

the water's edge.*
follow the Middle Falls Trail, which leads directly to
Falls and Lake Trails. In season, take a moment to
it can be a gateway to a longer hike to the Upper
the Preserve's most attractive and popular sites, or
project. This trail can provide a short visit to some of
learn about the Preserve's citizen science phenology
Route 353. Enjoy the majestic hemlock forest and
ruins of the Huyck Felt Mill, and back to County
Rensselaerville Falls, across Ten-Mile Creek to the
This trail takes visitors to the base of the
Distance: 0.1 mi Difficulty: Easy

Lower Falls Trail

Buildings and Ground Supervisor, at 518-813-6472.
For non-emergency assistance, call Adam Caprio,
In case of emergency, please call 911.

reverse of this trail map.
dawn to dusk. Please follow all rules printed on the
Preserve are open to the public year-round from
mind distance, terrain, and time. Trails at the Huyck
and footwear, and plan their excursions keeping in
bring water and snacks, wear appropriate clothing
When hiking our trails, we encourage visitors to
Myosotis that flows into the Rensselaerville Falls.
seasonal and perennial streams, and beautiful Lake
forests. The trails also skirt wetlands, ponds,
mixed deciduous forest, and historic planted
of habitats including old growth hemlock forest,
twelve miles of trails which traverse a wide variety
nonprofit organization, contains a network of over
The Huyck Preserve, a membership-supported

Welcome to the Huyck Preserve Trail System!



The Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve
and Biological Research Station



Trail Map

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* Please note that climbing on the Falls and wading are prohibited.

Creek near the Eldridge Research Center.
Enjoy the xylophone bridge passing over Trout
Ten-Mile Creek along the northern end of the trail.
near the south side of the lake. Take in the view of
this trail. Pass over the bridge at Hagaman Creek
uneven. Several perennial creeks are visible from
Research Center, the terrain is somewhat hilly and
root-covered areas. Between the lake and Eldridge
boardwalks and includes some wet (muddy) and
trail is mostly level and crosses bridges and
the spillway is not permitted). Near the lake, the
end (please note this is a dead-end trail - crossing
see the full expanse of the lake from its southern
Take a short detour down the Myosotis Dam Trail to
passing under hemlock and deciduous canopies.
up view from the west side of Lake Myosotis while
upper reaches of the Upper Falls Trail. Enjoy a close-
Center parking lot on Pond Hill Road or from the
This trail starts from either the Eldridge Research
Distance: 1.3 mi. Difficulty: Moderate

Lake Trail West

Upper Falls overlook.*
Falls while crossing the Upper Falls bridge to the
enjoy the sites and sounds of the Rensselaerville
Further on the Upper Falls Trail, take a moment to
brings visitors to the Rensselaerville Post Office.
and planted conifers. A detour down a side trail
including dark hemlocks, mixed deciduous stands,
Lake Trails, crosses hilly terrain through forests
This trail, which connects the Lower Falls Trail and
(0.5 mi. from Visitors' Center parking lot)
Distance: 0.4 mi Difficulty: Moderate

Upper Falls Trail

Path off of the Racetrack Trail.
this hike. For a longer excursion, follow Partridge
way. For a fairly short loop, add the Ordway Trail to
deciduous forest and planted conifers along the
operated into the mid-20th century. Enjoy the mixed
horse track owned by the Ordway family and
the Racetrack Trail, which is all that remains of the
the 19th century Wheeler Watson Cemetery and to
Recommended by history fans, this trail leads past
Distance: 0.8 mi. Difficulty: Easy

Wheeler Watson Trail and Racetrack Trail

Preserve's historic Ordway Farmhouse.
planted conifer forest habitat, as well as the
Trail and passes old field, pond, hemlock forest, and
This trail connects Lake Trail East and the Racetrack
Distance: 0.5 mi. Difficulty: Easy

Ordway Trail

Wheeler Watson Trail.
Hill Road, visitors have the option to detour onto
Hill Road and the Lake Myosotis beach. Near Pond
to the north, marks the halfway point between Pond
beach and boat launch. Ordway Trail, branching off
coniferous forest, as well as the Lake Myosotis
deciduous forest, wet shrubland, and planted
the east side of Lake Myosotis. It passes mixed
overlook, this trail travels along Ten-Mile Creek and
Beginning at Pond Hill Road or near the Upper Falls
Distance: 1.2 mi. Difficulty: Easy

Lake Trail East

Partridge Path

Distance: 2.6 mi. Difficulty: Moderate
Follow the Preserve's longest trail through northern
hardwood forest and planted conifer stands.
Portions follow a meandering creek. Several
optional loops are available from Partridge Path.
The Valley Trail (1.1 mi.), southernmost of the loops,
leads to a view of an extensive wetland. For a slight
elevation gain, follow the Hill Trail (0.7 mi.). Portions
of the Creek Trail (1.3 mi.), northernmost of the
loops, follows the Ten-Mile Creek.

Lincoln Pond Trail

Distance: 0.8 mi. Difficulty: Easy
Starting at the parking lot across from the Eldridge
Research Center, this trail follows the shore of
Lincoln Pond, traveling through old growth hemlock
forest, mixed deciduous stands, and across the
diverse wetland at the back of the pond. Be sure to
look for signs of beaver activity.



Thank you to our Volunteer Trail Stewards for
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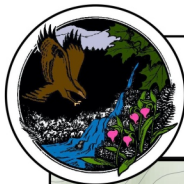
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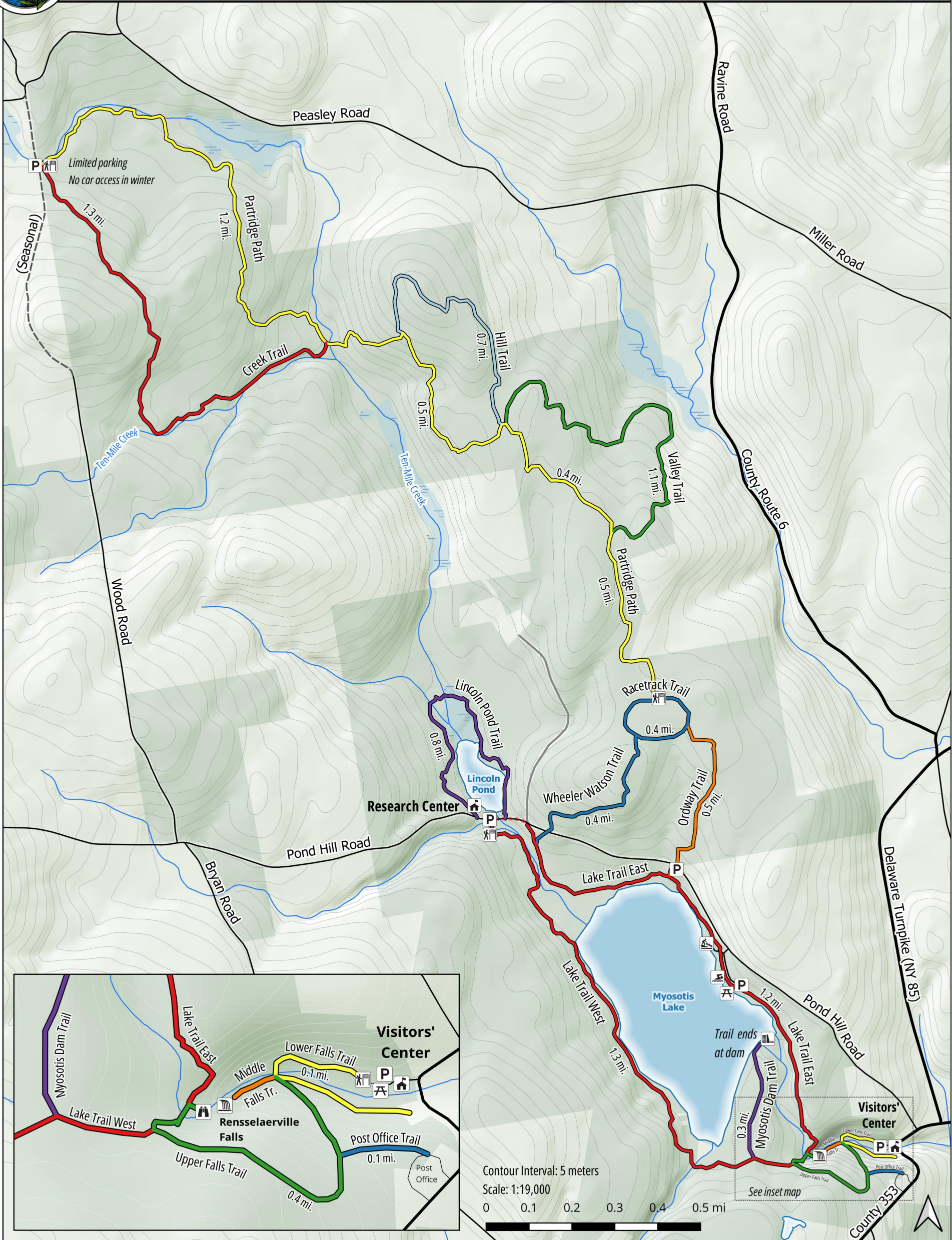
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allow us to protect our lands and waters, maintain
recreational infrastructure and opportunities, and
offer education lessons tied to our research
program. Members receive our newsletter and
discounts on Preserve programs and merchandise
sold at events and in the Visitors' Center and have
the ability to purchase Lake Myosotis beach
passes and rent space on kayak racks.
Please join at as generous a membership level as
you can. Your support now will have long-term
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Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station Trail Map



Rules and Trail Etiquette

- Stay on the trails.
- Trails are open dawn to dusk
- Pets must be leashed at all times and pet waste must be carried out.
- Swimming is only allowed at the swim beach at Lake Myosotis when lifeguards are on duty. Valid swim passes, available through the Preserve office, are required.
- Fishing is only allowed in Lake Myosotis. People fishing must have a valid NYS fishing permit.

The Below Activities are Prohibited

- Riding horses, bicycles, or motorized vehicles
- Hunting and trapping
- Collection of any kind including but not limited to: plants, animals, cultural artifacts, preserve signs, and rocks
- Metal detecting
- Geocaching
- Flying drones, unless previously approved by the Huyck Preserve for research purposes
- Wading or climbing on the Rensselaerville Falls
- Camping and fires
- Littering

Legend

- Trailhead
- Building
- Dam
- Beach
- Picnic Area
- Kiosk
- Lookout
- Hand Launch
- Waterfall

The Preserve is a carry-in, carry-out property – please take all waste with you.

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