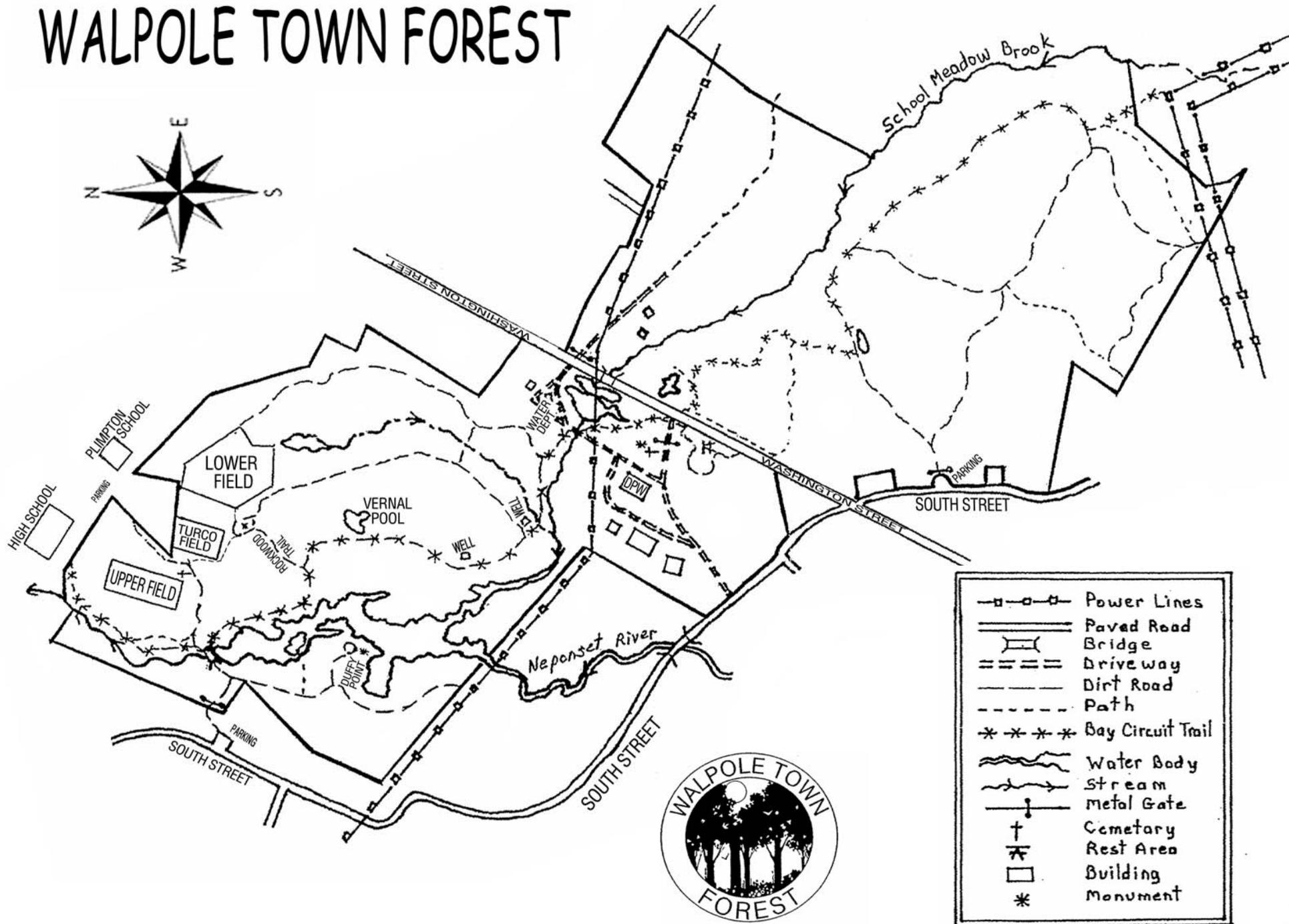


WALPOLE TOWN FOREST

BROCHURE AND TRAIL GUIDE





Town Forest Committee MEMBERS

- Dick Adams.....Chairman
- Steve Cyr.....Treasurer
- Bob LeBlanc.....Town Advisor
- Paul Hunchard....Events & Education
- Dan Barrett.....Associate
- Kathleen DiNatale.....Associate
- Gary Riggott.....Associate

The Board of Selectmen appoints the Committee Members for terms of two years.

The Committee *welcomes new ideas* and is open to public comment regarding the use and availability of the forest for various activities and civic use.



If you have comments or questions you can access contact and information links via our website:

<http://Walpole-ma.gov/TownForest.HTML>



WALPOLE TOWN FOREST HISTORY

The town forest was created through the foresight of our forefathers at a time when industry had replaced farming as the economic base and open, ravaged land was being reclaimed for civic use.

With the grant of 150 acres of land from Mr. George Plimpton and the environmental vision of Mr. Charles Bird, the forest was established in 1916 for the citizens of Walpole. It became the third Tree Farm in the state recognized by the Massachusetts Forestry Association and the first town forest to be managed for timber revenue.

Since those early years, several management plans have been written by foresters to guide the town in the maintenance and improvement of the woodlands for public use. The emphasis today is on passive recreation, watershed protection, aesthetic attraction, and the preservation of a healthy forest ecosystem.

The Town Forest Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen to oversee continued management of the forest. It is comprised of volunteers

committed to the stewardship of the property and to guarantee the original vision of the founders. That vision is to provide Walpole residents the enjoyment a forest can bring and preserving that experience for future generations.



Rules of Use

- ✓ Dogs must be leashed at all times
- ✓ Do not feed the wildlife
- ✓ Cutting or removal of trees or vegetative damage is prohibited
- ✓ Outdoor fires and overnight camping are not allowed without Fire Chief and the Parks Department notification and prior approval
- ✓ Trash dumping is prohibited – if you carry it in, you must carry it out
- ✓ No unauthorized motor vehicles, including ATV's, motorcycles, and snow mobiles
- ✓ No alcoholic beverages or drinking of such

- ✓ No hunting, trapping, discharge of firearms, or use of bow and arrows
- ✓ Fishing activity is governed by Massachusetts Fish and Game laws
- ✓ All town bylaws governing the use of town land must be observed



It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

THIS IS YOUR FOREST AND YOUR BACKYARD – PLEASE ADMIRE IT, RESPECT IT AND PROTECT IT

