

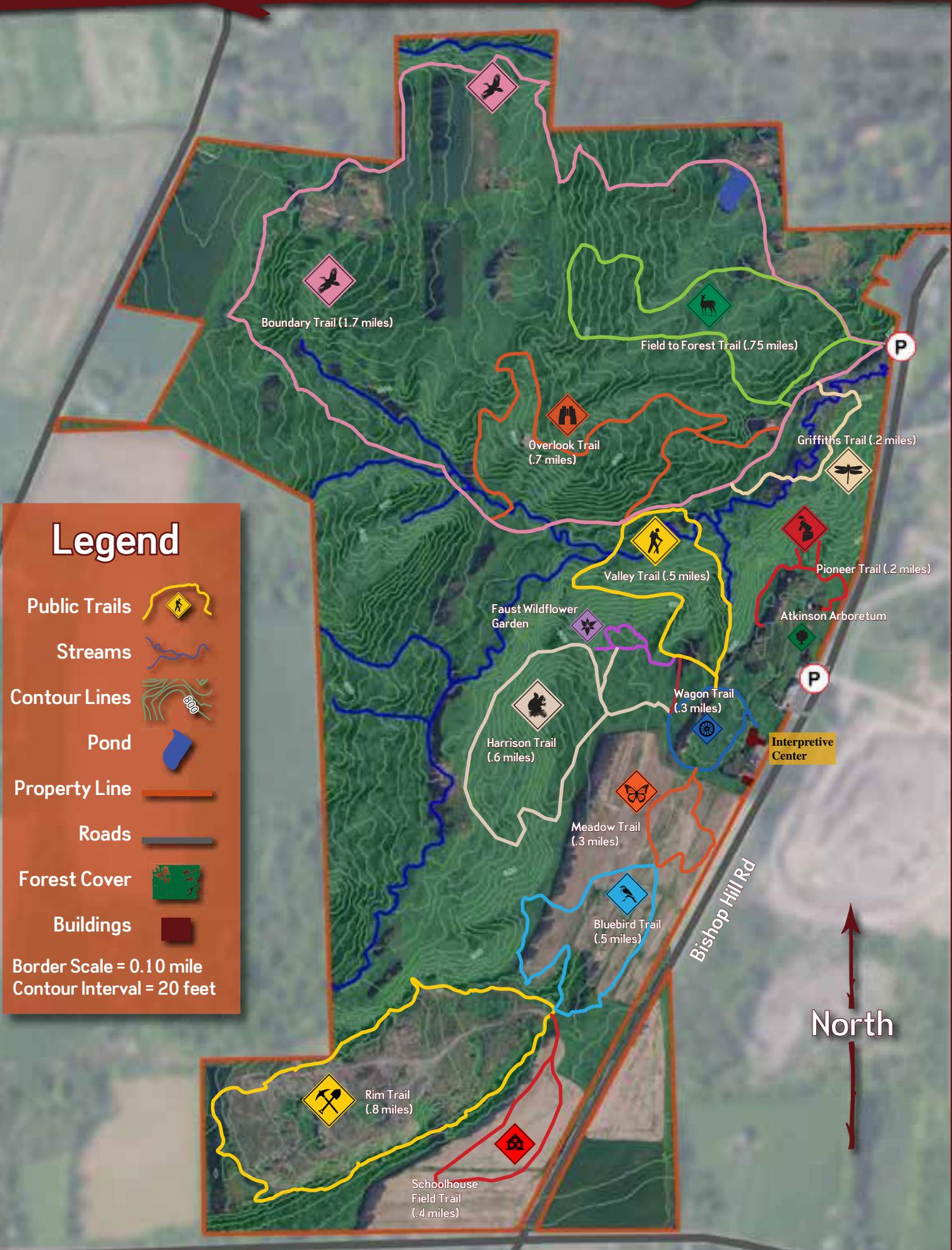


**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands

Trail Map



Hiking trails are open daily from dawn to dusk.
The Interpretive Center is open M-F from 9-4, Saturdays from 10-4, closed on Sundays.
Call (315) 673-1350 for assistance. Dial 911 for an emergency.
Donations help keep Baltimore Woods beautiful.



Trail Information



The Baltimore Woods Preserve encompasses 270 acres of forests, fields, wetlands, streams, hills and valleys. There are 7 miles of trails ranging in difficulty from easy to moderate with hills. A wheelchair accessible stone dust path links the Backyard Wildlife and Harrison Trails to the Faust Wildflower Garden, starting from the pavilion. Trails are open dawn to dusk year round. Please remember to leave what you find, be respectful of wildlife and other visitors, and take trash home.

There's so much more to do at Baltimore Woods!

Programs and Events

Guided experiences to help children and adults connect to nature

Join the Volunteer Team at Baltimore Woods

Help with land stewardship, gardens, programs, events, and reception.

Visit the John A. Weeks Interpretive Center

Exhibits, gift shop, nature-inspired art gallery, restrooms, and more!
Open Mondays-Fridays 9am-4pm, and Saturdays 10am-4pm.



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Wagon Trail (.3 miles)



An easy walk around the edge of a field, this connects hikers with the rest of the trail system. Portions of the trail are wheelchair accessible. (Blue)



Bluebird Trail (.5 miles)

This is an excellent trail for spotting meadow and forest edge birds, especially in the spring, fall, and winter. The trail meanders along the open hillside offering nice views into the forest, the meadow, and across Marcellus's valley. (Light Blue)



Boundary Trail (1.7 miles)

Starting from the lower parking lot, this challenging trail allows you to visit some of the remote portions of the preserve. Highlights include shady valley stretches, sunny fields, an old sand pit, Boulder Brook, and Phillips Pond. (Pink)



Dee Atkinson Arboretum

This collection of common trees and shrubs of Central New York follows the forest edge around the fields near the Interpretive Center. Nearly 70 species are represented and labeled. (Green)



Faust Wildflower Garden



Named after one of Central New York's finest botanists, Mildred Faust, this premiere field and forest wildflower garden holds an educational collection of the area's native plant life. The garden is wheelchair accessible. (Violet)



Pioneer Lifestyle Trail (.2 miles)

Explore the lifestyle of Marcellus's first settlers and their connections to the forest around them. Visit the log cabin home and stroll through the gardens and forests that provided for their everyday needs. Do not miss the excellent views into and across the valley from several vistas. (Red)



Rim Trail (.8 miles)

Offering great views into an abandoned sand and gravel quarry, the Rim Trail gives hikers a chance to see how nature recovers from disturbances, and the challenges that it can overcome. The quarry is now home to many species of nesting birds, amphibians, and sand and sun-loving plants. (Yellow)



Schoolhouse Field Trail (.4 miles)

Historical maps of Marcellus show that Schoolhouse No. 4 was located around the intersection of Bishop Hill Rd and Lawrence Rd. Though no physical evidence of the schoolhouse remains, it is nice to think about how local children have been learning and playing at Baltimore Woods since 1852. (Red)



Valley Trail (.5 miles)

Follow the forest as it descends into the seemingly remote and primeval valley, carved by a great glacial outflow. Two wooden bridges cross Baltimore Brook. This is the main access trail to the lower trail network. (Yellow)



Field to Forest Trail (.75 miles)

This moderate trail follows the path of field abandonment, revealing the many stages through which a forest undergoes as it grows up. From shrubby fields full of birds to a maturing maple lot full of wildflowers, this is a trail worth walking any time of year. (Green)



Griffiths Trail (.2 miles)

The Griffiths Flats have an unusual diversity of plant and animal life within the floodplain of Baltimore Brook. Beavers flooded the flats in 2011. Today, the beavers have moved on and a new meadow grows around the meandering brook, offering nice birding opportunities. (Tan)



Harrison Trail (.6 miles)



Looping around the hillside, this trail reveals the oldest forests on the Preserve, passes beaver meadows, and rises up the hill through some of the youngest forests, including a newly planted oak grove. This trail is partially wheelchair accessible. (Tan)



Meadow Trail (.3 miles)

A generally flat trail, the Meadow Trail takes hikers through land that had been in agricultural production for nearly 200 years. Now, it is a thriving community of grasses, flowers, insects, and birds. In time, restoration efforts aim to turn this into an "oak opening", providing habitat not seen in Baltimore Woods since days long gone by. (Orange)



Overlook Trail (.7 miles)

This popular trail follows a hilly path to three overlooks, offering revealing views of the variety of Central New York landscapes, including a rare habitat. (Orange)



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