trail and then follow the Bluebird Trail West to the parking lot. Total Length: 1.500 miles.

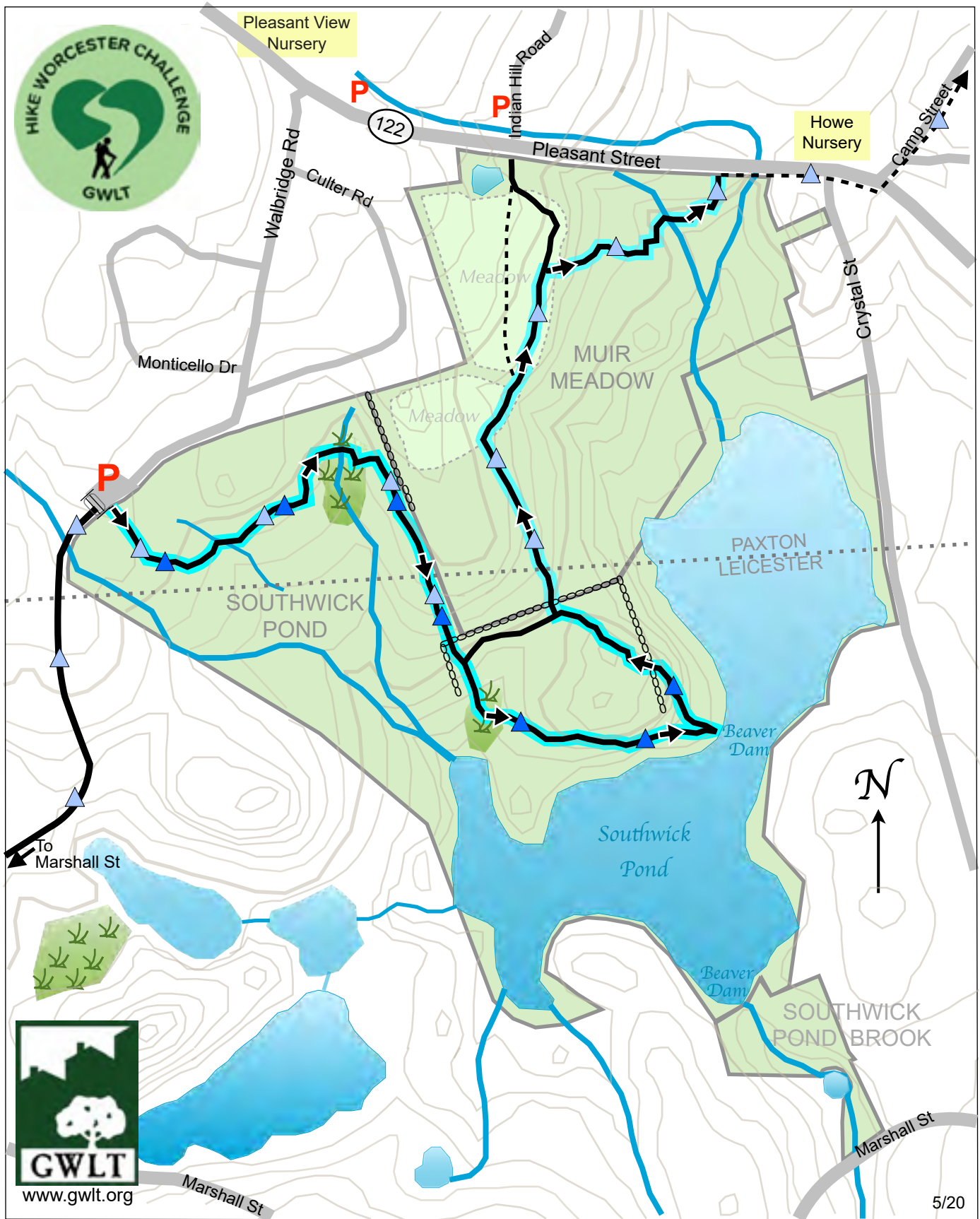
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Southwick Pond & Muir Meadow

Paxton and Leicester

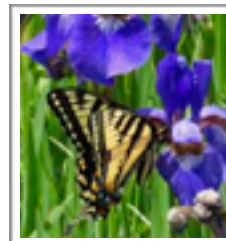


Key	
	Woonaskochu's Path
	Southwick Pond Path
	Property Boundaries
	Streams
	Wetlands
	Parking
	Contour Lines



“Hike Worcester Challenge”

Southwick Pond and Muir Meadow



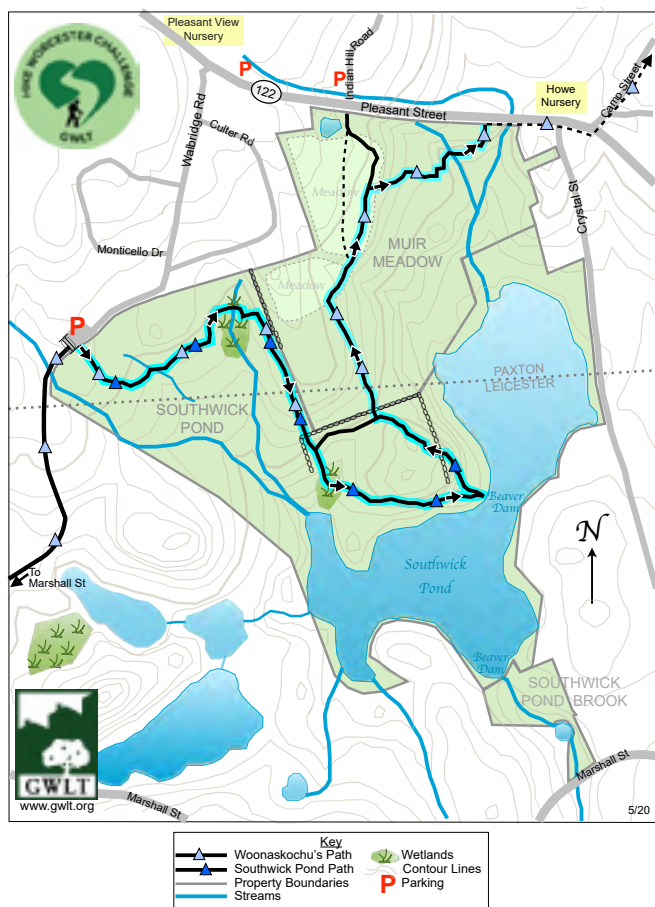
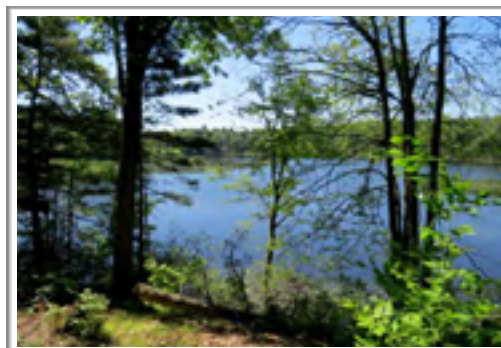
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Challenge route: (highlighted in turquoise)

This is a one way hike. Park at the Southwick Pond trailhead at the end of Walbridge Road in Paxton. Follow the Southwick Pond Trail (blue triangles) through this beautiful property. When you get to a fork in the path, continue straight and follow the path along Southwick Pond. Check out the beaver dam at the mid point of the loop. Then head NW up the hill. After you come down the other side, look for a sign on the right for “Woonaskochu’s Path Muir Meadow”. Turn right and continue following the blue triangle blazes as you hike Northward through the meadow. (Look for flagging tape on the right.) Turn right and follow the path as it heads NE down the slope to the trailhead on Pleasant Street. You could also hike it as an out-and-back and get the full experience.

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Puffer-Spring Ledge-Striar Salisbury Street to Fisher Road

Puffer Heininge Woods -
Spring Ledge Farm -
Striar

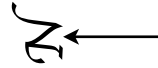
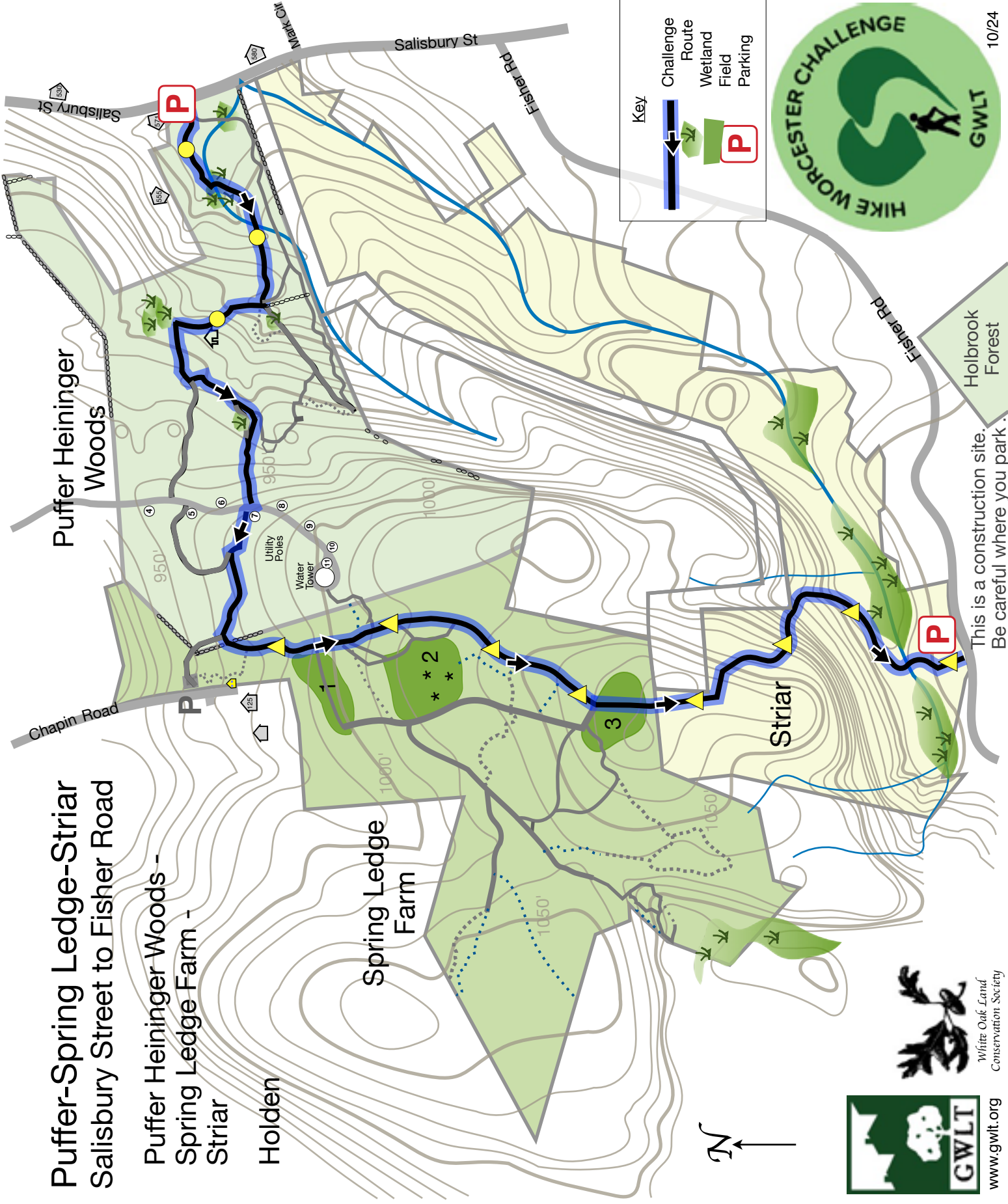
Holden

Spring Ledge
Farm

Striar

Holbrook
Forest

This is a construction site.
Be careful where you park.



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Salisbury St to Fisher Rd

Puffer Heiningen Woods Spring Ledge Farm-Striar

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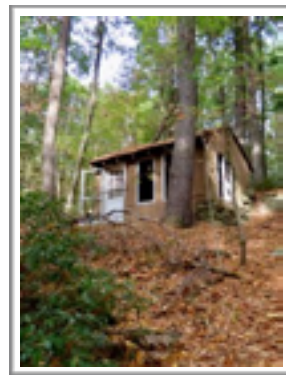
Challenge route: Hike in either direction. (highlighted in blue)

Park at the Puffer Heiningen Woods parking area on Salisbury St. in Holden. Take the path at the rear of the lot. Follow this path past wetlands continuing East thru the woods. See map and follow the flagged route. Turn right, heading North passing a Hermit's shack. Turn Left, and then left again climbing up to the water tower access road. Cross the road and continue thru the woods bearing left when you reach the path to Spring Ledge. After you pass thru the stone wall, turn left and head South emerging at the 1st field of Spring Ledge. Turn left, and continue South on a grassy path. This changes to a woods road. Follow the woods road to the 3rd field. Follow the flagging tape path around the shrubs, into the woods and Striar. Follow the path down the cliff ending at Fisher Rd. Fisher Rd. is a construction area so be careful where you walk and park.

Total Length: about 2.250 miles

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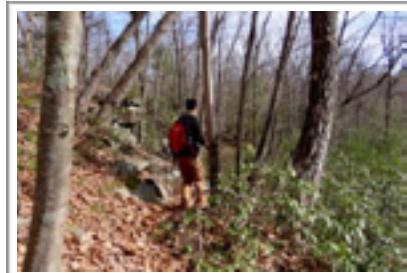
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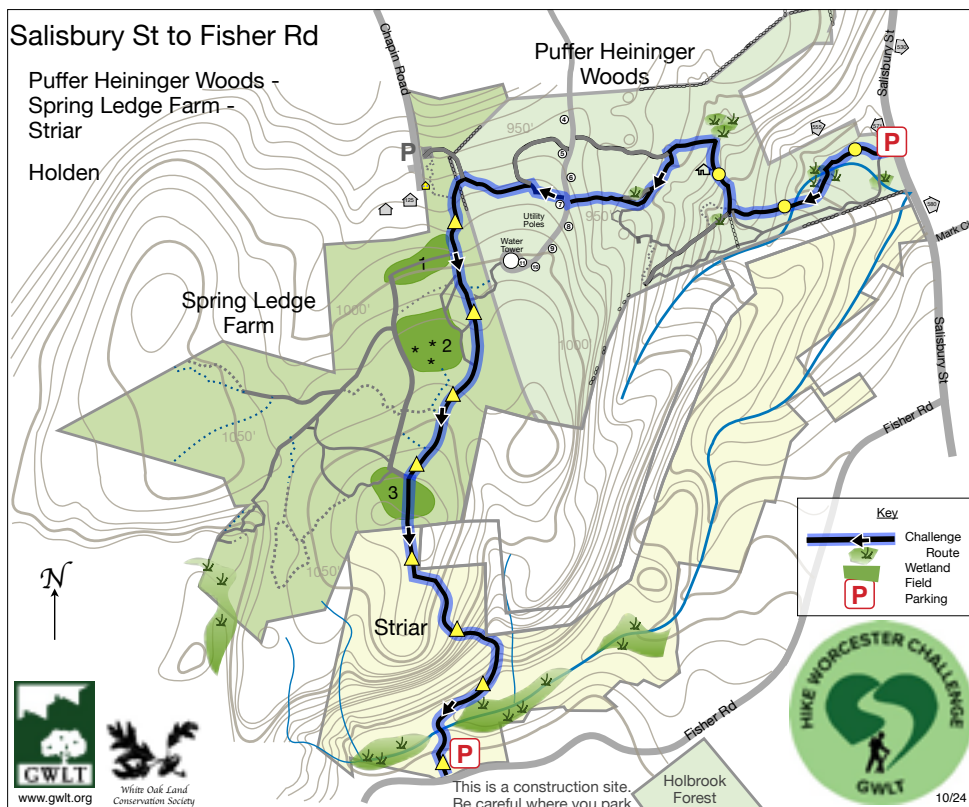
Spring Ledge. 1st field



Spring Ledge. 3rd field



Striar



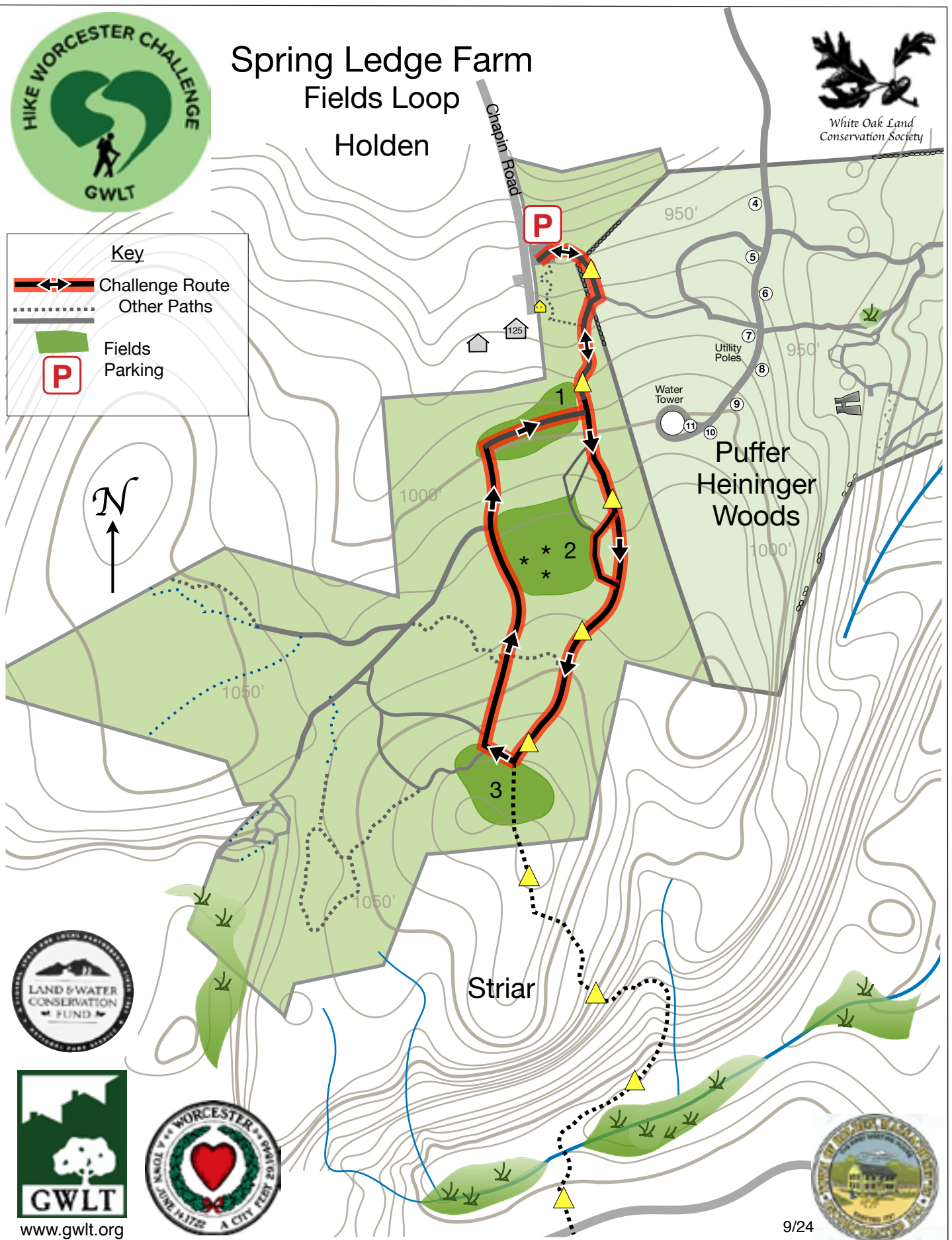


Spring Ledge Farm Fields Loop Holden



Key

- Challenge Route
- Other Paths
- Fields Parking
- Fields Parking





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Spring Ledge Farm - Fields Loop

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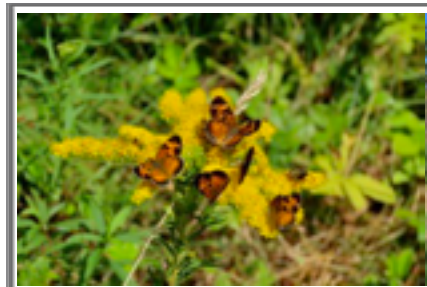
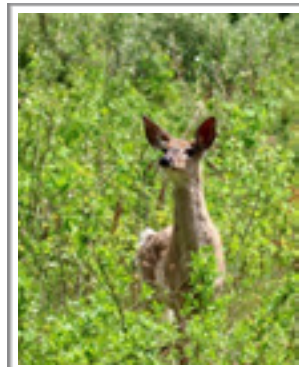
Challenge route: (highlighted in red)

Spring Ledge Farm is located at the end of Chapin Road in Holden. There is a "P" parking sign on the left side of the road. Follow the yellow triangles from the parking area, South, thru the woods to the 1st field. There are no additional trail blazes. Turn left, continuing South on a grass path. After a short distance the path turns into a woods road. This road takes you all the way to the third field. See the map. (When you pass the 2nd field, you have the option to leave the road for a short distance and walk along the 2nd field, before returning to the woods road.) At the 3rd field, turn right for a short distance, turn right again and follow a second cart path North back to the 1st field. Walk thru the 1st field, returning to the original entrance path. Re-trace your steps back to the parking area.

Total length: about 1.500 miles

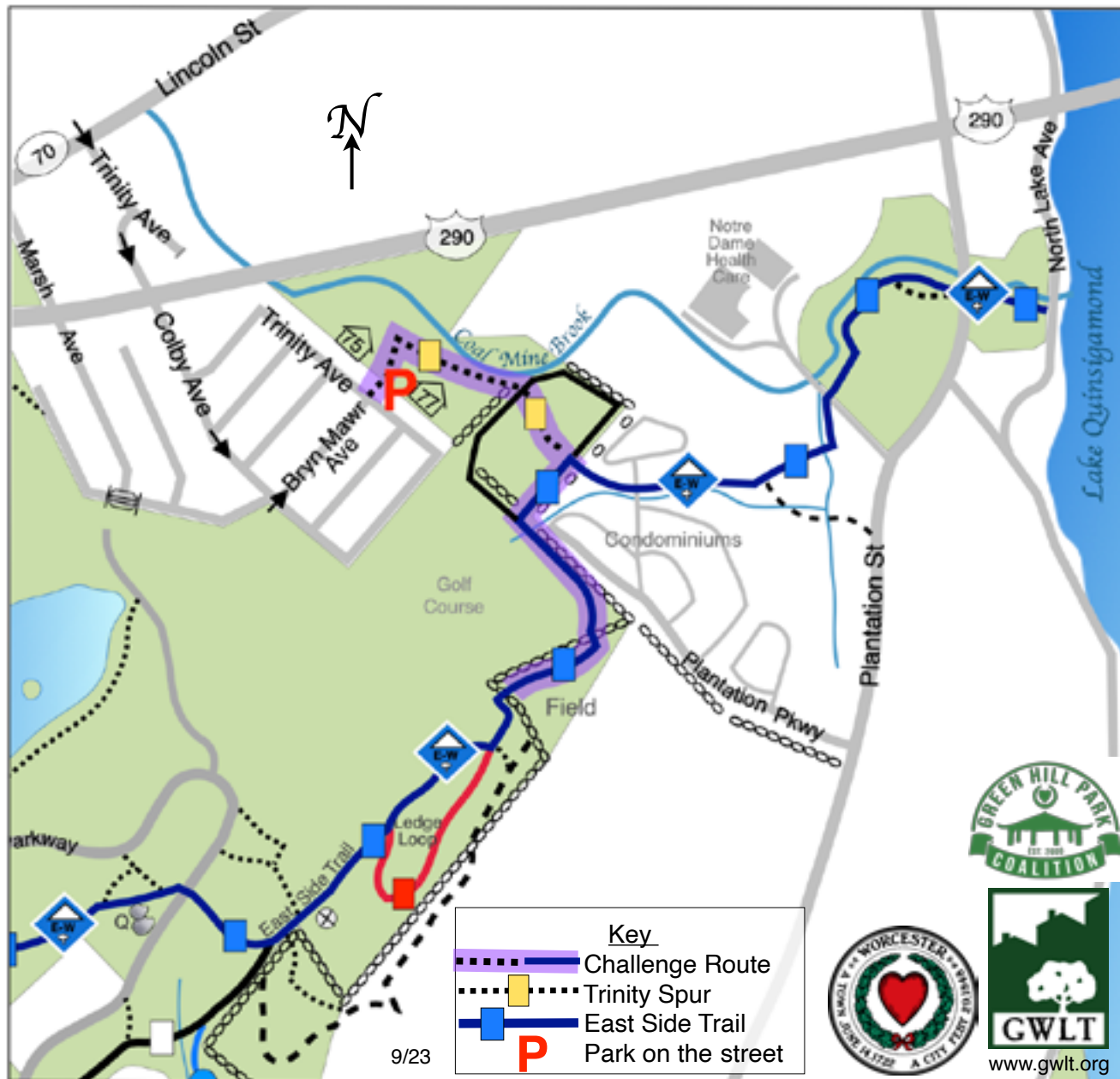
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Trinity Woods Spur East Side Trail Worcester





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Trinity Woods Spur

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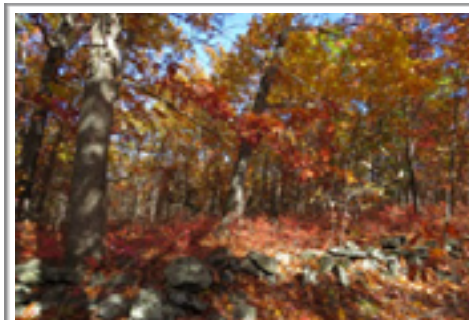
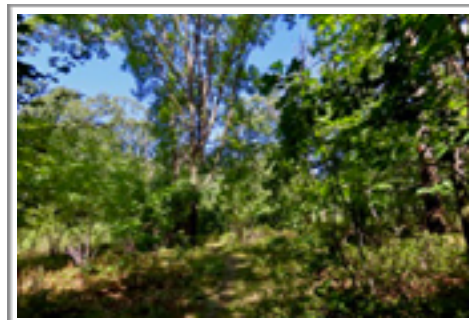
Challenge route: (highlighted in purple)

Trinity Woods Spur is a trail that connects to the East Side Trail. Park on Trinity Avenue near the intersection of Bryn Mawr Avenue. The trail begins in the open area between 75 and 77 Trinity Avenue. Follow the trail down through the woods to Coal Mine Brook. Continue on the Trinity Spur until the intersection with the East Side Trail. Turn right, SW, onto the East Side Trail. Cross the stream and continue up the hill. Follow this path crossing two stone walls, emerging at a large field. Cross the field stopping at a wall to complete the outward part of this hike. Re-trace your route back to Trinity Ave. Near the top of the last hill, check out the bicycle wheel that is imbedded in the tree.

Total length: 1.500 miles

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