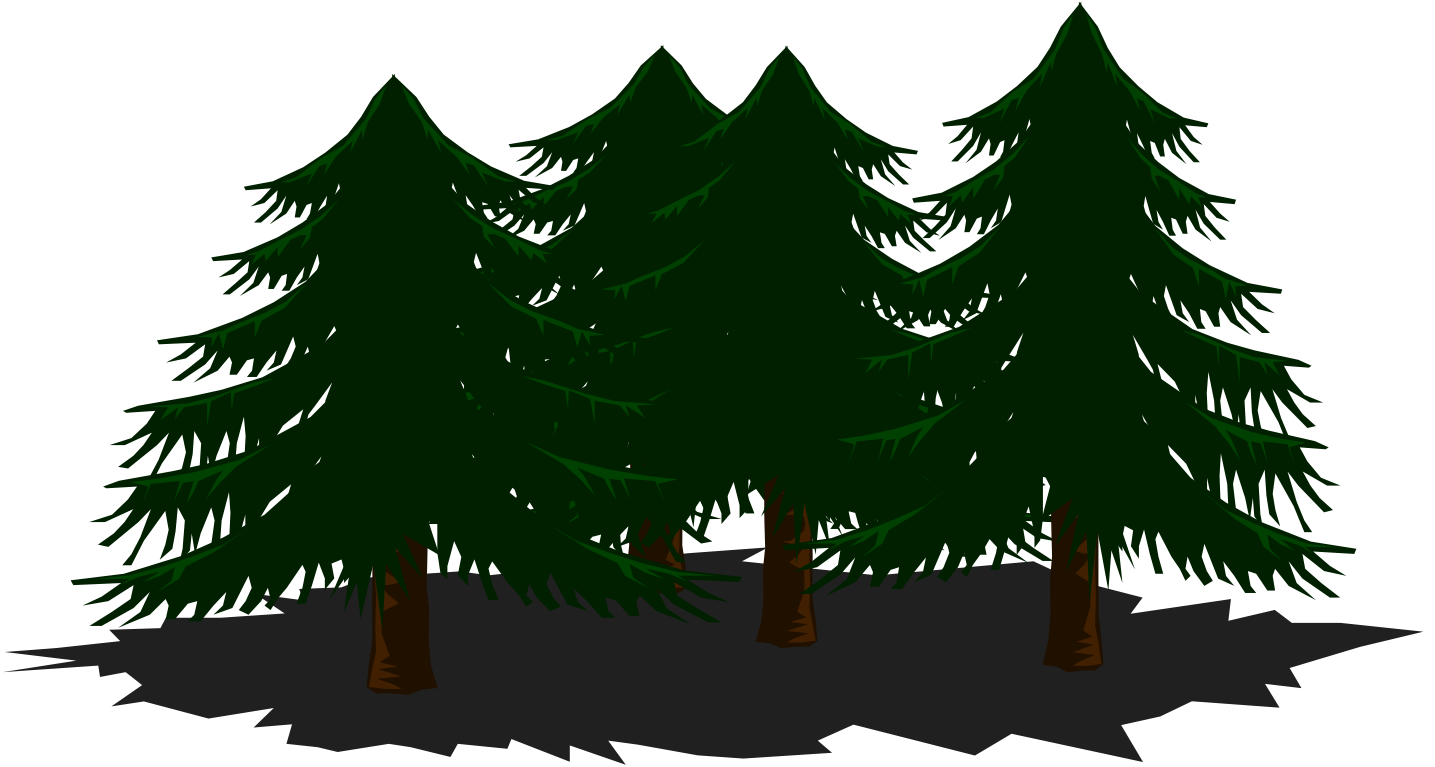


# ST LAWRENCE COUNTY



# REVISED TRAIL GUIDE

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## **LIST OF TRAILS BY TYPE**

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Trout Lake State Forest

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## **TRAILS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY**

Aldrich Pond Wild Forest

Brasher State Forest

Brown's Bridge-Postwood Park

Carry Falls Reservoir

Clear Pond Trails

Glenmeal State Forest

Grass River Wild Forest

Greenwood Creek State Forest

Indian Creek Nature Center

Plumb Brook Trail - Not Available

Riverhill Trail

Riverside Trail

Stone Valley Trail

Trout Brook Trail

Troutlake Trail

Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area

Wolf Lake State Forest

Yellow Lake Trail

## **WILSON HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

### **Cross-country Ski Trail and Nature Trail**

The Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area is located in the Town of Louisville near the St Lawrence River. The trail has a distance of 1.6 miles.

The trail may be entered from a parking area located off to the left of the Wilson Hill Road. The trail heads westerly and ends on the end of the Wilson Hill road just behind the DEC storage buildings. The hiker may either have a vehicle waiting at the end of the trail near the DEC buildings or turn around and head back to the parking lot. This trail is great during the winter as a cross-country ski trail or can be used during the summer as a nature trail.

### **Directions**

To get to the Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area take New York State Route 37 toward Louisville, which is between Waddington and Massena. Turn north onto New York State Route 131 and follow that road until you come to the Wilson Hill road. Make a left onto the Wilson Hill road and follow it across the bridge until you see the parking area on the left.



# Wilson Hill Wildlife Management Area



## **BRASHER FALLS TRAIL SYSTEM**

### Snowmobile, Ski Trails

The Brasher Falls Trail System is 57 miles in length and is located in the Town of Brasher. It lies primarily on Brasher State forest managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The snowmobile trail system may be entered at several different locations. The first location is on the Meyers road off Brasher Center road (county route 53) just north of Brasher Center. Another entrance is at the easterly end of Meyers road at County Route 55. A third entrance is on the McCarthy road.

To the east of the Deer River another snowmobile trail system can be entered via county road 55. Both systems have a series of interconnecting trails, which give the rider a wide selection of loop lengths from which to choose.

The ski trail goes from the Bush Road southerly through the Brasher State Forest to County Road 50.

### **Directions**

The system can be reached from County Roads 50, 53 and 55 north of Brasher Falls.



## **RIVER HILL TRAIL**

### **Cross-Country Ski Trail**

The River Hill Ski Trail is located in the Town of Stockholm on the Southville State Forest. The trail's total distance is 2.3 miles and is for novice to moderate skier.

The trail begins on the Southville-West Stockholm Road. There are two possible entrances, both located on the southwestern side of the road. The trail loops from one entrance to the other making a pass by the west branch of the St. Regis River and following it for about .5 miles.

### **Directions**

To find the River Hill Trail follow the Southville-West Stockholm Road northwest from New York State Route 11B about 5 miles northeast of Potsdam.



# RIVER HILL TRAIL

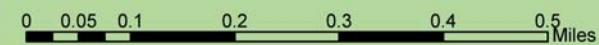
## Legend

- Trail
- State Forest Land Boundary
- Trailhead
- Parking Area

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## **TROUT BROOK TRAIL**

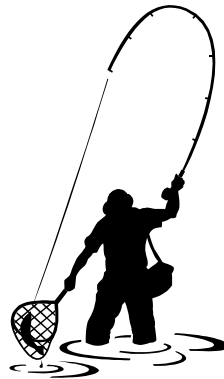
### Fishing Access Trail

The Trout Brook Trail is located in the Town of Stockholm in an area known as County Forest #25. The 0.2-miles long trail provides easy access to a popular fishing spot that is regularly stocked by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

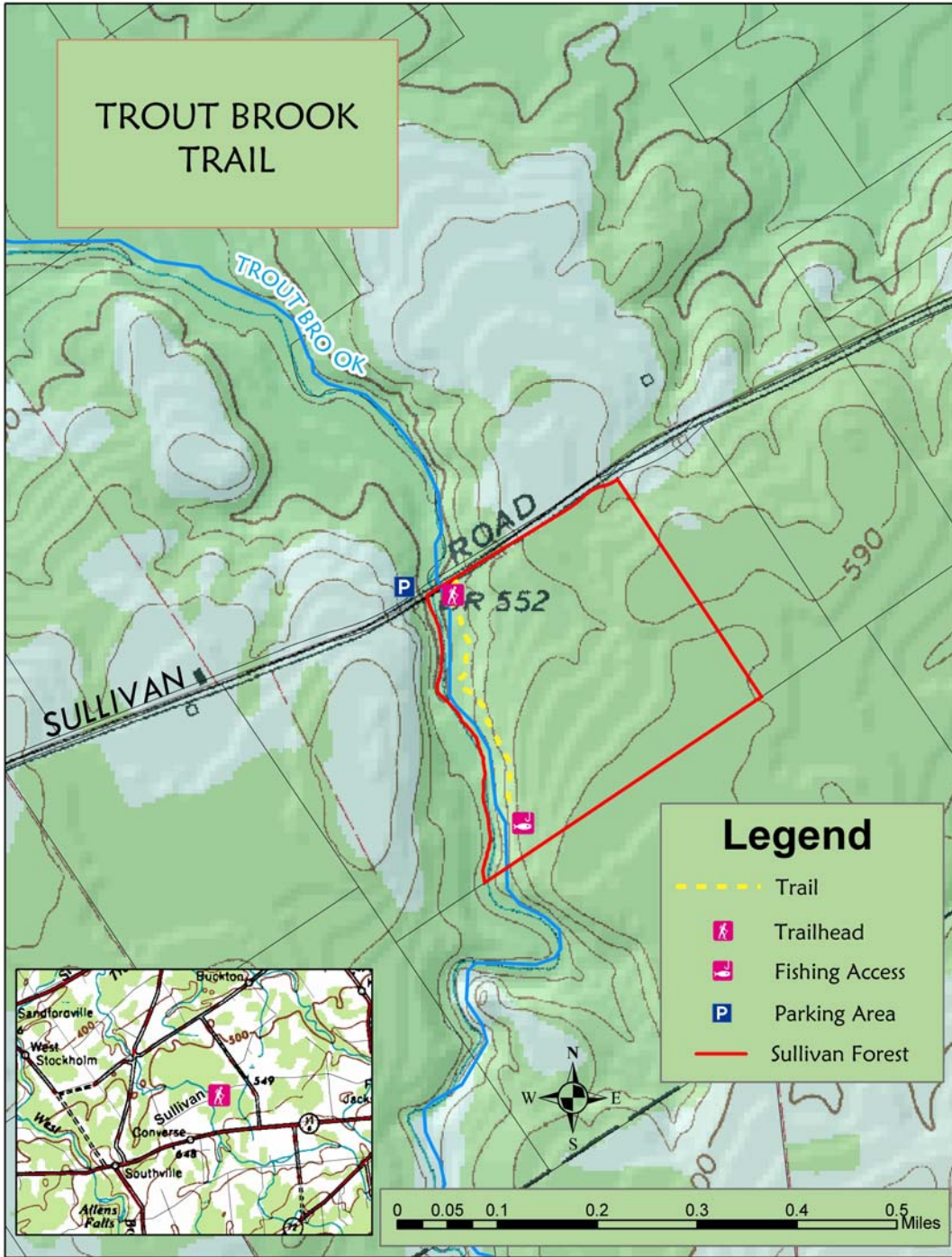
The trail runs along the east bank of Trout Brook. Starting at the bridge on the Sullivan road, the trail proceeds south for 0.2 miles and dead ends. The Youth Conservation Corps constructed the trail in 1980. The Corps has maintained it since.

### **Directions**

The trail is located by taking Route 11B eastward from Potsdam to Hopkinton. Take a left onto the McIntyre Road until you cross Sullivan Road on the right. Turning onto Sullivan road you head toward Beechertown. You will find the trail on the East Side of the Trout Brook.



# TROUT BROOK TRAIL



## Legend

- Trail
- Trailhead
- Fishing Access
- Parking Area
- Sullivan Forest

## **BROWNS BRIDGE-POSTWOOD PARK TRAILS**

Cross-Country Ski, Snow-shoeing, and Foot Trails

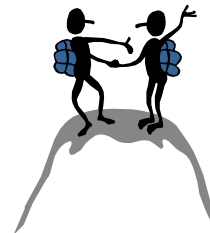
The Browns Bridge-Postwood Park Trail is located in the Towns of Pierrepont and Parrishville. The trails run across County Forests #30, 32 and 35. The total distance of the trails is 5.7 miles. The trails are designed to accommodate all levels of skiers from novice to expert.

The main trail starts at the parking lot of Postwood Park and is comprised of two loops. The first and smaller loop is located on the west side of the River road. It runs for a distance of 1.6 miles. The larger loop is located on the East side of the River Road and runs for an approximate distance of 4.1 miles. This section of the trail crosses the River road at two locations and is more popular with better skiers because of the longer distance.

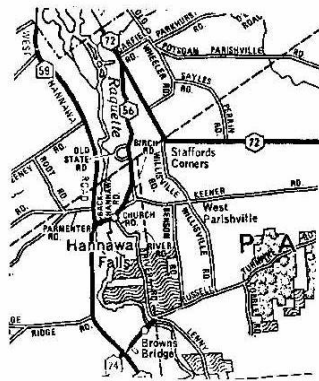
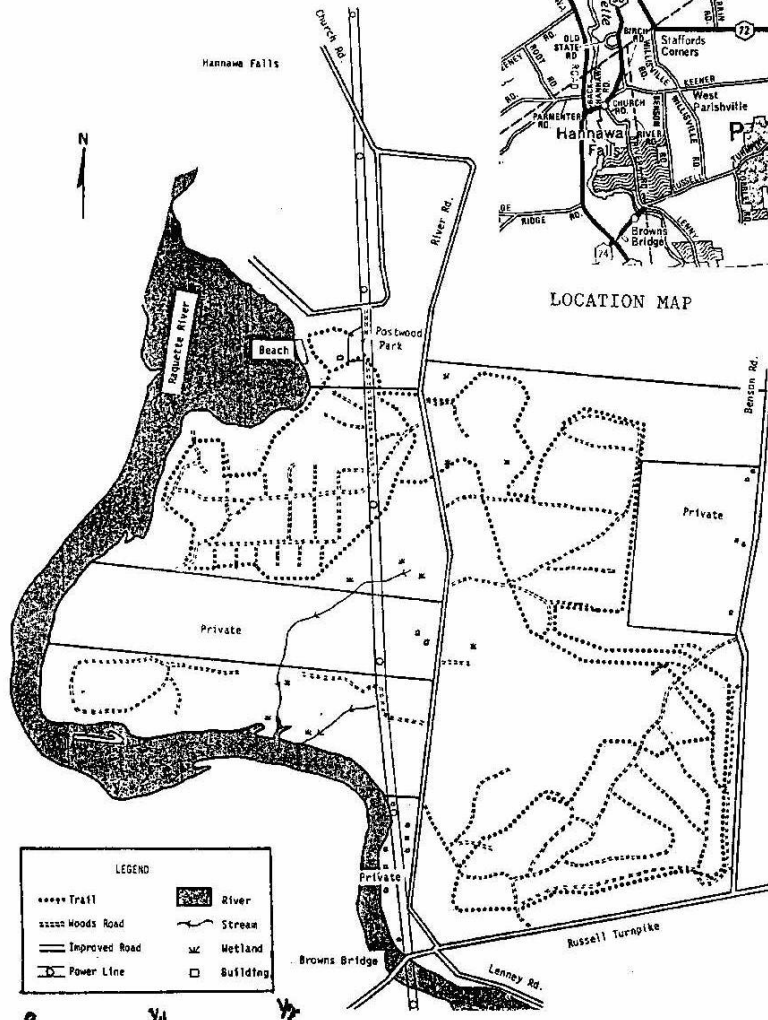
The numerous woods roads also provide a great opportunity for foot and recreational vehicle travel. These are not marked with signs but they are there to be used with care.

### **Directions**

The park is located 4 miles south of Potsdam near Hannawa Falls just off New York State Route 56.

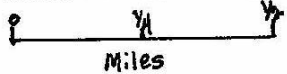


BROWNS BRIDGE -  
POSTWOOD PARK  
TRAILS



LOCATION MAP

LEGEND	
..... Trail	River
~~~~~ Woods Road	Stream
==== Improved Road	Metland
--- Power Line	Building



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## **INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER**

### Nature Trails and Ski Trails

The Indian Creek Nature Center is located in the Town of Canton. It exists on the Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area, which is managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

There are several different trails at this location. One trail begins at the parking area and runs southwesterly to an observation tower and a bird blind overlooking the refuge.

The construction of a boardwalk to make the Nature trail handicapped accessible began in 1989 by the Canton crew of the Youth Conservation Corps. The following summer, all six of the St Lawrence County Youth Conservation Corp crews aided in the construction of the boardwalk facility. The project was finally completed during the 1991 summer session of the YCC by the Canton crew. This crew also aided the Indian Creek Nature Center Association in the placement and construction of a learning center on the center's grounds.

### **Directions**

Taking State Road 68 out of Canton towards Ogdensburg finds the Indian Creek Nature Center. On the left, approximately 4 miles outside Canton, take County Route 14 towards Rensselaer Falls. The entrance to the Center will be on the left-hand side of route 14.



## **RIVERSIDE TRAIL**

### Foot Trail and Fishing Access

The Riverside trail is located in the Town of Hopkinton in County Forest #34. The trail is a distance of 1.4 miles.

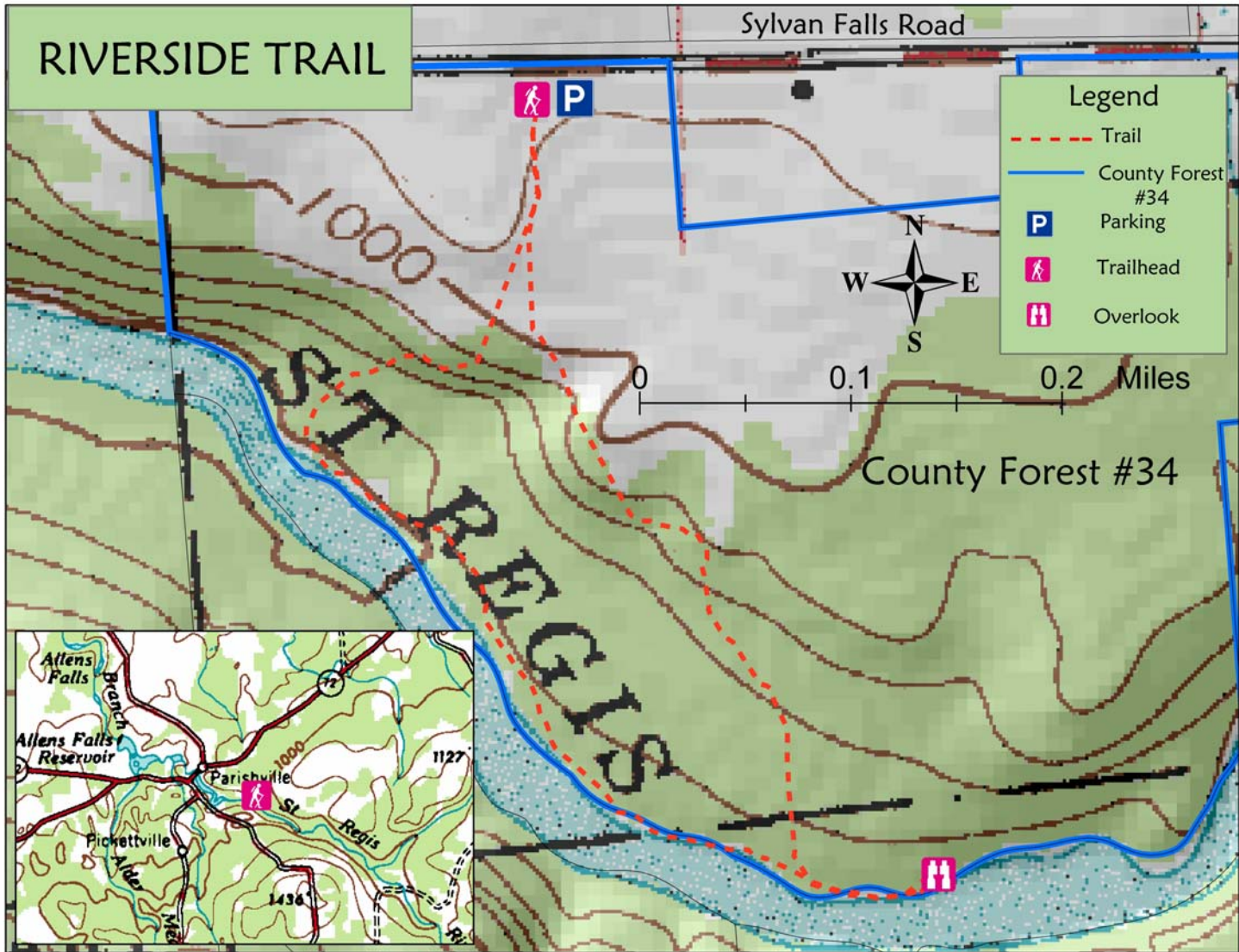
After leaving the roadside it passes first through a stand of white pine then forks and the terrain becomes steep as it winds through a natural stand of hardwood and hemlock. Either trail may be taken. It ends with many scenic views of the west branch of the St Regis River along the way.

The Youth Conservation Corps constructed the trail in 1981. The Corps provides yearly maintenance.

### **Directions**

This trail starts at the Sylvan Falls road, 2 miles south of Parishville. To gain access to the trail follow the Sylvan Falls Road southward for two miles. The trail entrance will be on the right.





## **STONE VALLEY: A COOPERATIVE RECREATIONAL AREA**

### **FOOT TRAIL**

The Stone Valley hiking trail is located in the town of Colton. This trail crosses Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation land and St Lawrence County Forests # 19, 26, 27, 28 and 33. The trail system covers approximately 9.7 miles, which offers a variety of rewarding experiences for hikers.

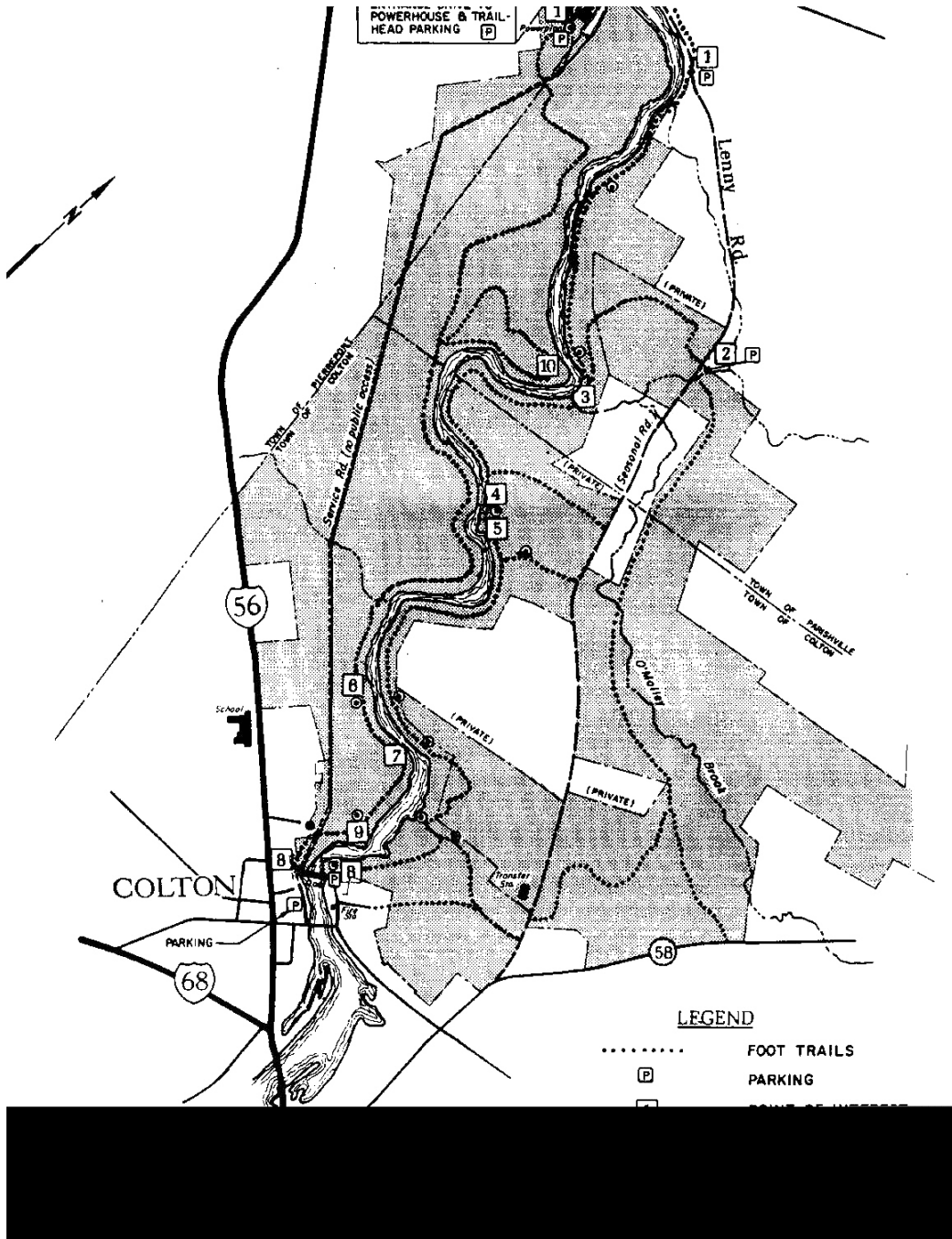
The trail can be entered at several locations. The first two are close to each other as they border either side of the Raquette River. Both trails follow the river and eventually link via a bridge near Colton. Each side runs approximately 3.2 miles.

The trail on the East Side of the Raquette River has four trails that connect to the Lenny Road. Two of these form a loop, which crosses the Lenny Road and runs near O'Malley Brook. This loop can also be accessed from county road 58 near the brook. Two trails break off of the main trail and head easterly until they connect to the Lenny Road where they end.

### **Directions**

To get to the Stone Valley Trails, take New York State Route 56 northwest from Colton toward Potsdam. Turn right on the Browns Bridge Road and continue until you reach either trail entrance on the right.





## **HIGH FLATS STATE FOREST**

### **Cross-Country Ski Trail**

The High Flats State Forest is located in the Town of Colton. The trail is recommended for moderate to expert skiers.

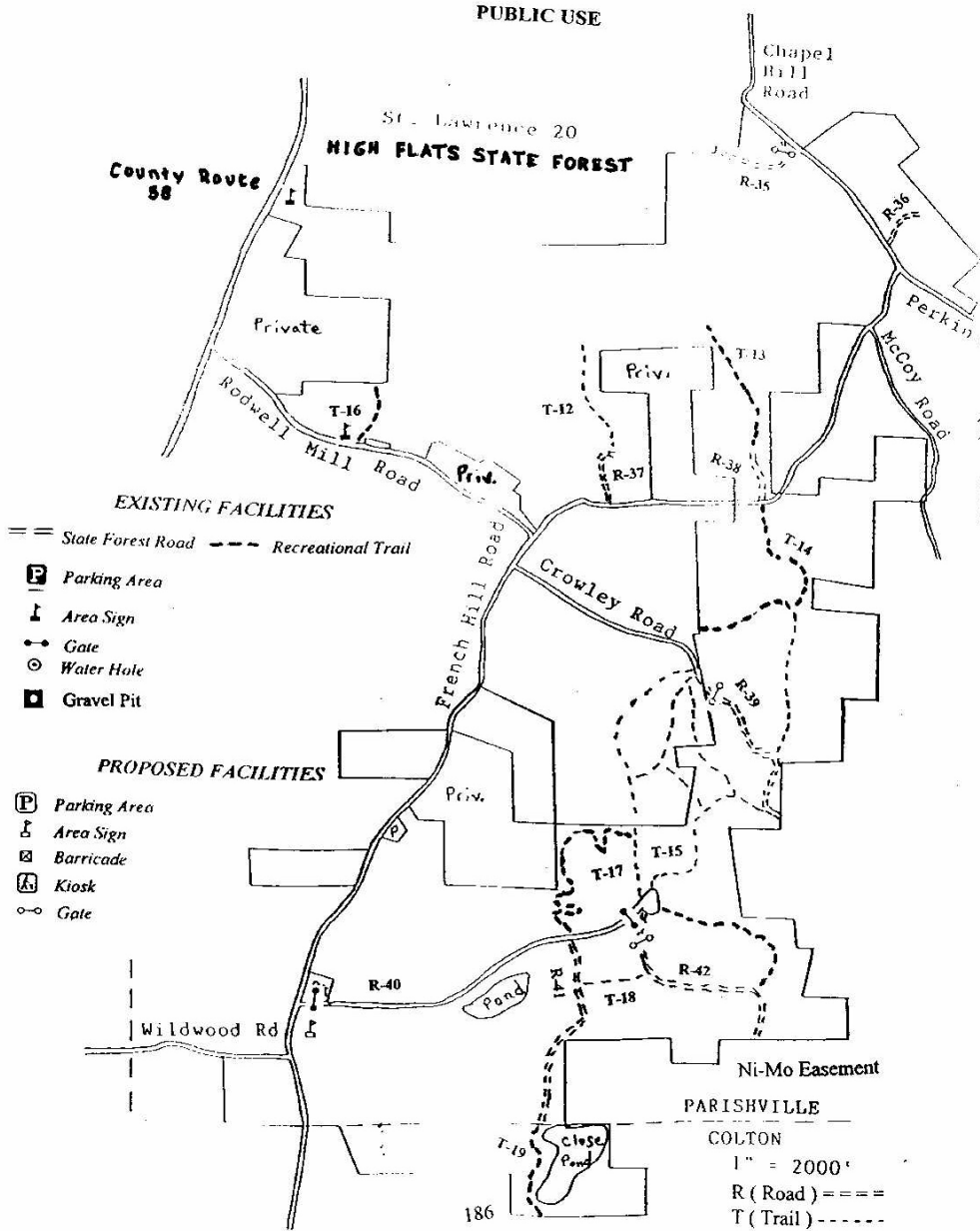
The trailhead is located on Crowley Road. The trail continues for approximately half a mile until it turns in several directions.

### **Directions**

Starting in the Village of Colton, cross the Raquette River and travel approximately 3.5 miles on the Colton-Parishville Road (county route 58). Turn right (southeast) on Rodwell Mill Road. There is a short left-hand turn, which will lead to Crowley Road. The Nordic ski trail continues into the State forest directly ahead.



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## **CLEAR POND TRAIL**

### Foot Trails and Snowmobile Trail

The Clear Pond Trail system is located in the town of Parishville. There are 7.1 miles of trails on State Forest Preserve land.

#### **Clear Pond to Long Pond Trail**

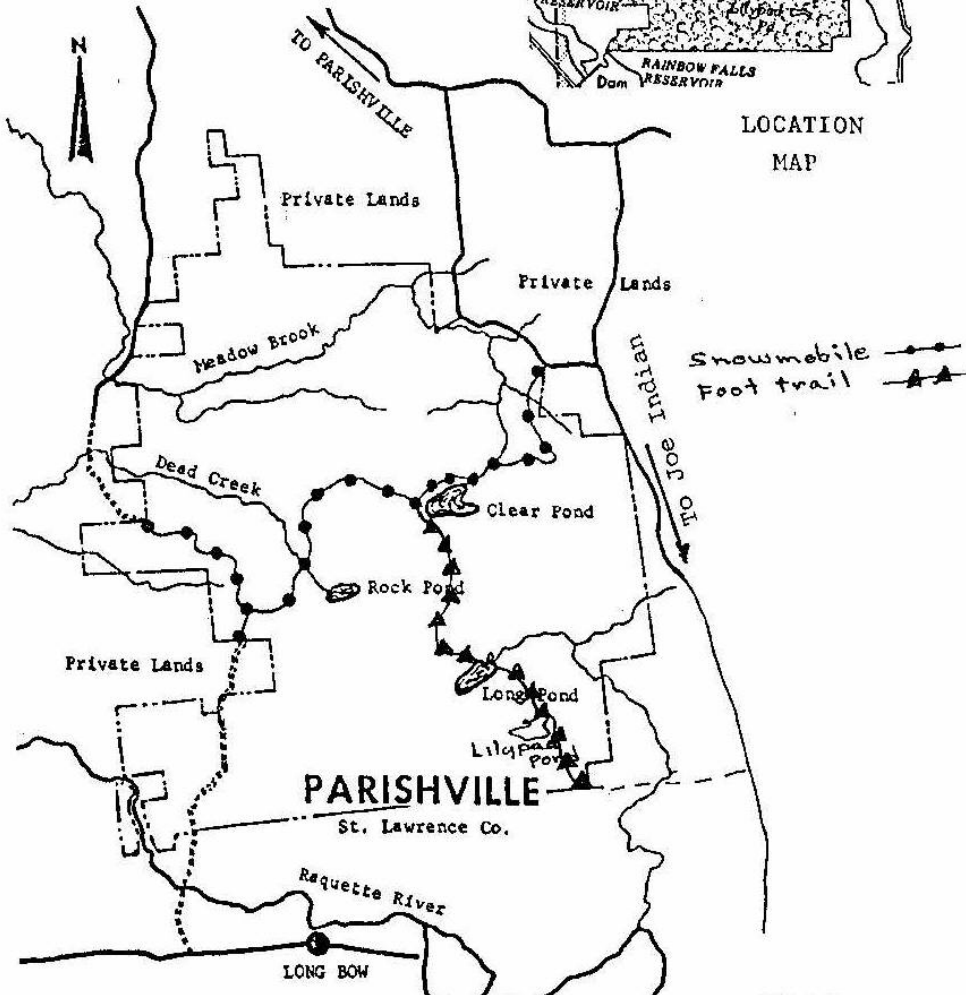
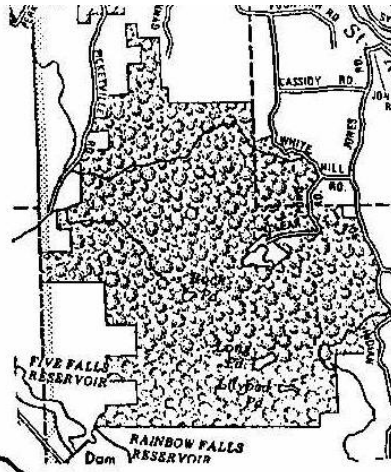
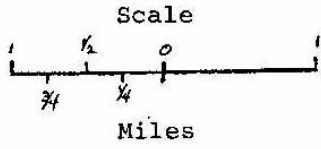
The foot trail entrance is reached by travelling on the town road from the Joe Indian road to Clear pond. The trail leaves the Clear Pond trail on the West Side of Clear pond and heads southerly toward Long Pond, which continues to Lily pad pond and easterly across Niagara Mohawk lands to the Joe Indian road.

#### **Snowmobile Trail**

The snowmobile trail begins at White Hill road because Clear pond road is not plowed during the winter and runs on the town road to Clear Pond. It then runs westerly over an old road passing north of Rock pond to the Picketville road.

To locate this snowmobile trail system take the Joe Indian road off State route 56 south of South Colton or by the White Hill road leading southeasterly from Parishville.

CLEAR POND TRAILS



## **GLENMEAL SKI TRAIL**

The Glenmeal Ski Trail is located in the Town of Pierrepont. The trail is on Glenmeal State Forest. The total distance of the trail system is 1.9 miles and is geared toward novice to moderate skiers.

The trail begins directly off of County route 24 on a forest access road. Once on the trail it is possible to venture into a variety of loops which all interconnect with each other.

This trail was constructed and is maintained by the St Lawrence Youth Conservation Corps.

### **Directions**

Follow New York State route 68 and in Pierrepont turn on County route 24.

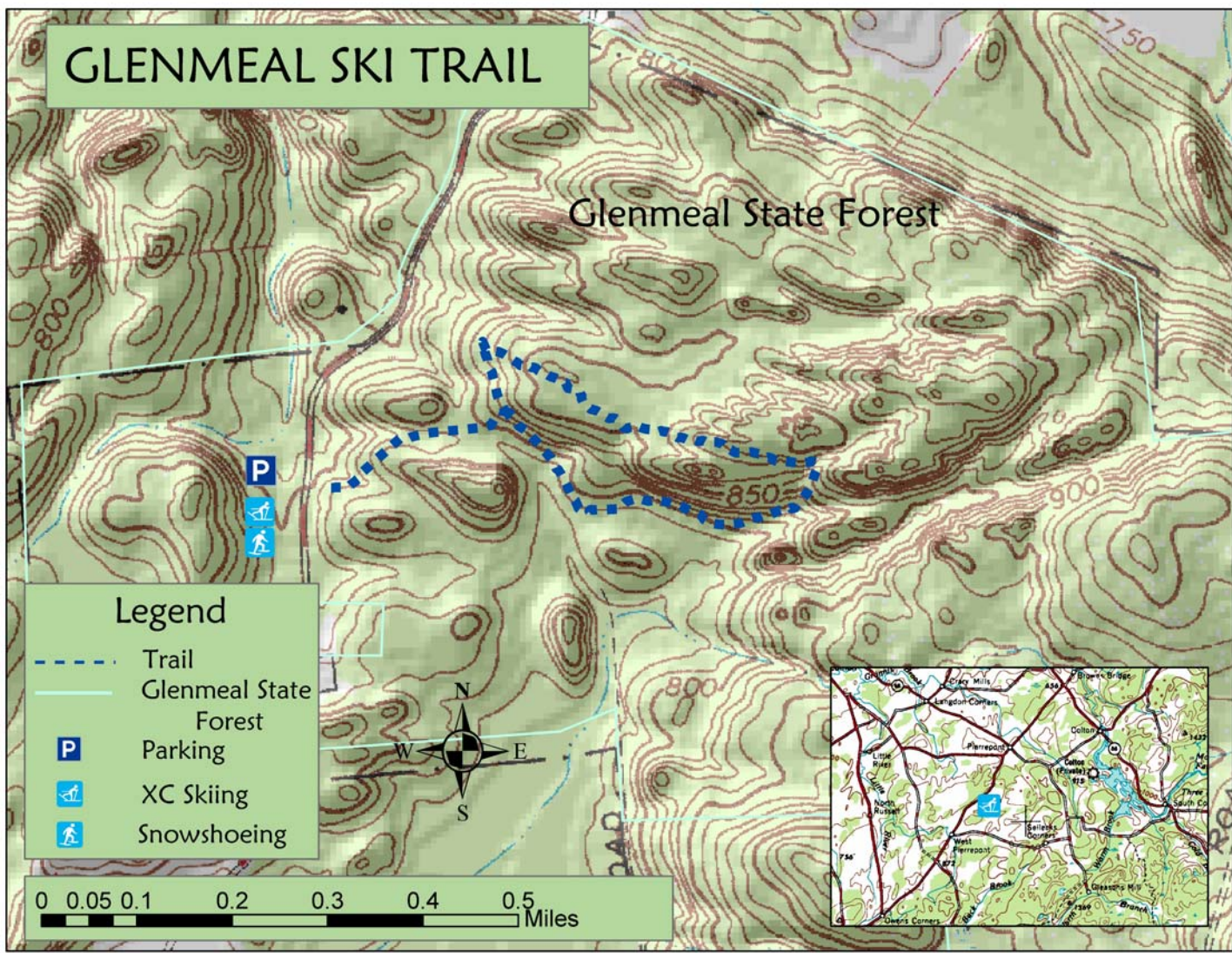
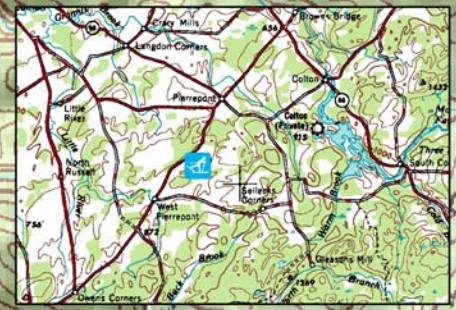
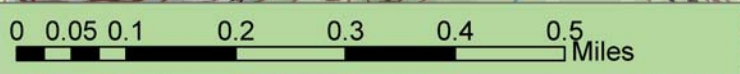


# GLENMEAL SKI TRAIL

Glenmeal State Forest

**Legend**

- Trail
- Glenmeal State Forest
- P** Parking
-  XC Skiing
-  Snowshoeing

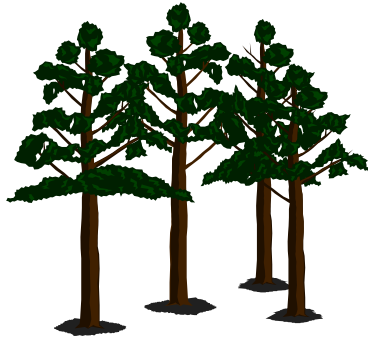


## **WHIPPORWILL CORNERS TRAIL SYSTEM**

These trails are located one mile south of the Village of Russell on Whipporwill Corners State Forest. The 0.9 mile Plumb Brook trail follows Plumb Brook, a popular fishing stream.

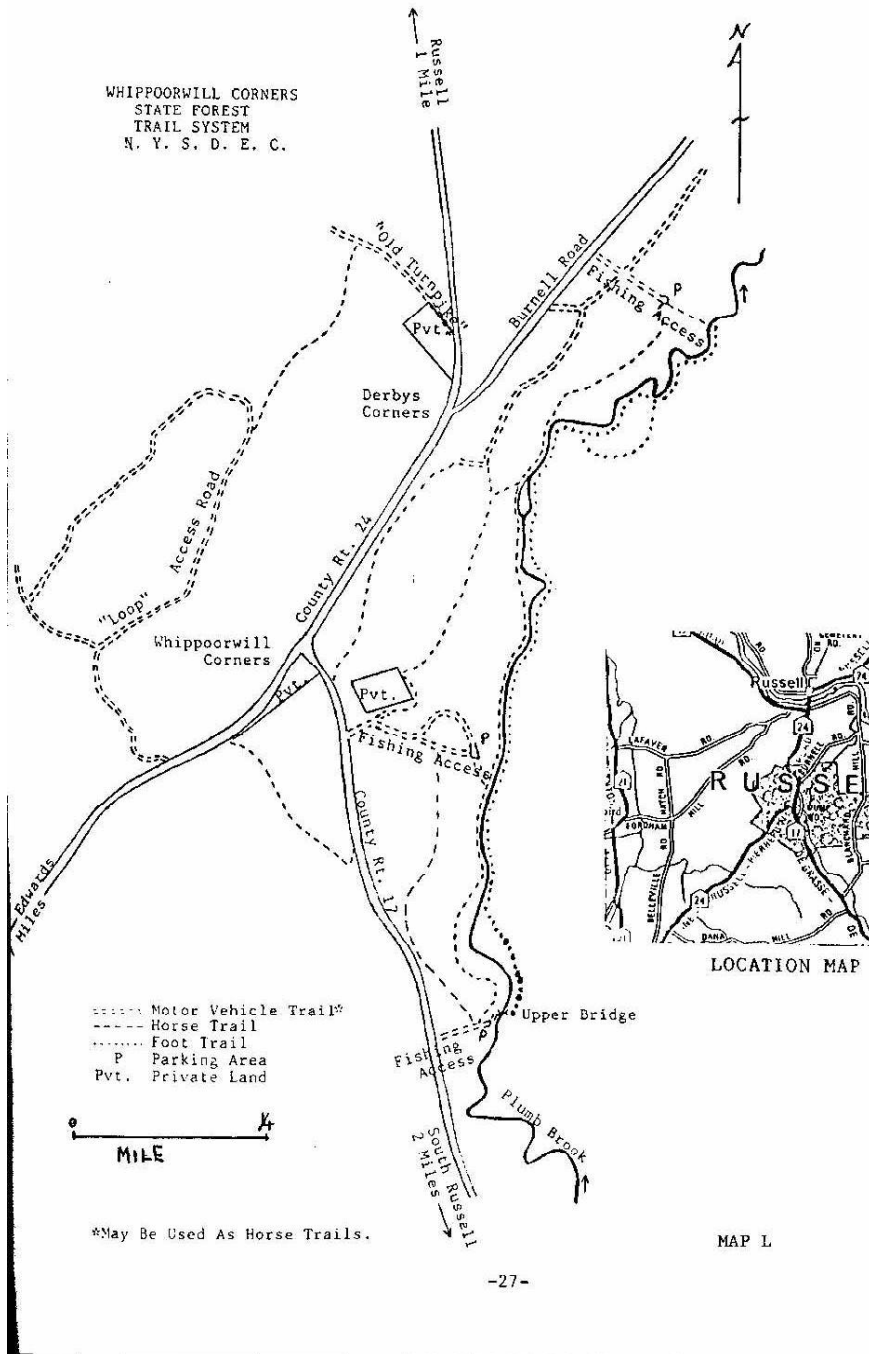
There are several entrances to the trail system. The Plumb Brook trail can be entered off the Burnell road, which is close to the Edwards-Russell road (County road 24). There is a parking area on the East Side of the road. The trail then leads to the DeGrasse-Russell road (county road 17) at which point the trail may also be entered.

Many new trails have been added to this system. Several of these trails are suitable for horses.





WHIPPOORWILL CORNERS  
STATE FOREST  
TRAIL SYSTEM  
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LOCATION MAP

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# **GRASS RIVER WILD FOREST**

## Foot Trails

The Grass River Wild Forest trails or Lampson Falls trails are located in the town of Clare. The 3.4 miles of foot trails primarily run along the Middle Branch of the Grass River on State Forest Preserve Land.

The trails may be entered by parking along County road 27 near a small dirt road leading to Lampson Falls. The trail follows the road to the falls. One trail goes along the river while the other follows the road through the woods northward until it reaches a clearing. The hiker then stays along the east side of the river making their way back up towards Lampson Falls.

Many cross-country skiers use the road during the winter months. It is suitable for novice skiers.

### **Directions**

To reach the trailhead, proceed easterly on Park street leaving Canton and County Road 27 (Russell Road). Keep left on County road 27 and in approximately 3 miles keep right on County road 27 at Waterman Hill. Proceed southerly onto County road 27 for about 12 miles to the Grass River Wild Forest sign becomes visible on the right.

The trail may also be reached by following State Route 3 and County Road 27 north towards Degrasse. In Degrasse turn right towards Clare and Lampson Falls.





# WOLF LAKE STATE FOREST

## Foot Trails

The Wolf Lake State Forest is located in the Towns of Hermon and Edwards. As there are several trails to this system, each trail will be described separately.

### Directions

The northeast part of this area is accessible by an extension of the Pond road, which may be reached by following the Edwards-Dekalb road (County road 19) northerly out of Edwards. Take the Sam Dry road (Pond Road) to the south. The Southwest part of Wolf Lake State Forest is accessible by taking the Ames Road westerly out of Talcville. To reach Talcville take the Talcville road off State road 58 between Fowler and Fine.

#### Talcville-Moon Lake Trail

This 1.5 mile trail (blue markers) leads to Moon Lake, the smallest (10 acres) of the three named lakes in the area. You will find beaver activity along this trail and most of the others.

#### Moon Lake-Wolf Lake Trail

This is 0.4-mile trail (blue markers) leads to a lean-to on the northwest shore of Wolf Lake. The 25-acre lake has some excellent camping sites and good bass fishing.

#### Moon Lake-Huckleberry Lake Trail

This 1 mile trail (yellow markers) leads to the lean-to on the southwest shore of Huckleberry Lake. The lake is heavily used throughout the year, especially during bass season. It is quite large at approximately 55 acres and offers excellent fishing opportunities.

#### Talcville-Huckleberry Lake Trail

The 1 mile trail (yellow markers) is a reasonably good carry for canoes or small boats to Huckleberry Lake. The last ¼ mile passes through a stand of native white pine ranging up to 30 inches in diameter. When you reach Huckleberry Lake on this trail you will be standing on the west boundary of the state forest. This line runs approximately due north across the lake from this point.

#### Pond Road-Wolf Lake Trail

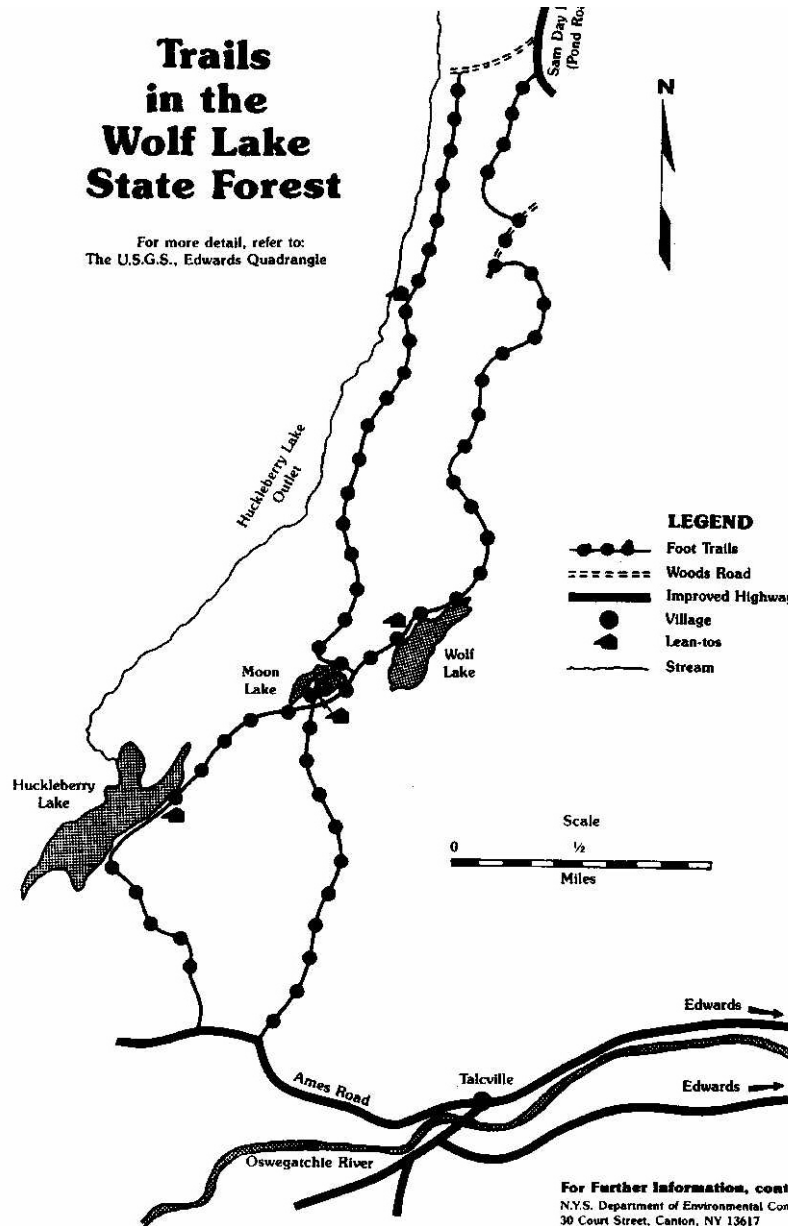
This 3 mile trail (yellow markers) begin at the extension of the Pond Road and leads to the Wolf Lake lean to

#### Pond Road-Moon Lake Trail

This 3-mile trail (red markers) leads the hiker along old beaver ponds on Huckleberry Lake Outlet. The starting point on the north is reached by turning west off the Pond Road and walking about 0.3 miles to an old farm site. This trail offers some nice vistas across the beaver marshes and many good spots from which to observe wildlife.

# Trails in the Wolf Lake State Forest

For more detail, refer to:  
The U.S.G.S., Edwards Quadrangle



- LEGEND**
- Foot Trails
  - Woods Road
  - Improved Highway
  - Village
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## **CARRY FALLS TO STATE BOUNDARY VICINITY**

### Snowmobile Trail

#### Bear Brook Trail

The Bear Brook trail is located in the Towns of Colton and Hopkinton. The 1.4 miles of trail uses State Forest Preserve land and continues on the Lassiter easement lands.

The trail leaves Carry Falls Reservoir in the vicinity of Little Cold Brook and proceeds southerly and easterly across the Jordan Burn to the town line.

#### **Directions**

To reach the trail turn north from State Route 3 onto State route 56. Approximately 4 miles down the road take a right turn onto Hollywood road. This road will dead end where the reservoir begins.

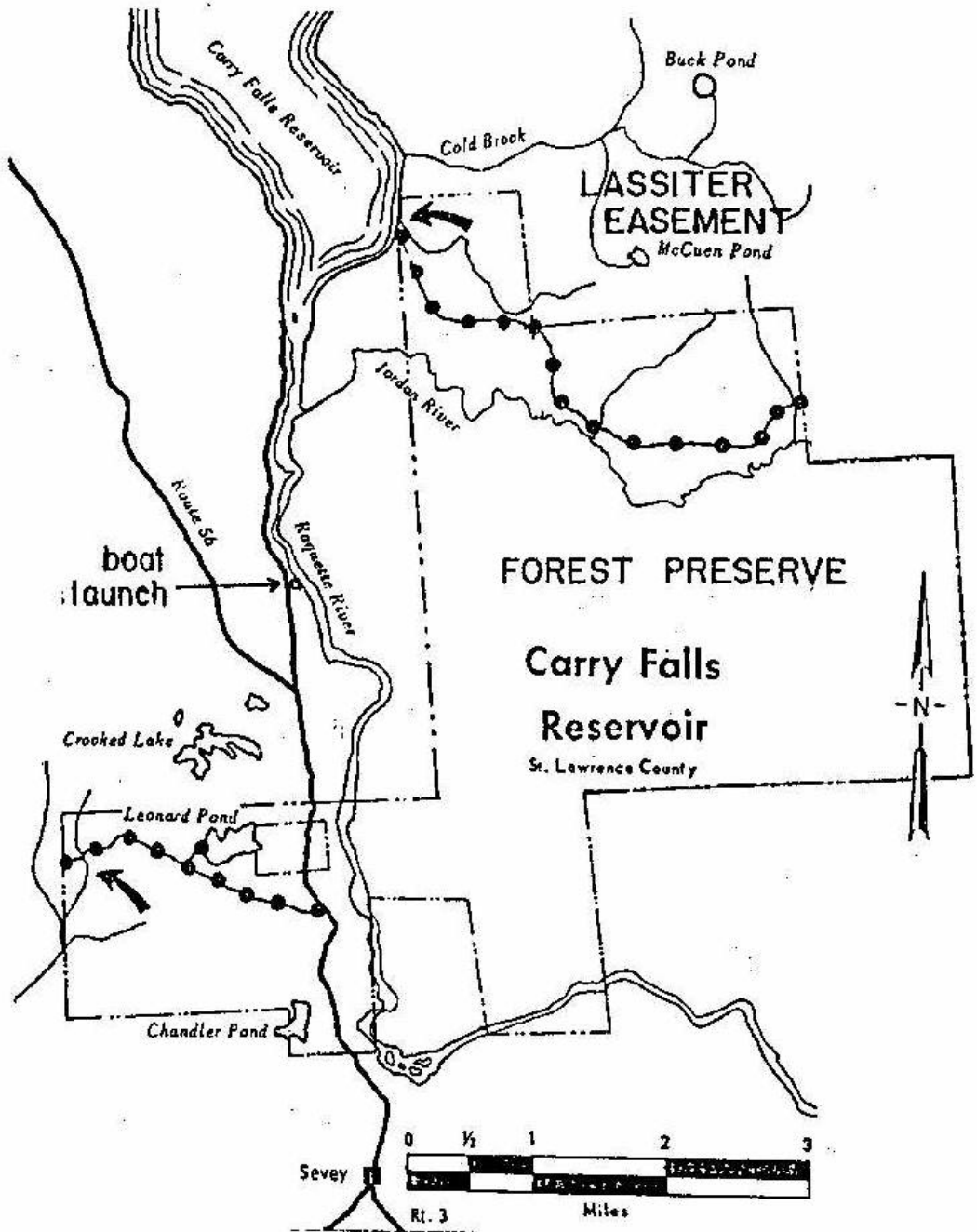
#### Route 56 to Private Land

The 2.4 mile trail leaves state Route 56 two miles north of Sevey's Corners and proceeds westerly along an old town road. The trail ends at private land.

#### Leonard Pond Spur

This is 0.2 mile trail leads from the Hollywood Club Road northerly to Leonard Pond.

# CARRY FALLS RESERVOIR



## **GREENWOOD CREEK STATE FOREST**

### Nature Trails and Snowmobile Trail

The Greenwood Creek State Forest is located in the Town of Pitcairn. The total distance of Nature Trails available is just over 2 miles. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) manages the forests along the trails.

There are two separate trails available as part of this nature trail system. The larger loop is 1.8 miles in length and begins in the picnic area. Once leaving the picnic area the trail winds its way along Greenwood Creek, past the falls, through hardwood and softwood forests, and then follows a small brook for approximately 200 yards before the trail completes the loop and ends back at the picnic area.

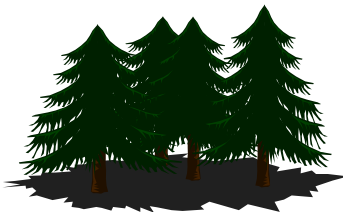
The smaller trail is  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile long and leads from the picnic area to an observation platform overlooking a wetland habitat through which Greenwood Creek flows.

The snowmobile trail runs for two miles over an old logging road from the West Side of Greenwood Creek road south of the picnic area. The trail continues through the forest to old route 3 now called Graham road.

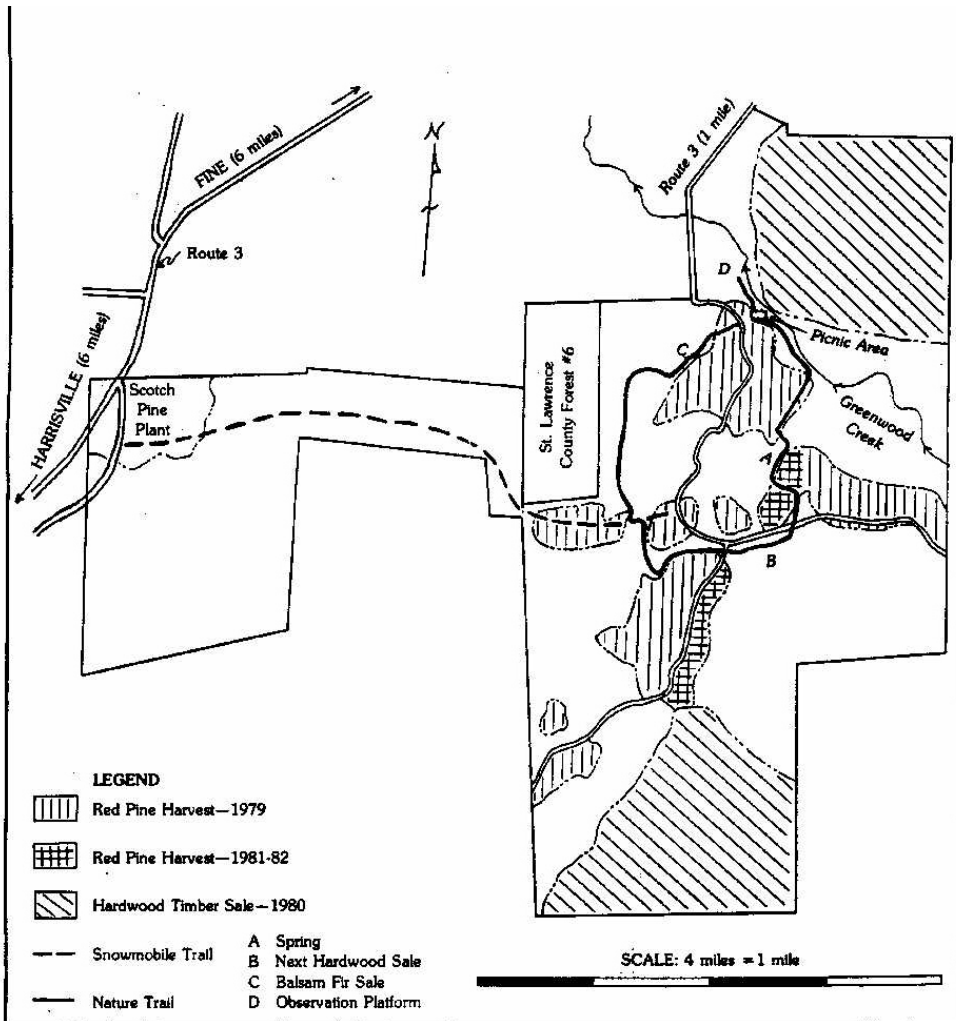
The Fine crew of the YCC constructed the nature trails in 1981. The Star Lake crew of corps has since maintained the trails.

### **Directions**

Greenwood Creek State forest can be found by following State road 3 easterly from Harrisville toward Star Lake. The forest will be on the south side of Route 3 between Pitcairn and Fine.







## **ALDRICH POND WILD FOREST**

### Snowmobile Trails

The Aldrich Pond Wild Forest trails are located in the Towns of Fine and Pictairn. All of the trails are located on State Forest Preserve land and are primarily on roads.

## **YELLOW LAKE TRAIL**

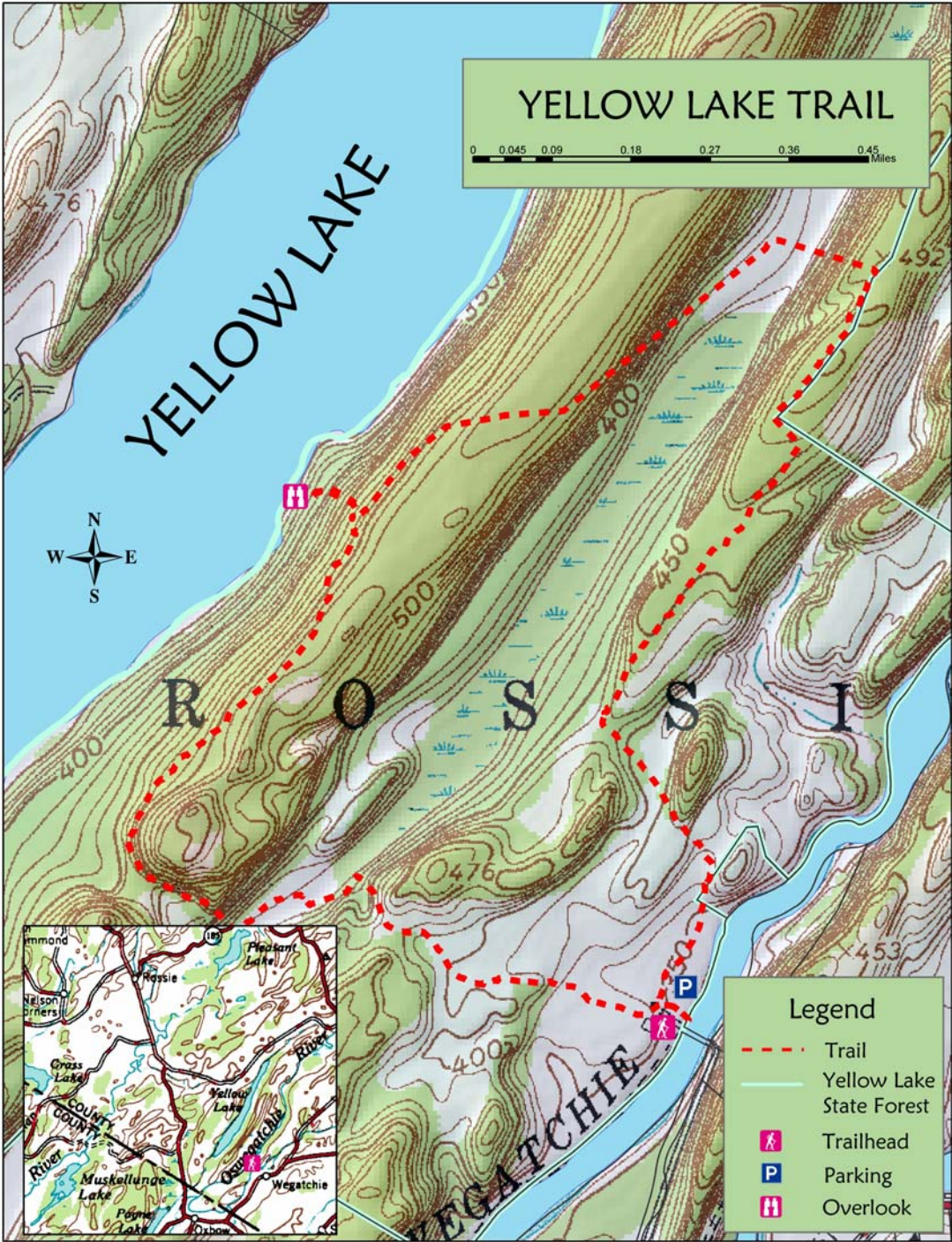
### Foot Trail

The Yellow Lake trail begins at the end of the Chisholm road after the second crossing of the Oswegatchie River. The trail follows across a field, down a road, across a beaver dam and ends at an overlook on Yellow Lake in 1.3 miles. One can return the same route or follow a loop to the north to the old Campbell road and then south on the road to the place of beginning. The total loop is approximately 2.6 miles.

### **Directions**

Access to this trail begins by going south from Gouverneur on County Route 12 and then by turning right on the Chisholm Road a mile below Wegatchie.





## **TROUT LAKE STATE FOREST TRAILS**

The Cedar Lake trail is a short but very interesting hike. The trail was built by the Youth Conservation Corps nearly 20 years ago and has been maintained by the YCC since.

The trail leaves the end of the forest land road built and maintained by the DEC. This road is located just south of Trout Lake and proceeds Easterly from the Edwards-Dekalb road (County Route 19).

### **Directions**

The Trout Lake Trail leaves either the Campbell Road on the East or the forest access road on the South.

