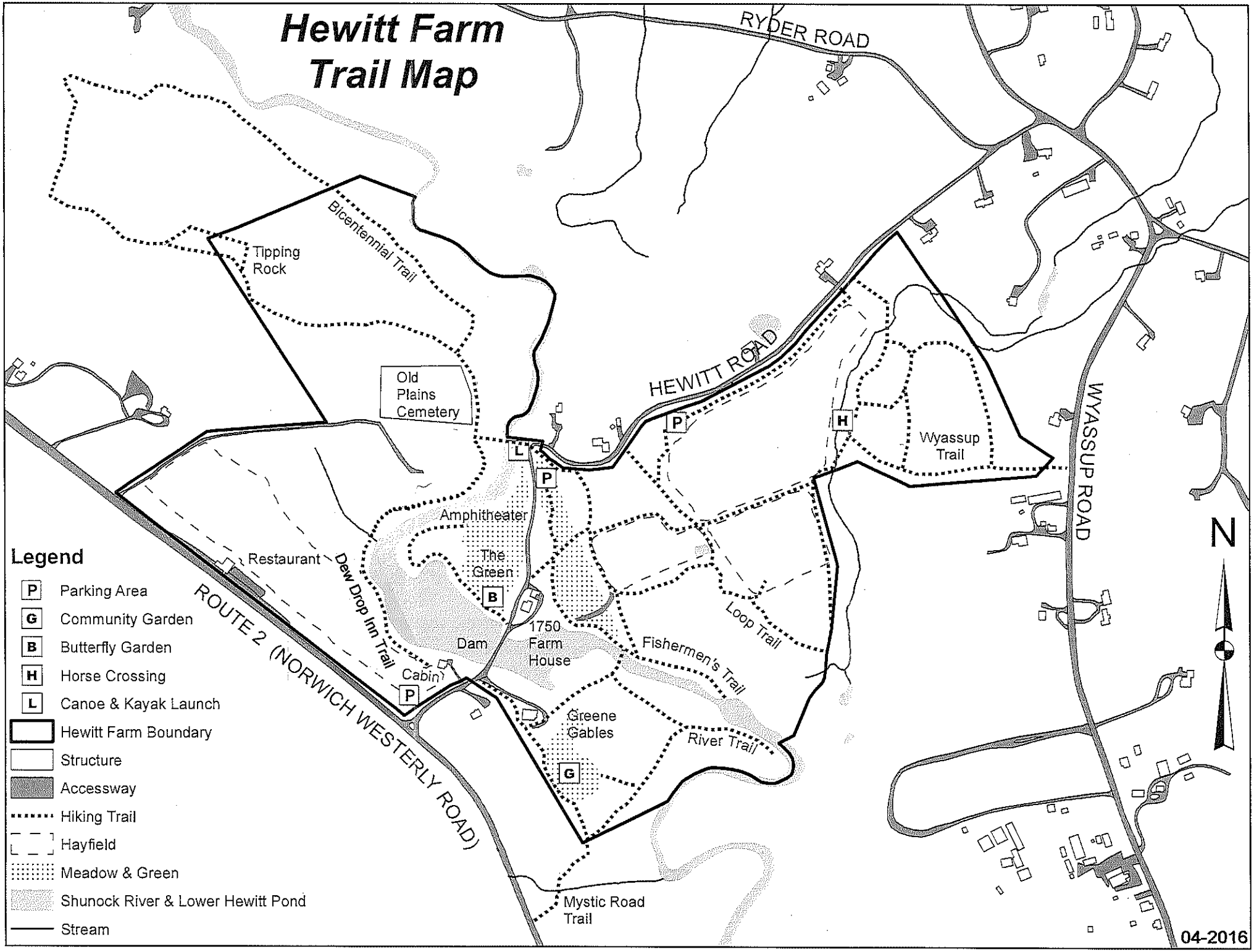
Hewitt Farm Trail Map



Welcome to Hewitt Farm

This 104-acre park and recreation area was purchased by the Town of North Stonington in 2008 for the enjoyment of its residents and visitors to the region. The property consists of forests, fields, wetlands and streams; more than a mile of hiking trails, including the town's Bicentennial Trail; the Shunock River; 3.5-acre Lower Hewitt Pond and dam; and several structures. The dam originally provided water-power to John Dean Gallup's woolen mill located nearby. The dam was damaged during the flood of 2010 and rebuilt in 2015 with a larger spillway and a platform for fishing. The steel bridge replaced two smaller wooden bridges.

The Cape Cod farm house, which overlooks the dam, was built around 1750. It was eventually purchased by Fred and Flora Hewitt, and upon her death in 1967 was bequeathed by Flora to the Mystic Seaport Museum. The property was preserved much as you see it today, thanks to the foresight of both Flora and the Mystic Seaport. The farm house is currently occupied. PLEASE HONOR THE PRIVACY OF ITS RESIDENTS.

The house located down the lane on the Route 2 side of the dam is known as "Greene Gables." In 1911 noted artist and photographer Fred Stewart Greene purchased this building, where he performed some of his work. More recently, Ruth Penfield operated the Little Red Horse Montessori Nursery School there. Here many North Stonington residents learned their childhood basics.

The rustic cabin located just off Route 2 was used by members of the Hewitt family as a summer retreat.

The Bicentennial Trail was cleared in 2007 as part of North Stonington's Bicentennial Celebration. The trail originates at the southeastern corner of the Old Plains Cemetery. Its left fork extends to the top of the mountain where it passes around Tipping Rock, a geological feature known as a "glacial erratic." The trail then departs to the north where it passes over private property (with permission granted), down around the mountain, and along the Shunock River back to the trail head.

The trail is well marked with yellow blazes and there are blue information placards posted along the way. Each placard describes a period in the town's history and suggests aspects to ponder as you walk along.

Hewitt Farm also contains many other trails, which are mapped on the back of this sheet. Enjoy them all! They are fun to hike any time of the year.

The Old Plains Cemetery is the responsibility of the North Stonington Cemetery Committee and is still used for burials. A brochure describing its history can be obtained from the North Stonington Historical Society. PLEASE VISIT IT RESPECTFULLY.

Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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Hewitt Farm is managed by the Board of Selectmen with the assistance of the Hewitt Farm Committee.

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