

WARREN TOWNSHIP RECREATION TRAILS

INCLUDES TOWN-WIDE MAP FOR ALL OPEN SPACE LOCATIONS

SITE MAPS, INFORMATION

FOR:

CODINGTON WOODS
DEALAMAN - STRANSKY
EHLENS BROOK
GLENHURST - WAGNER
TOWN HALL CIRCLES



WELCOME, WARREN WALKERS!

- Respect neighbor's privacy.
- Walk daylight hours only.
- Stay on marked trails.
- NO alcohol, drugs, firearms, smoking, fires, or wheels.
- Protect all plant and animal life.
- Keep dogs leashed.
- Prepare for insects, sun and wet weather.
- Expect steep, wet, rocky and slippery areas.
- Walk at your own risk!
- Carry out all trash, yours & others.
- Warren ordinance 3-5.1, .2, .3

Questions?

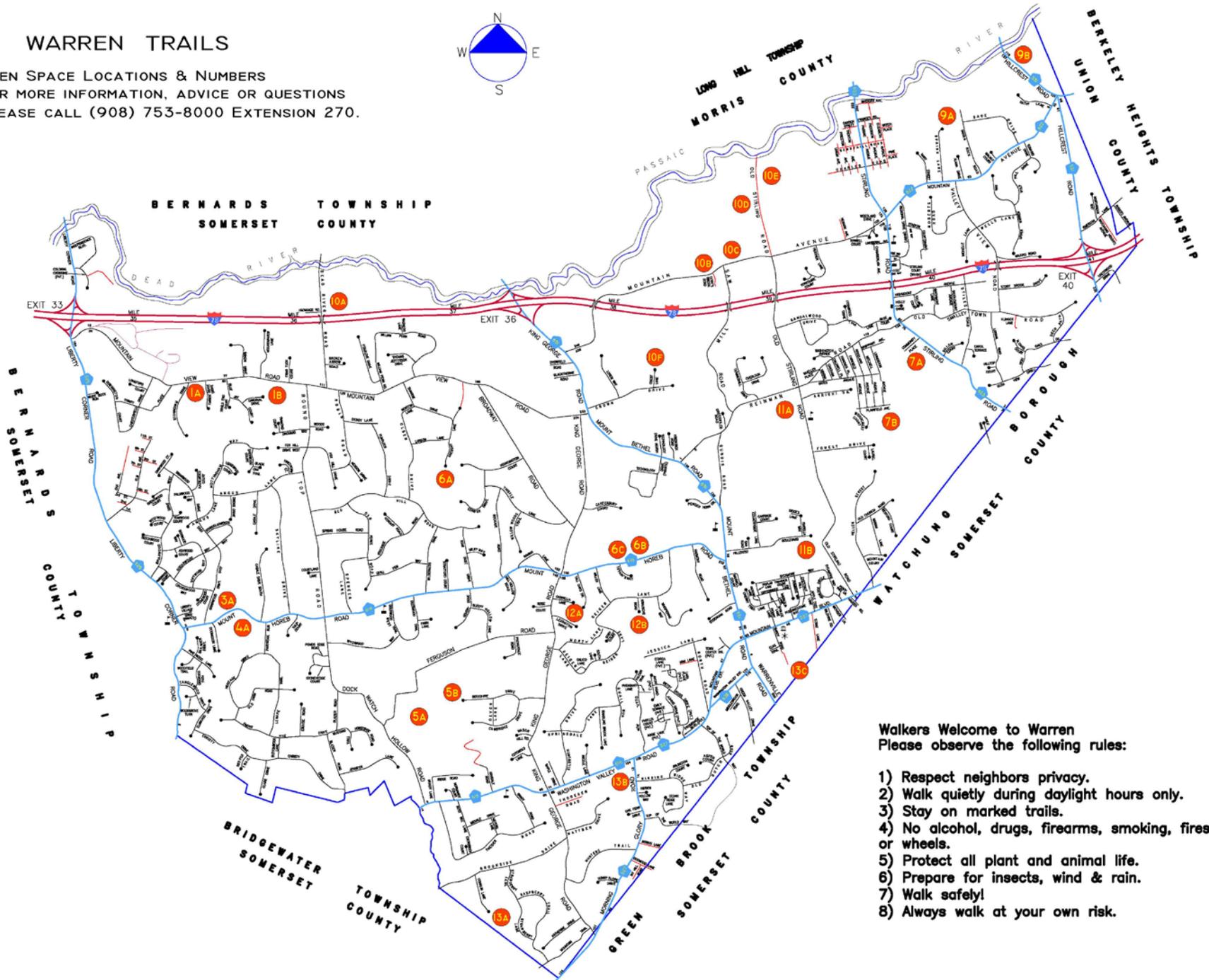
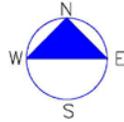
Advice?

Offer to help?

Call 908-753-8000 ext 270

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OPEN SPACE LOCATIONS & NUMBERS
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Walkers Welcome to Warren
Please observe the following rules:

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- 4) No alcohol, drugs, firearms, smoking, fires or wheels.
- 5) Protect all plant and animal life.
- 6) Prepare for insects, wind & rain.
- 7) Walk safely!
- 8) Always walk at your own risk.

WARREN OPEN SPACE SITE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1A **Ehlens Brook:** 70 Mountainview, 12 Timber Ridge, 11 Fox Hill W.:100% shaded,40 acres, linear along slopes and brooks, informal streamside paths.
- 1B **Round Top North:** 120 Mountainview, 20 acres, woods, No trails.
- 3A **Codington Woods:** 15 & 23 Mt. Horeb, 19 & 29 Casale Drs. 85% shaded, 50 acres, Old forest, pastures, orchards 1 ½ miles rough marked trails.
- 4A **Mt. Horeb Springs:** 24 Mt. Horeb, 20 acres, wooded, large pond, paths on 4 brooks.
- 5A **Dock Watch Hilltops:** 2-12 Ferguson, 28 Berkshire, 18 Dock Watch, 150 shaded acres: steep, rocky, winter views, brookside. County trails proposed.
- 5B **Ferguson Hillsides:** 28 Berkshire, 12 Providence, 28 Ferguson. Similar 20 acres, paths.
- 6A **Pound Brook:** 41 Gregory, 51-53 Red Hill. 45 acres, old hardwood forest, some slopes, 4 brooks, 1 ½ miles of existing streamside paths.
- 6B&C **Dealaman/Stransky:** 173 & 189 Mt. Horeb, 14 Canterbury, Powderhorn. 30 acres, 1 ½ miles level trails, brook & pond, woodlands, fields, marked trails.
- 7B **Gun Club Hilltop:** Stirling, Helen, Forest, (Private, proposed) No map or trails now.
- 9A **11 Alana Drive:** 30+ acres, informal pathways.
- 9B **Hillcrest Campground:** 9 Hillcrest, Stone ruins, wooded. (private) No map or trails.
- 10A **Dead River Lowlands:** 25, 26 Dead River Rd, Rte 78. Informal riverside pathways.
- 10B **Wagner Farm:** 201 Mountain Ave. 50 acres, 20% shaded, level trails in process.
- 10C **Glenhurst Meadows:** 185 Mountain Ave. 100+ acres, 10% shaded, 2 miles mowed – field paths, 5 ponds, river & Brookside marked trails, seasonal wet areas.
- 10D **Riverside Gardens:** Old Stirling ext, 94 Charles. 100+ shaded acres, many informal level muddy woodland & waterside trails not marked (Private areas)
- 10F **Sawmill Forest:** Off Sawmill Rd, Crest Dr, Crown Dr. 100+ acres, hardwood forest, steep slopes, Cory's brook rapids. Purchased in 2008; No trails or maps.
- 11A **East County Reserve:** (County); 18+ Dubois, 40 Reinman, 95+ Old Stirling Rd. 100+ acres, pastures, dirt roads, 3 ponds, grassy paths, wooded Brookside trails, some slopes.
- 11B **Old Church Rd:** 3-5 Maxwell, 31+, 55+ Sycamore, 43, 52 Old Stirling. 33' r.o.w.
- 12B **Harmony Hillsides:** 5 Krausche, Geiger, Jessica. Steep slopes, informal trails; No map.
- 13A **First Ridge Streams:** Strawberry Rd. Streamside trail right of way, wooded, sloped.
- 13B **Middle Brook Streamside:** 0-2, 116 Wash. Valley, 3 Winding Ridge, 12 Thoresen ---45, 46 King George (Proposed, partially private) No trails available.
- 13C **Town Hall Circles:** Hofheimer Woods, 46 Mountain Blvd., end Bardy Rd. Wooded –sloped trail, paved or gravel paths around buildings, ball fields, 1 mile.

Notes: Above locations do not include all easement trails, some proposed or small sites, conservation easements, playgrounds, or schools. All town & country public lands allow resident access subject to regulations. Road names & numbers above are access points. Site maps as noted above, available from Recreation Director; call 908-753-8000 ext. 270, or on the township website, or posted near trailheads. The Trails Committee welcomes new members to help plan, open, & manage the above sites. .DWP 6/12

CODINGTON WOODS

TRAIL NOTES

OPEN SPACE SITE 3A

Access: 15 and 23 Mt. Horeb, Casale North & South, Schindler Woods Roads.

Forty five hilltop wooded acres; a working farm and woodlot from before 1742 (when the adjoining historic farmstead was begun) until the 1960's when cultivation yielded to re-vegetation , in 2003 still occupied by descendents of the original Codington family. In 1998 Lora Codington (b.1910), avoided development pressures by selling the house, farmland, furnishings and equipment to Warren, to assure historic and natural preservation.

Rough and rocky blazed trails form two loops, together exploring the entire tract. The southern loop includes a fruit orchard of old but productive apple, pear, and cherry trees, two farm fields now overgrown with bushes and young trees, a large open grove of mature maples and oaks, and a former sheep pasture now colorful with dogwood, cedar and birch trees and flowering shrubs. The northern loop is dense with very large old hardwood groves and vines typical of a virgin piedmont forest. Throughout are rows of basalt rocks cleared from tillable farmlands, and occasional old iron farm machinery.

Trail Access points: Behind the homestead, at the hydrant by #23 Mt. Horeb Rd., and at cul de sacs named above. Parking is available near all points. Terrain is dry and shady. Wildlife: Turkey, Fox, Coyote, Deer (including albino strains) all smaller mammals and many bird and insect species. This tract provides the only tree cover for wildlife movement between second & third mountain ridges when combined with Mt. Horeb Springs tract.

HIKER HINTS: Most Warren trails are simply pleasant rambles in the woods. But if you are new to off-road hiking and want to prepare wisely, consider some of these ideas:

WHAT TO WEAR: Sturdy shoes, good treads, ankle support, long pants and sleeves, hat.

WHAT TO CARRY: Windbreaker or pocket poncho, gloves, phone, glasses, watch, ID, knife, trash bag, trail map, sun-block, bug spray, water, snack, camera, binoculars, guidebooks, walking stick.

HOW TO GO: Most trails are two-way loops returning you to your entry point or other trailheads. Follow marked, worn, or grassy pathways or white patches (blazes) on trees, stakes or rocks. Walk with someone or tell others your plans, routes and times. Move quietly; pause often; observe birds, flowers, animals, reptiles, trees, mushrooms, and insects. But take only pictures and leave only footprints.

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DEALAMAN – STRANSKY NATURE TRALS

Open space sites 6B and 6C

Road access at 173 and 189 Mt. Horeb Road with parking at each site. Trail access also at Powderhorn, Technology Dr, and Canterbury; Parking limited.

Together these sites provide 35 acres of level streamside terrain near Warren Center

The two tracts are now merged with trail loops joining both.

DEALAMAN POND

TRAIL NOTES

OPEN SPACE SITE 6B

Road access: Parking lot near 185 Mt. Horeb Rd. Trail access also from Powderhorn, Technology Drive, and Stransky Farm, site 6C.

A 25 acre woodlot, wetland and pond/picnic area, this tract was acquired by gift from the Mt. Bethel Corporate Center in the 1990's, named for George Dealaman, a long time Warren Public Servant and benefactor, enhanced with parking lot, wood-chipped trail loops, benches, and a restored dam holding a large shallow pond for fishing.

A half-mile trail loop winds through a young hardwood grove to older groves along Cory's brook, marsh and pond; a small open field surrounds the dam location. Nearness of buildings and narrow tract sections make this seem like the least "wild" trail area in town.

STRANSKY FARM

TRAIL NOTES

OPEN SPACE SITE 6C

173 Mt. Horeb, 14 Canterbury, trails from Dealaman Pond, Powderhorn, Technology.

A 21 Acre farm and woodlot purchased in 1998 from the Stransky family. The driveway leads to an informal parking area and small vacant dwelling. Behind this, the mowed trails loop around the large meadow in both open and shaded areas, connecting with blazed wooded trails along Cory's Brook, also around rear blackberry meadows and along a young maple woodlot connecting to Dealaman Pond Trails, site 6B. A wide variety of wildflowers, shrub and trees, aged and young line the level, generally smooth trails. A few large old farm equipment items add historical interest. A variety of species and settings, plus convenience and ease of walking, combine to make a popular outdoor retreat. Brookside or wooded trails are blazed, open land paths are mowed.

EHLENS BROOK

OPEN SPACE & TRAIL NOTES

SITE 1A

70 Mountainview, 12 Timber Ridge, end Nottingham, 11 Fox Hill West, 11 Hazelwood. A triangular 46 acres of old hardwood forest valley containing 5 brooks, steep hillsides abutting large wooded home sites built in 70s & 80s, and 2 large detention basins, which add 30 more acres of public land to south. Conservation easements abutting, add more wild space. Terrain is shady, open under story, wet near brooks, scenic rock outcrops. Lofty hardwood forests throughout. Deer have eliminated brush and plants. Features include natural beauty throughout and water amenities along all trails. Trail status in 2005 – existing streamside pathways, not planned, marked or cleared. Surface is rocky, rooted, many stopovers. Following streams is the easiest traverse.

History: Town acquired Boy Scout campsite by tax lien and remainder by lot averaging of several subdivisions behind roads listed above. Initial plans for large upland wilderness yielded to mandated affordable housing provision to south..

Walk suggestions: Follow brooks to south, then southeast to Fox Hill Bridge and back, or continue south along Ehlers Brook to Greenwood detention basins and back. Avoid main brook to the southwest, which crosses private land. Be quiet and respectful of nearby private dwellings; irregular tract shape brings hikers near rear yards.

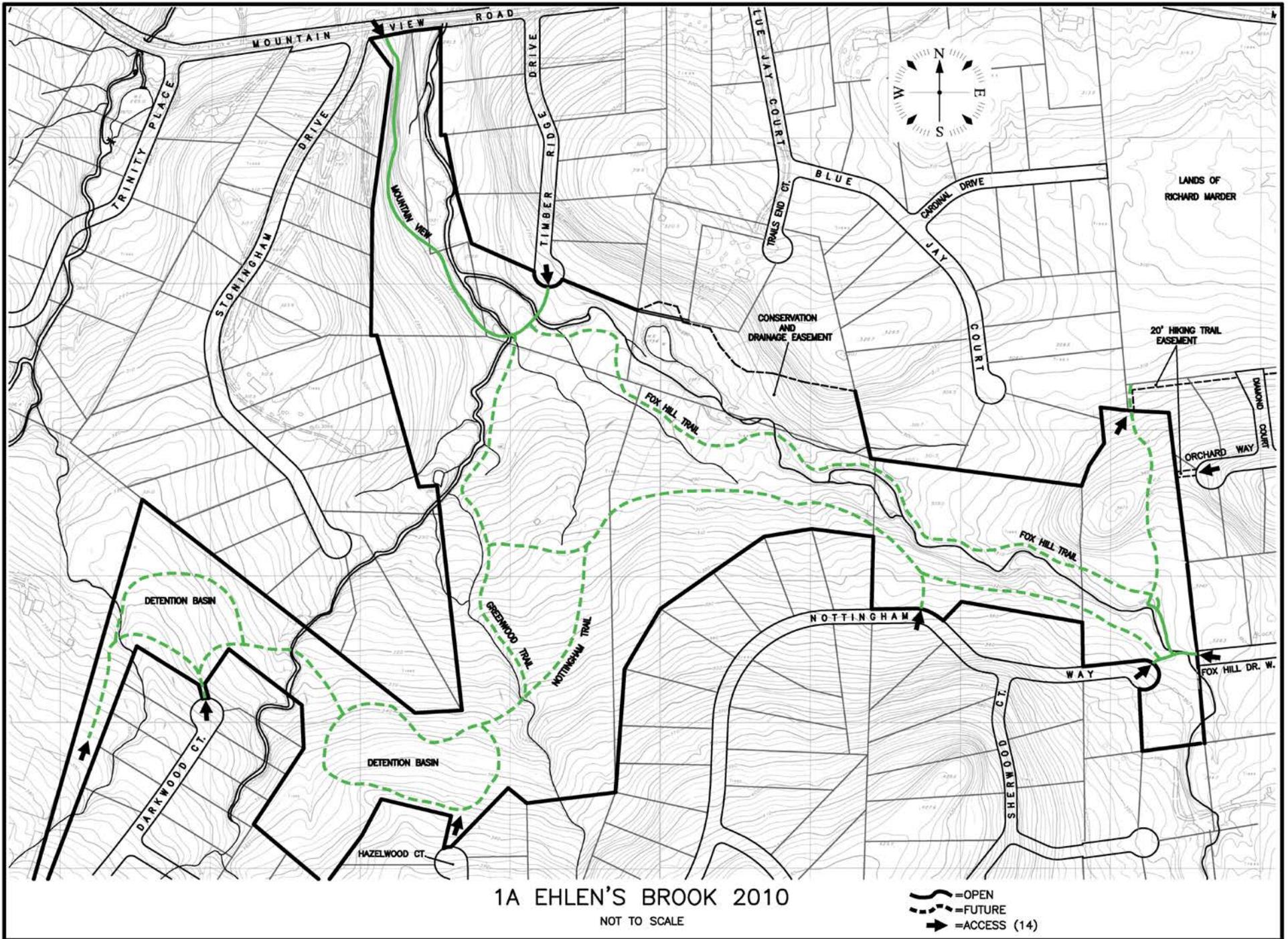
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GLENHURST – WAGNER OPEN SPACE COMPLEX 2010

GLENHURST MEADOWS

TRAIL NOTES OPEN SPACE SITE 10C

Access: Mountain Avenue at Cory's Brook. Trails from Wagners Farm, canoe from river. Over 100 acres of Passaic River floodplain and uplands, formerly farmland, pasture, golf course and riverside wetlands compensation (ponds) area. Acquired in 1980 at no cost, through density modification and gift. County acreage to Old Stirling Rd. (see below).

Extensive wildflower meadows among old oak groves and other hardwood stands along the Passaic River. In 2004, about 50 acres were added to the east, mostly woodlands along former Old Stirling Road extension with informal trail access. Parking on the cul de sac off of Mountain Avenue. Also by Wagner Farms trails and Old Stirling Road extension paths.

Over two miles of mostly level, moved trails loop along all edges, across central meadow sections, around two large open ponds and along the berms at the river edges. Short blazed side trails access 3 small woodland ponds and three steel bridges over Cory's Brook. Some trails cross small wetland areas and are subject to river flooding and rain-ponding at times. Trails may become rutted and uneven as wet and dry seasons alternate. Small plank bridges are planned next. Brambles grow quickly over meadow trail edges; carry hand clippers!

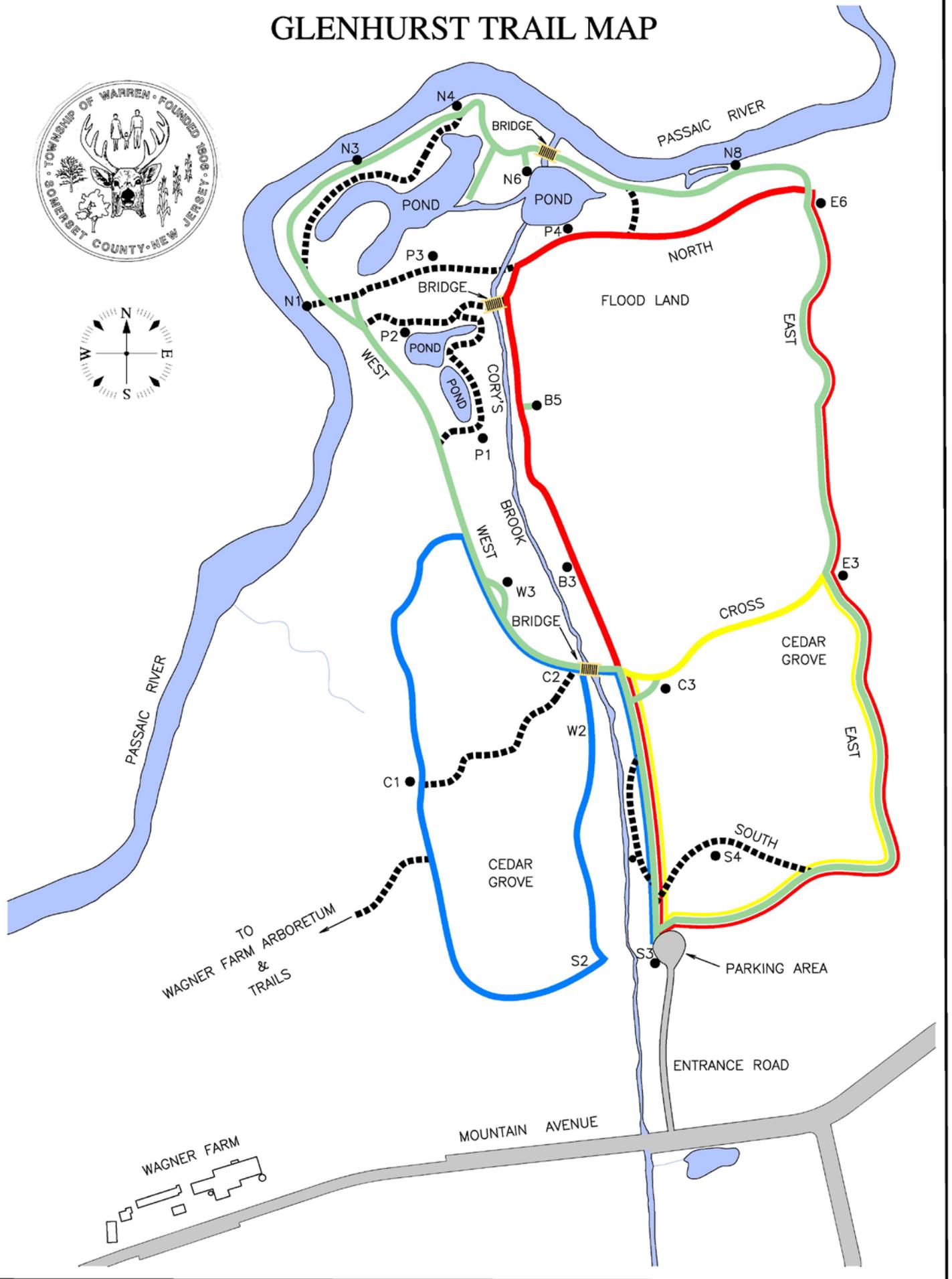
This is the largest complex of open space areas owned solely by Warren and is popular for bird-watching, nature study, photography and extensive hiking activities.

Wagner Farm

TRAIL NOTES OPEN SPACE SITE 10B

Access: 197 Mountain Avenue or Glenhurst trails from the West. 50 acres, 20% shaded, trails mostly grassy, level, at times muddy in the old hardwood groves along the river. A working dairy farm until purchased by Warren in the 1990's, buildings are now used by Warren; up-land is being developed as community gardens, arboretum & learning center, maze, memorial park, children's activity site, picnic area, all near Mountain Avenue. Trails enter flood plain or wetland areas along the Passaic River and connect to Glenhurst trails at 3 locations. Enter trails between barns and gardens, or from Glenhurst trails. Use Glenhurst – Wagner trail map.

GLENHURST TRAIL MAP



MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

TRAIL NOTES

OPEN SPACE SITE 13C

TOWN HALL CIRCLES

Two improved walkways opened in 2006 surrounding the Municipal Complex:

The **TOWN HALL CIRCLES** encloses the building complex on this site, and is mostly paved. From the library parking area the walk follow the edge of the play area and along the brook, around the rescue squad building and across Bardy road up to the traffic light, then crosses the front lawn, on grass, back to the start. Wheelchairs may use the front parking area to complete the circle on pavement.

The **BALLFIELD CIRCLE** is a similar loop, connected by either of two bridges over the brook, to the Town Hall Circle. The path surrounds the five southerly baseball fields along the wooded edges of this tract, crossing 3 driveways, passing the Hofheimer Woods Trailhead and the public works complex, keeping in or next to wooded areas throughout. Most of this trail may not be paved, but cleared & smoothed for easy access.

HOFHEIMER WOODS OPEN SPACE SITE 13D

The 15 acre rectangle sloping up into Greenbrook and toward the golf course is totally wooded. The mostly smooth trail winds around the Hofheimer Mausoleum tract in its center and is part of the 1956 town purchase of the estate as the government center for Warren; in 1957 our new high school improved it for a cross country running course, still one of its uses.

Enter at any of 3 points; Behind the scoreboard at ballfield M2, above the ballfield parking lot on the mausoleum access lane; or the end of Bardy Road at the DPW complex gate. For those not used to trail walking or remote sites, this is an ideal introduction.

ENJOY TWO TYPES OF TRAILS

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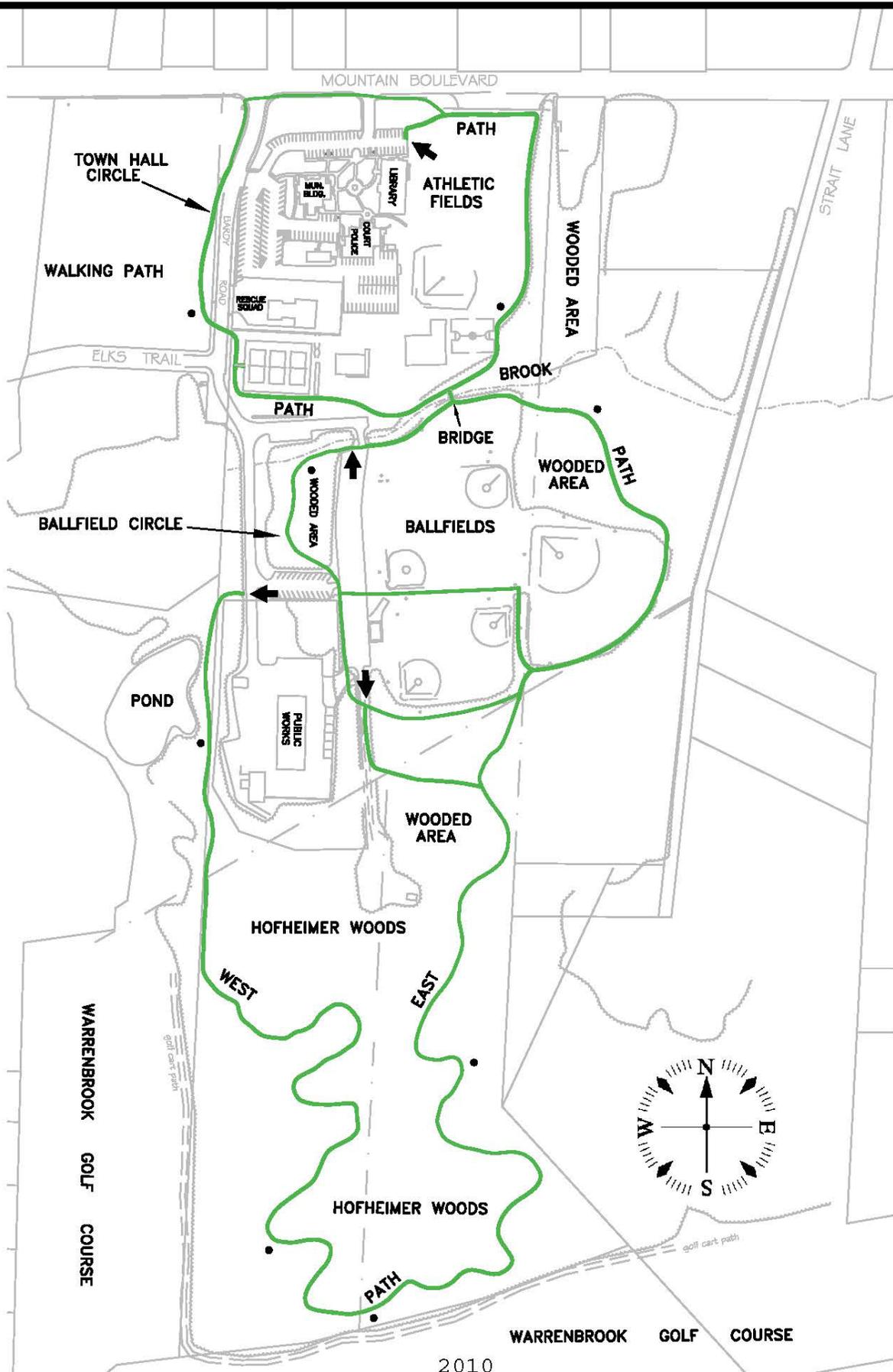
SHADY

CATEGORIES:

FIELDS	TERRAINS	WOODS
GRASS	SURFACES	LEAF LITTER
MOW MONTHLY	MAINTENANCE	CLIP ANNUALLY
5 TO 10 FEET	WIDTHS	2 TO 4 FEET
ALL WHEELS	PASSAGE	FEET ONLY
PUDDLES	WHEN WET	WET LEAVES
PIPES UNDER	DRAINAGE	PLANKS OVER
LANDSCAPES, FLOWERS	VIEWS	FOLIAGE, WATERWAYS
WINDY, WARM TO HOT	CLIMATES	COOL, PROTECTED
SERVICE ROADS	OTHER USES	PRIVACY, VARIETY
SPARROWS, HAWKS	BIRDS	WARBLERS, WADERS

HOW SITES VARY

80%	GLENHURST	20%
70%	WAGNER	30%
10%	DEALAMAN	90%
40%	STRANSKY	60%
10%	CODINGTON	90%
5%	EHLENS BROOK	95%



13C MUNICIPAL COMPLEX EXISTING TRAILS

2010

NOT TO SCALE

- ← ACCESS
- BENCH

WILDLIFE IN WARREN (Numbers = subspecies)

INVERTEBRATES: Many species of mites, bugs, snails, worms, insects, spiders, beetles, dragonflies, crickets, grasshoppers, flies, ants, bees, wasps, butterflies.

FISHES: Carp, eel, minnow, sucker, catfish, trout, sunfish, bluegill, bass, perch

REPTILES: Snakes; green, brown, ribbon, garter, milk, ring-necked, water

AMPHIBIANS: Salamanders 4, newts 2, toads 4, frogs 3, turtles 5 (Write for species name)

MAMMALS: Possum, shrew, bat, raccoon, skunk, coyote, red fox, woodchuck, chipmunk, vole, mole, squirrels, red, gray, flying; mouse, rabbit, deer

BIRDS: Geese, Canada, snow; herons, blue, green, great egret; ducks, mallard, wood, black, teal, pintail, merganser; woodcock, turkey, pheasant, hawks; sharp-shinned, broad-winged, cooper's, red-tailed, red-shouldered, kestrel; eagle, osprey, vulture; owls, screech, horned, snowy, barn; sandpiper, yellow-legs, mourning dove, cuckoos, black & yellow billed; hummingbird. Woodpeckers, red-bellied hairy, downy, pileated; flicker, flycatcher, sapsucker, phoebe, pewee, swallows, barn, tree; crow, blue jay, chickadee, titmouse, nuthatch, catbird, mockingbird, robin, thrushes, hermit, wood, Swainsons; veery, vireo, ovenbird, blackbird, cowbird, grackle, startling. Warblers, parula, black-throated green & blue, black & white, yellow-rumped, redstart, blue-winged, yellow, yellowthroat, Connecticut, bay-breasted, Tennessee, Nashville, palm; Orioles, summer and northern; junco, cardinal, finches, house, purple, gold; indigo bunting, grosbeaks, rose breasted, evening; towhee, tanagers, summer and scarlet; blackpoll, Sparrows, white-throated, white-crowned, chipping, tree, fox, song, clay-colored, field, Savannah, Lincolns, swamp, house, English. (This list will be updated as new species are reported)

PLANT LIFE IN WARREN seen on trails since 1998. (Numbers = subspecies)

SPORIFERS: 13 mushrooms, 6 lichens, 6 mosses, 14 ferns

CONIFER TREES: Cedar, juniper, hemlock, 4 pines, yew, larch, 5 spruces

BROADLEAD TREES & SHRUBS: Beech, 2 chestnuts, 6 oaks, 4 birches, 2 elms, hornbeam, 4 dogwoods, tupelo, holly, sassafras, linden, 2 poplar, ash, 4 maples, mulberry, 2 locust, ailanthus, hawthorn, crabapple, apple, plum, 2 cherries, sycamore, 2 aspen, 2 hickories, 2 aspens, 2 willows, 3 sumacs, alder, 2 laurels, 2 azaleas, 2 blueberries, winterberry, elderberry, spicebush, 4 vibernums, buttonbush, 3 bayberry, pussy willow, witch hazel, persimmon, walnut, lilac, Russian olive.

WILDFLOWERS: Arrowhead, skunk cabbage, sweetflag, 2 arums, ragweed, jack-in-the-pulpit, snakeroot, 2 yarrows, mugwort, 6 asters, bur marigold, Chicory, 2 thistles, horseweed, 2 fleabanes, 3 hawkweeds, Joe-pye weed, coreopsis, boneset, tansy, 2 dandelions, burdock, 2 daisies, black-eyed Susan, pearly everlasting, 2 ragworts, 5 goldenrods, sow-thistle, ironweed, coltsfoot, goatsbeard, bellflower, harebell, cardinal flower, blue lobelia, wild ginger, bittersweet, bladderwort, knotweed, smartweed, sheep sorrel curly dock, bur-reed, baneberry, 2 anemone, columbine, marsh marigold, goldthread, hepatica, 2 buttercups, meadow rue, water hemlock, queen Anne's lace-water parsnip, golden Alexanders, poison ivy, cattail, dogbane periwinkle, duckweed, fireweed, evening primrose, viper's bugloss, forget me not, 2 gentians, wild geranium, ginseng, lamb's quarters, woodbine, wild cucumber, wild grape, wild rice, phragmites, greenbrier, shinleaf, 2 wintergreens, pipsissewa, Indian-pipe, bearberry, 2 honeysuckles, blue flag, yellow iris, blue-eyed grass, trout lily, day lily, Canada mayflower, wood lily, 2 Solomon's seals, 3 trilliums, bluets, 3 loosestrifes, partridgeberry, 2 mallows, meadow beauty, 3 milkweeds, polygala, wild basil, gill-over-the-ground, henbit, wild mint, bergamot, heal-all, marsh skullcap, hedge bindweed, winter cerss, dame's rocket, phlox, peppergrass, watercress, 3 nettles, jimson, vetch, 2 trefoils, alfalfa, 5 clovers, pickerelweed, Deptford pink, ragged robin, bouncing Bet, 2 champions, chickweed, pitcher plant, 2 plantains, pokeweed, celandine, bloodroot, swamp candles, starflower, spring beauty, cinquefoil, wild strawberry, toadflax, meadowsweet, steeplebush, St. Johnswort, butter-and-eggs, monkeyflower, mullein, speedwell, spiderwort, teasel, jewelweed, vervain, 5 violets, 2 pond lilies, 2 sorrels, wisteria, 2 honeysuckles. (Per DWP, 9/06)

Ref: Audubon's Field Guide to New England, Alden and Cassie, Knopf, 2005.