

Conservation Commission

Mission

For the development, conservation, supervision and regulation of natural and historic resources including water resources, within its territorial limits.

Goals

- Conduct research into the use of land areas
- Maintain an index of all public and private open areas.
- Maintain records of meetings and activities.
- Inventory natural resources in areas of developmental interest.
- Recommend to Planning & Zoning plans and programs for the development and use of open areas including watershed management and drought management plans consistent with water supply management plans.
- Prepare and update the Plan of Conservation & Recreation Lands (2013)
- Coordinate activities of official bodies organized for land use research.
- Advertise, prepare and distribute literature and maps for the education & enjoyment of the public.

Hiking Rules

1. Read trail signs before hiking
2. Notify others of your route & expected return
3. Bikers yield to hikers, All yield to horses
4. Keep dogs under immediate control & leash when approaching others. Pick up and carry out dog waste.
5. Take only pictures, leave only footprints.
6. Stay on the trail for your safety and the preservation of the environment.
7. Protect stonework (walls & cairns). Do not add to them or take from them.
8. Though quiet is the rule, make noise if bears are seen.
9. Be kind and respectful to others
10. Take time to clear the trail of downed branches.
11. Any damage, downed trees across trail, or otherwise concerns, contact: 860-535-2877 x 110

Telephone Contacts

Town

Main Number	860-535-2877
Selectmen's Office	Extension 110
GIS/IT Department	Extension 133
Town Clerk's Office Tax	Extension 121
Collector's Office	Extension 120
Assessor's Office	Extension 124
Land Use Office	Extension 126
Building Official	Extension 118
Admin/Finance Office	Extension 119

Recreation Department	860-535-2162
Public Works Garage	860-535-0924
Animal Control Officer	860-287-2197
Senior Center	860-535-8188

Emergency Services

All Emergencies
Dial 911

Non Emergency Contacts
Town

Resident Troopers	860-535-1451
Troop E	860-848-6500
Ambulance Association	860-535-1145
Volunteer Fire Department	860-535-0937

State

DEEP Spill Emergency	1-866-337-7745
CT Emergency Management	860-537-3571

North Stonington Trail Map



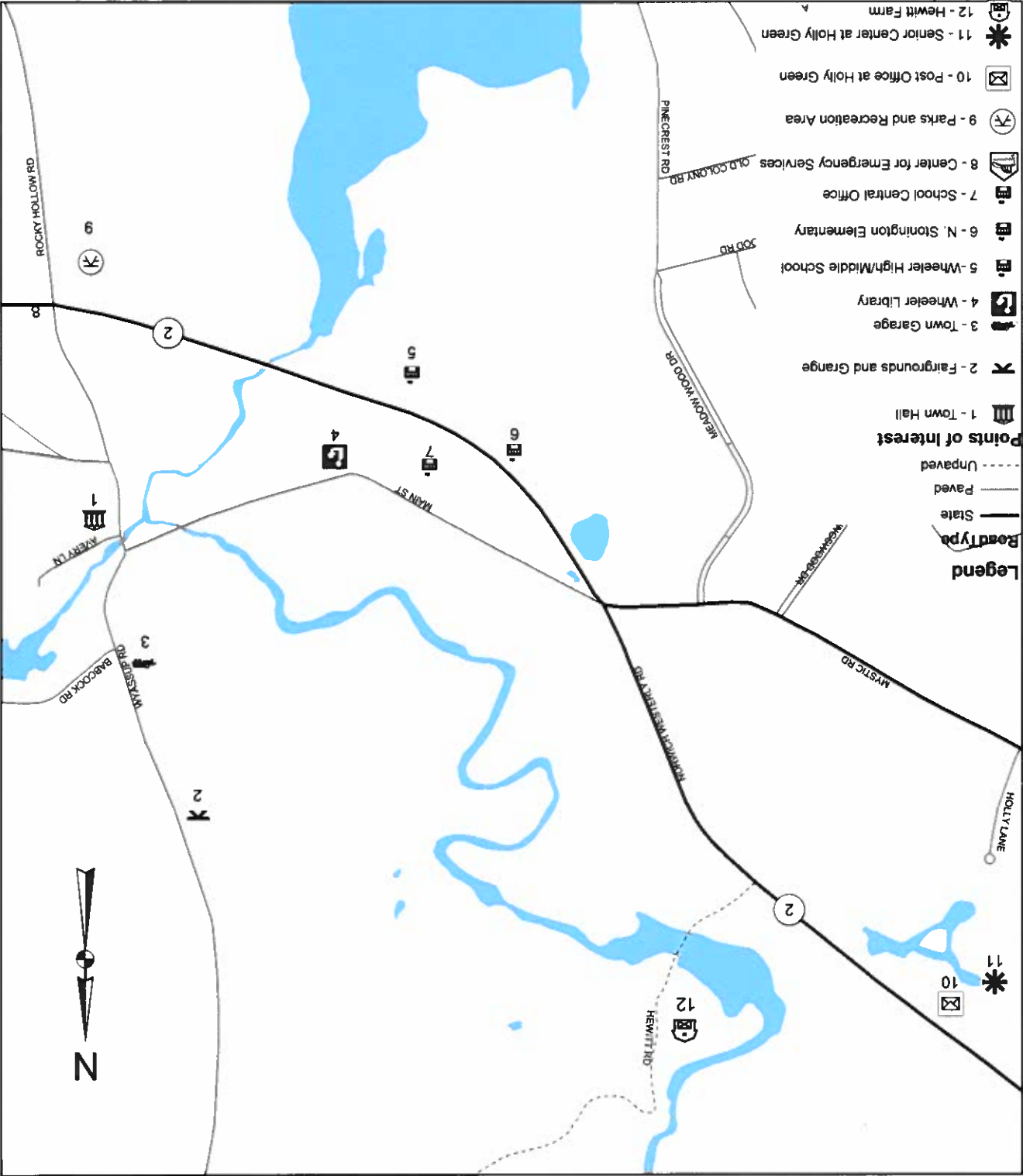
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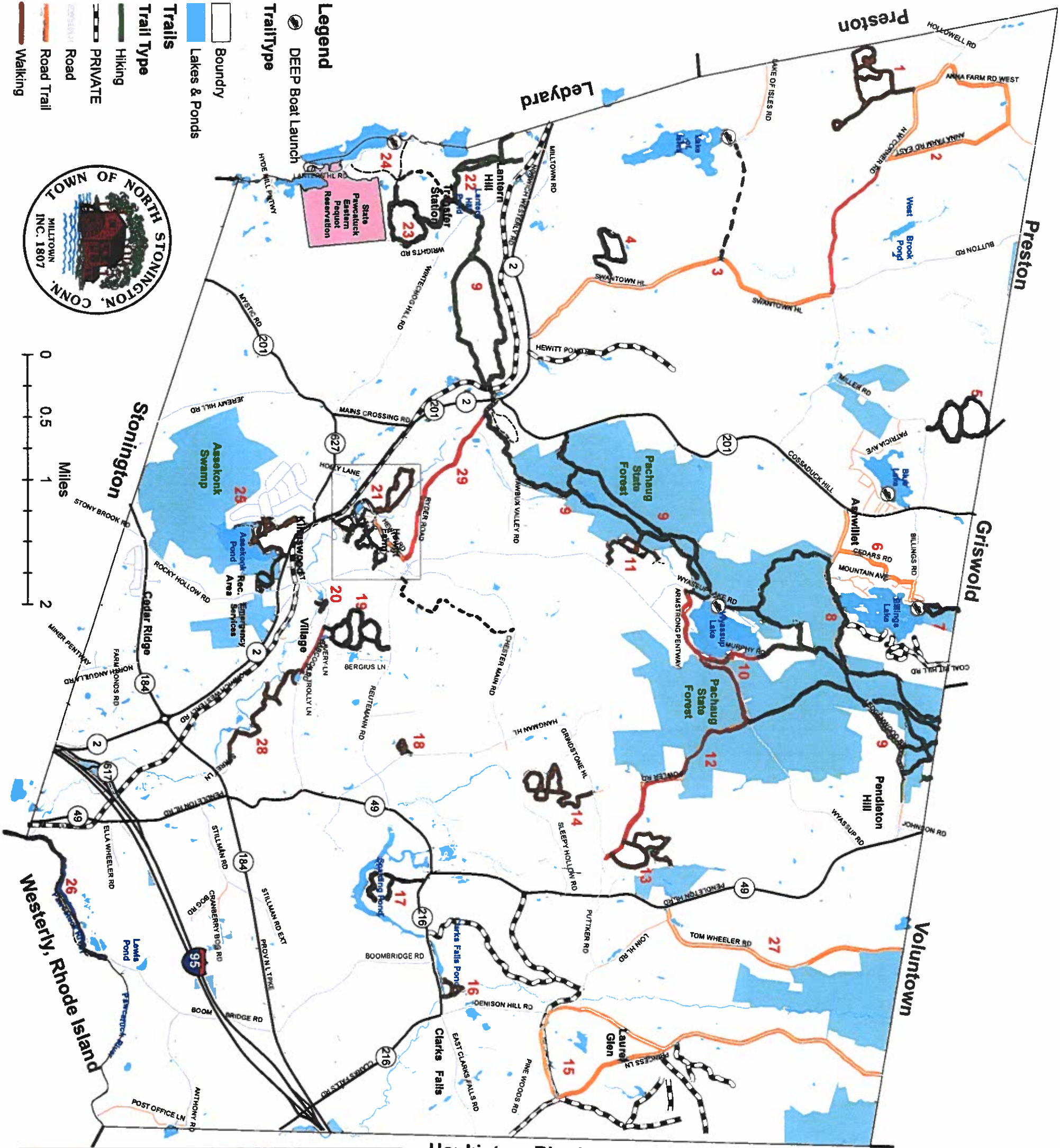
Information is also available
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Legend
Road Type
State
Paved
Unpaved
Points of Interest
1 - Town Hall
2 - Fairgrounds and Grange
3 - Town Garage
4 - Wheeler Library
5 - Wheeler High/Middle School
6 - N. Stonington Elementary
7 - School Central Office
8 - Center for Emergency Services
9 - Parks and Recreation Area
10 - Post Office at Holly Green
11 - Senior Center at Holly Green
12 - Hewitt Farm

Named in 1724 for the stony character of the hilly countryside, North Stonington was incorporated in 1807. Farms, mills, tanneries, iron works and cottage weaving contributed to a prosperous and renowned mercantile center in the 1800s. Changing times have left dairy farming the principal industry. North Stonington includes the settlements of Clark's Falls, Laurel Glen, Pendleton Hill, Ashwillet and the village of North Stonington, formerly known as "Milltown" and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The roots of North Stonington date back to the early settlement of the Town of Stonington in 1649. Originally under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts colony, the area became part of Connecticut when Governor Winthrop obtained a new Charter for Connecticut from King Charles II in 1662. In April of 1806, the Town of Stonington voted to separate into two separate towns based on early Congregational Church parishes. The original North Stonington was named Jefferson until the General Assembly decided on the current name. The township of North Stonington contained numerous districts and settlements, each with its own character, schools, post offices, churches, and stores. Early 1800's industries featured gristmills, sawmills, fulling mills, a cotton mill, and a woolen mill which were powered by the Shunock and Asseskonk Rivers. By 1840, more residences, a tannery, and a trip hammer (iron works) were located in the Milltown section of town. Woolen goods were the town's major products through the mid 19th century, however, fine silk and satin clothes, fur muffs, satin hats, fine wools, thread lace, English carpets, and china tea sets became noted North Stonington merchandise. The Civil War and the industrial revolution ended the town's cottage industries, and the town became primarily agricultural, a character it retains to this day. On March 17, 1983, North Stonington Village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places containing over fifty-eight major structures most of which were built in the late 18th and early 19th century.



Hiking in North Stonington

1. Reed-Mitchell Preserve+
2. Anna Farm Road Loop*
3. Swantown Road Hike
4. Benedict Benson Preserve+
5. Tril-town Forest Preserve+
6. Cedars Road Hike
7. Billings Lake Preserve* **
8. Ledgerwood Road Hike* **
9. Narragansett Blue Trail
10. Wyassup Lake Loop
11. Stewart Hill Preserve *
12. Old Fowler Road Trail* **
13. Fowler-Grindstone Preserve++
14. Teftweald Preserve+
15. Laurel Glen Loop
16. Yanatos Preserve+
17. Samuel Cote Preserve++
18. Hangman Hill Preserve
19. Ersman Woodlands & Babcock Ridge Preserve+
20. Parke Memorial Preserve+
21. Hewitt Farm Preserve* **
22. Lantern Hill
23. Wintechog Hill/Wrights Road
24. Ives Road Trail (Private)
25. Assekonk Borderlands Trail* **
26. Tri-town Canoe/Kayak Trail (proposed)
27. Tom Wheeler Road Hike
28. Don Henne Memorial Trail
29. Ryder Road (Trail Connection)

+ Avalonia or CT Forest & Park Ownership
++North Stonington Citizen Land Alliance Stewardship
* Equestrian Trails
** Mountain Cycling
Additional mapping information is available on Avalonia and CT Forest & Park Association websites

