

ROXBURY LAND TRUST PRESERVES

*Preserving Roxbury's Rural Character
for Generations to Come*



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TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

- Please carry out all trash.
- Dogs are welcome, but must be kept under owner's control and preferably leashed.
- The collection of plants or animals is prohibited.
- Hunting or trapping activities are prohibited.
- The use of firearms or any other weapon is prohibited.
- Please do not disturb any structures.
- Camping with the written permission of the Roxbury Land Trust.
- No campfires.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed.
- All preserves close at dusk.
- Please report any problems to the Roxbury Land Trust, 860-350-4148.

DETAILED TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE

A set of detailed maps, with trails, contours and major features clearly marked, is available for \$5 at the Land Trust office, Roxbury Town Clerk's office, Minor Memorial Library and Maple Bank farm stand or for download at www.roxburylandtrust.org.

Although maps are posted at most trailheads and most trails are blazed, we highly recommend taking a detailed trail map with you on your hike.

RESPECT OUR FARM FIELDS

The Roxbury Land Trust is committed to preserving our agricultural heritage. Please respect our farmers by staying off fields during the growing season and steering clear of operating machinery and livestock.

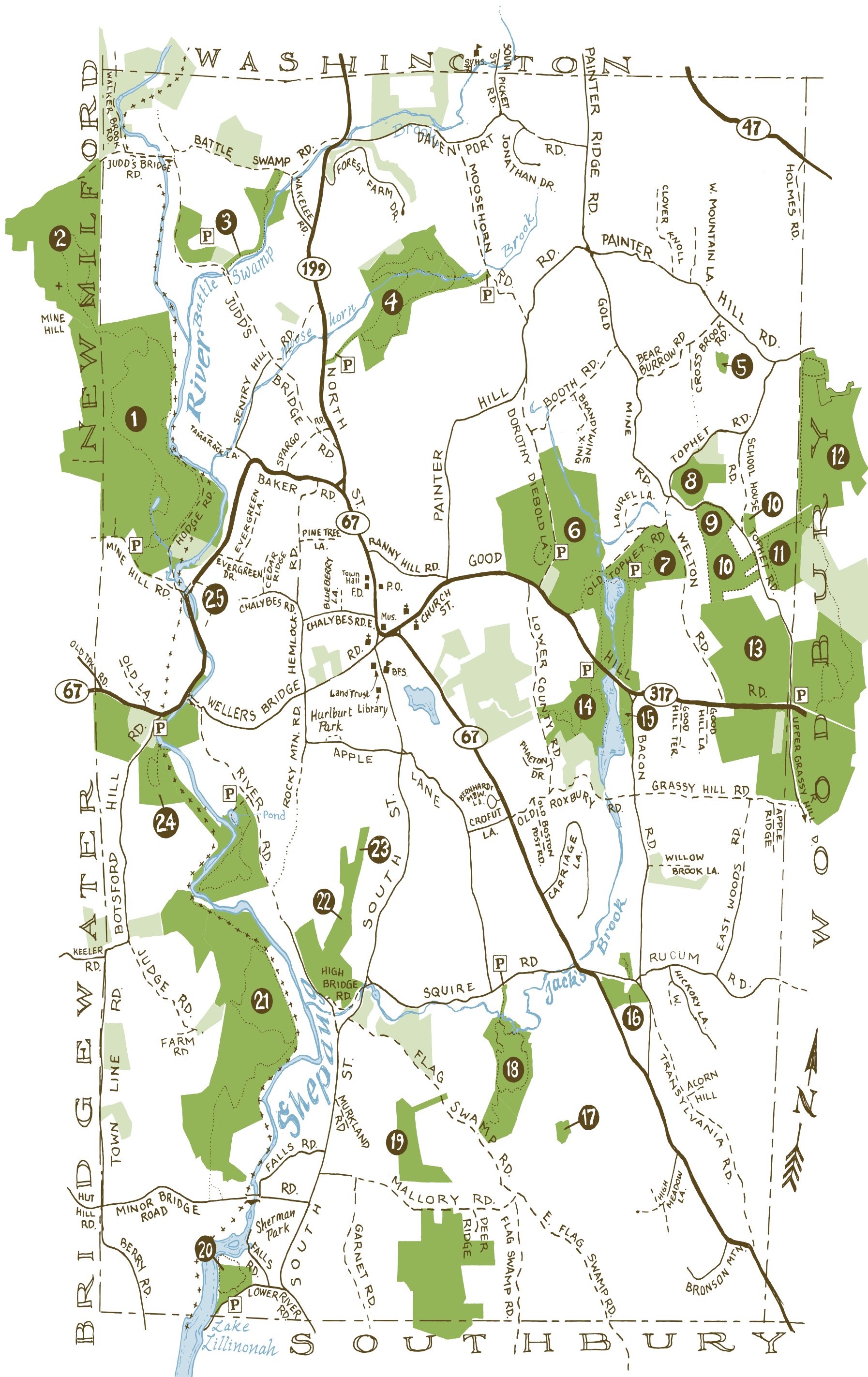
ABOUT THE ROXBURY LAND TRUST

Established in 1970, the Roxbury Land Trust is dedicated to preserving the community's rural character for generations to come.

The Land Trust is a non-profit organization that depends on annual membership dues and individual donations for land acquisitions, education programs and preserve maintenance.

SUPPORT THE ROXBURY LAND TRUST

Become a member by making an annual donation. Volunteer. Make a gift of land or a conservation easement. Leave a legacy. Enjoy our many preserves throughout the year.



Legend

- state roads
- paved roads
- dirt roads
- unimproved roads
- trails
- railroad bed
- Parking areas for preserves
- Land Trust Preserve
- Conservation Easement*

SCALE
0 1/2 mi. 1 mi.

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* A Conservation Easement permanently protects the land, but does not provide public access.

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-  Hiking
-  Picnic Table
-  Cross-Country Skiing
-  Horses Allowed
-  Fishing
-  Historic Site
-  Farm Fields
-  Birding

1. Mine Hill Preserve • 360 acres



Access: Off Mine Hill Road, on right 0.3 miles after turn off Route 67.

Trails: The Main Loop (blue blazes) is a moderately difficult, 3.5-mile trail that climbs up the Donkey Trail, past abandoned mine shafts, through quarries and to the remains of a iron ore blast furnace and roasting ovens.

The Reservoir Trail (yellow blazes) is an easy, 0.3-mile loop that begins at the south end of the pond, passes over the footbridge and rejoins the Donkey Trail.

The restored furnace and roasting ovens are also an easy, 0.2-mile walk from the parking lot.

Features: 9 self-guiding interpretive signs. Restored 19th century blast furnace and roasting ovens. National Register of Historic Places.

2. Carter Preserve • 160 acres



Access: Current access is at the Quarry Bridge off the Blue Loop in the Mine Hill Preserve.

Trail: An easy 2-mile loop (red blazes) begins at Mine Hill's Quarry Bridge (about 1.5 miles in from the parking lot.)

Features: Vernal pools. Farm fields. Distant winter views.

3. Battle Swamp Brook Preserve Raven Rock Preserve 45 acres



Access: Off Judds Bridge Road, on right about 1.2 miles from turn off Route 199.

Trail: 1.35-mile easy walk from Judds Bridge Road to Battle Swamp Road and back.

Features: Battle Swamp Brook

4. Emily Griffith Beardsley Preserve Humphrey Preserve Moosehorn Access 138 acres



Access: One entrance is off Route 199, about 0.75 miles from Route 67 intersection. Second is off Moosehorn Road, about 0.7 miles on the right after turn off Davenport Road.

Trails: The Blue Loop is 3 miles long and of moderate difficulty. Beginning at the white barn off Route 199, this hike has some steep climbs over the preserve's rolling terrain.

The Red Loop is 1.6 miles long and begins off Moosehorn Road. It offers some steep climbs. Both trails lead to Caroline Glen and skirt Moosehorn Brook.

Features: Caroline Glen, where the brook cascades through a rocky gorge rimmed by tall hemlocks. Old sawmill site. Hemlock groves.

5. Horrigan Family Preserve • 6 acres

Access: On south side of Painter Hill Road east of intersection with Cross Brook Road.

Trail: To be developed.

Features: Old farm field. Cross Brook.

6. Gavel Family Farm Preserve 200 acres



Access: Parking lot off Dorothy Diebold Lane

Trail: From parking follow mowed path around field.

Features: Stunning views to south, east and west. Rolling meadows. Jack's Brook. Working farmland.

7. Lilly Preserve • 140 acres



Access: One entrance is 2 miles east of Roxbury Green near bridge on Route 317. A second entrance is off Old Tophet Road.

Trails: The Blue Loop is 1.5 miles long and of moderate difficulty. It passes through marshes and swamps near Jack's Brook.

The Red Loop is 1 mile long and of moderate difficulty. It traverses the upper wooded portion of the preserve.

Features: Marshland. Wooded swampland. Beaver activity. Mixed hardwoods. Old stone walls. Rock outcroppings. Farm field with grazing cattle during summer. Sawmill site. Orchard across Route 317/Good Hill Road has picnic area.

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8. Matthau Preserve • 32 acres



Access: Off Tophet Road • **Trails:** None

Features: Open pastureland. Views to east.

9. Styron Preserve • 22 acres



Access: Off Tophet Road • **Trails:** None

Features: Beautiful open meadow. Old-growth trees.

10. Widmark Preserve • 27 acres 3-acre Baldwin Connector



Access: Off Tophet Road • **Trails:** None

Features: Historic one-room Good Hill Schoolhouse and sculpture, DOLMEN 1997, in memory of Jean Widmark, by Tom Doyle.

11. Arthur Miller & Inge Morath Miller Preserve • 55 acres



Access: Tophet Road at Hoop Hill Road

Trail: Follow old wood road (Hoop Hill Road) to connect to Greenbelt Blue Trail or take short White Trail south for 0.81 mile to gate at Tophet Road.

Features: Old wood road. Old pasture. Woodlands.

12. Miller Preserve Addition • 120 acres

Access: Via Greenbelt or from Tophet Road at the Miller/Morath Preserve.

Trail: Part of Greenbelt Blue Trail with a red Painter Hill Loop of 0.88 miles.

Features: Undisturbed woodlands.

13. Good Hill Farm Preserve 476 acres



Access: Parking and trailhead .5 miles east of Tophet Road on Route 317/Good Hill Road

Trail: 3.31 mile Blue Trail begins here and goes all the way to the Painter Hill Red Loop across the entire Greenbelt. 6+ miles round trip. Moderate to difficult, due to length and terrain. Also easy 1 mile Red Farm Loop east of the barnyard.

Features: Working farm. Sweeping eastern and western views. Important grassland bird habitat. Hilly Woodlands

14. Baldwin Preserve Bray Preserve 60 acres



Access: The Baldwin Preserve can be accessed from either Route 317 (on right about 2 miles east of Roxbury Green) or from Lower County Road, on left about 0.5 mile from Route 317 intersection.

Trails: From Lower Country Road, 1.5 miles round trip of gradual ascents/descents along well-worn trails. Left or right on the blue loop will take you past mountain laurel and vernal ponds. At the old stone wall, the red trail leads left past the edge of van Deusen swamp to Route 317 (where you can cross to the Lilly Preserve) or turn right to pass the beaver lodge to a picnic site.

Features: Rock outcroppings. Old beech trees, mountain laurel. View over van Deusen Preserve.

15. van Deusen Preserve • 21 acres



Access: The entrance is off Bacon Road, about 0.3 mile on the right after turning off Route 317. Park on the roadside.

Trail: The unblazed trail is less than 0.1 mile long and is an easy walk down a planked trail from the road to the swamp, where there is a viewing deck.

Features: Jack's Brook. Swamp is host to waterfowl, beavers and other wildlife.

16. Natalie White Preserve • 9 acres



Access: Off Rucum Road, on left about 0.1 mile from Route 67 intersection.

Trail: Easy 0.25-mile loop; no trail blazes.

Features: Lovely western views of Roxbury's rolling hills and farmlands. Natalie White Memorial sculpture.

17. Glaves Preserve • 5 acres

No public access or trail.

18. Brian E. Tierney Preserve 56 acres



Access: Parking lot off Squire Road; 0.5 mile from Route 67 or 0.9 mile from South Street.

Trails: 1.8-mile trail loop of moderate difficulty. Requires some steep, rocky climbing along high rim that forms the western boundary. Less difficult walk along Jack's Brook and edge of field to the Cascades.

Features: Large glacial boulders. Jack's Brook. A series of waterfalls called the Cascades. Old stone walls. Hemlocks, mountain laurel, large beech trees. Open hay fields. A spur trail links this to the Allen S. Hurlburt Preserve.

18. Allen S. Hurlburt Preserve 25 Acres



Access: Park along Flag Swamp Road. Walk in at preserve sign to the 1.8 mile Tierney Preserve trail.

Trail: Approximate 0.5 mile gentle, rolling trail to Tierney Preserve loop.

Features: Wooded hills with pristine wetlands.

19. Leander Woods Preserve • 34 acres

Access: Off Flag Swamp Road

Trails: None

Features: Hemlocks. Old stone walls.

20. River's Edge Preserve • 24 acres



Access: Off Lower River Road. Park at gate and walk in 50 yards along road bed. Turn left at large boulder with blue arrow.

Trail: 1-mile loop, moderate with steep climbs and narrow paths, some along river's edge. Loop crosses Sherman Park field and continues up hillside.

Features: Meadow, sweeping bend of the Shepaug River.

21. River Road Preserve Erbacher Preserve Golden Harvest Preserve 453 acres



Access: All three preserves are accessed through the River Road Preserve off River Road or from the Botsford Hill Road parking lot at Orzech Family Preserve.

Trails: The River Road trail is a 1.5-mile loop of moderate difficulty with some steep climbs and access to the Shepaug River.

The Erbacher trail starts to the left after crossing Volunteers Bridge (0.75-mile in from the start of

Preserves Map



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River Road trail) and is a 1.2-mile loop of easy to moderate hiking along an old railroad bed and through hilly terrain.

To access the Golden Harvest Preserve, turn right after crossing Volunteers Bridge and follow the railroad bed to the farm fields on the right or come in from Botsford Hill parking, following the railbed.

Features: Pond. Good fly-fishing along Shepaug River. Picnic tables at Volunteers Bridge, a suspension bridge built entirely by volunteers in 1991. Old railroad bed.

22. McMahan Preserve • 96 acres

No public access or trails.

23. Fulkerson Preserve • 9 acres

No public access or trails.

24. Orzech Family Preserve 112 acres



Access: Botsford Hill Road parking area to the blue gate at the old railroad bed and the Kress Family Trail which connects to the River Road, Golden Harvest and Erbacher Preserves.

Trails: Approximately 1/4 mile, a new right hand trail sweeps up through the wooded hillside, crosses a stone wall bringing hikers into the Upper Orzech field with 2 ponds, a bench and sweeping views. **Features:** Working farming. Views. Historic railroad bed along Shepaug River.

25. Jagiri Loomba Preserve • 5 acres



Access: Off Route 67 near Mine Hill Road

Trails: None

Features: Shepaug River with fishing allowed.