

Sherborn Forest and Trail Association

Founded in 1969, the Sherborn Forest and Trail Association (SFTA) is a family-oriented membership organization focused on the preservation, maintenance, and enjoyment of Sherborn's open space and trail system. SFTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all dues and contributions qualify as tax deductible charitable contributions.



Join online at www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/about/join or complete the membership form in this mailing and mail it to: SFTA, PO Box 477, Sherborn, MA 01770.

SFTA's activities include coordinating the construction and maintenance of trails on publicly-accessible land, conducting guided walks, bicycle rides, and equestrian events, and engaging in community outreach and education regarding our town forest and open spaces. More information about SFTA is available on our website at:

www.sherbornforestandtrail.org

We need your help! Our current initiatives include:

- Revising *Sherborn Walks*. We're looking for photographers, artists, and a cartographer to help us update this comprehensive guide to Sherborn's publically-accessible lands.
- Trail Maintenance. We need your tips, suggestions, and helping hands to clear downed trees, control erosion, and ensure that trails are appropriately marked.
- Education and Outreach: Help us spread the word about Sherborn's forest and trails. We're also participating in the rewrite of Sherborn's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The new plan will encourage trail and greenway linkages, prioritize land protection, and identify threats to water resources.



**Our Neighbor
Local
Postal Customer**

Look inside for:

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- ◇ Suggested Trail Adventure
- ◇ Sherborn Trail Map

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2017 Annual Membership Form

• New & Existing Members •

You can also join or renew your membership online at:
www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/join

Membership Status (check one)

New Member

Renewal

Membership Type (check one)

Individual (dues: \$15.00)

Family (dues: \$25.00)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Preferred contact method (check one)

Email (*default*)

U.S. Mail

Telephone

We need your help!

SFTA is a volunteer organization. Please check the boxes next to the volunteer opportunities that interest you:

Trail Maintenance

Education

Social Events

Hunter Pace

Leading a Trail Excursion

Optional Contribution

Additional tax-deductible contribution: \$_____

Please make checks payable to SFTA and mail this form to:

Selected Projects & Accomplishments 2016-2017

Trail work and open space cleanup:

- Constructed new *Roadside Trail* along Brush Hill Road.
- Cleared brush and debris from School House Lot.
- Organized trail cleanup days in May and November.
- Constructed new wetlands bypass trail in Barber Reservation.
- Supported various High School & Eagle Scout projects.

Signage and public awareness:

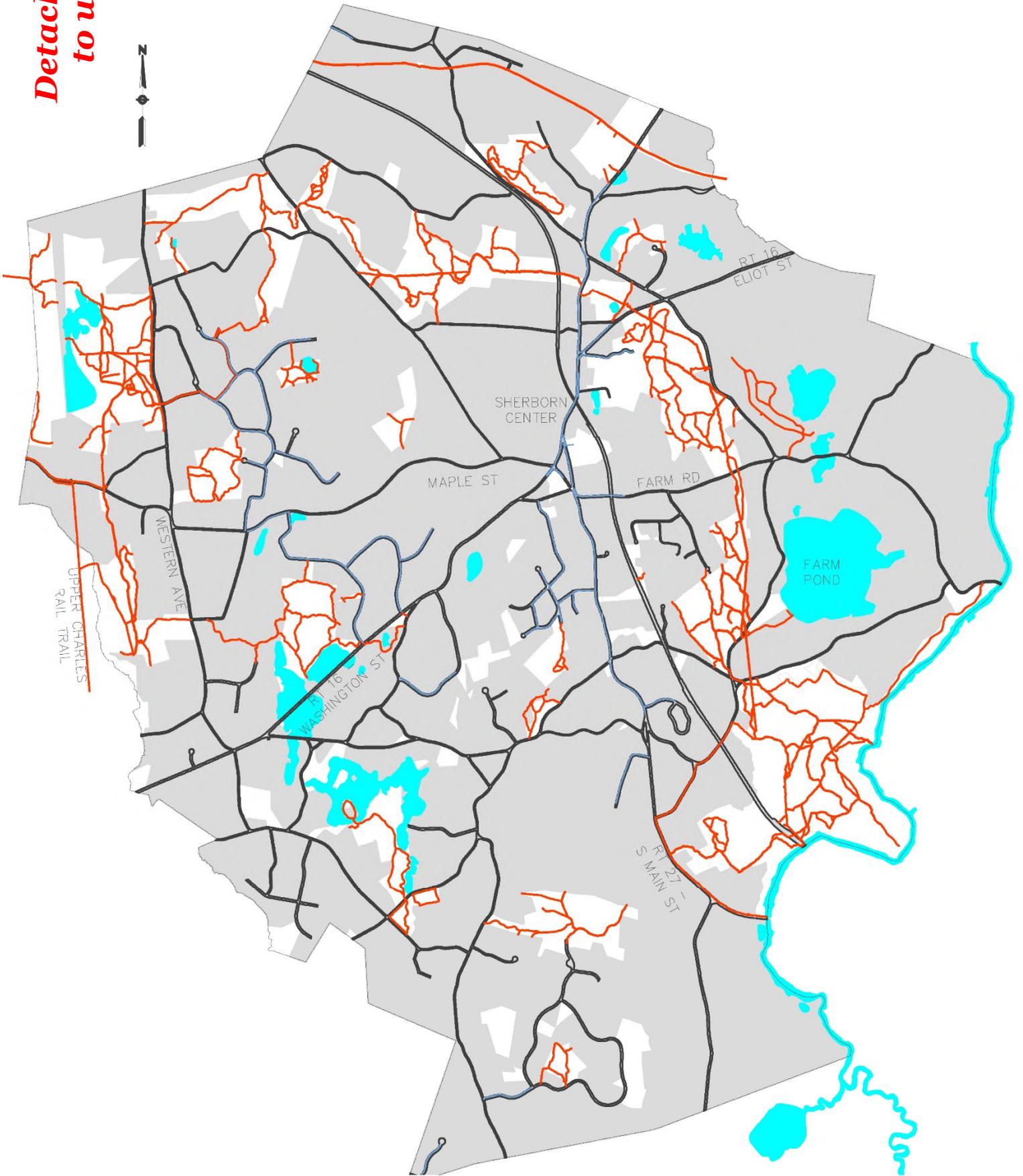
- Designed and installed new maps and signage at Barber Reservation kiosk, including a *What to See This Month* poster series.
- Digitized Sherborn Walks guide through the Boston Public Library.
- Designed and installed new road crossing signs for the Bay Circuit Trail at key locations around town.

Public events:

- Hosted a Hunter Pace in November.
- Annual Charles River paddle.
- Organized town-wide Spring roadside cleanup.
- Hosted bi-annual Conservation Connections in February.

Sherborn Trail Map

*Detach this sheet
to use maps.*



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Legend:

- Black lines: Roads
- Black/Blue lines: Roads with sidewalks
- Red lines: Trails
- Shaded areas: Private property

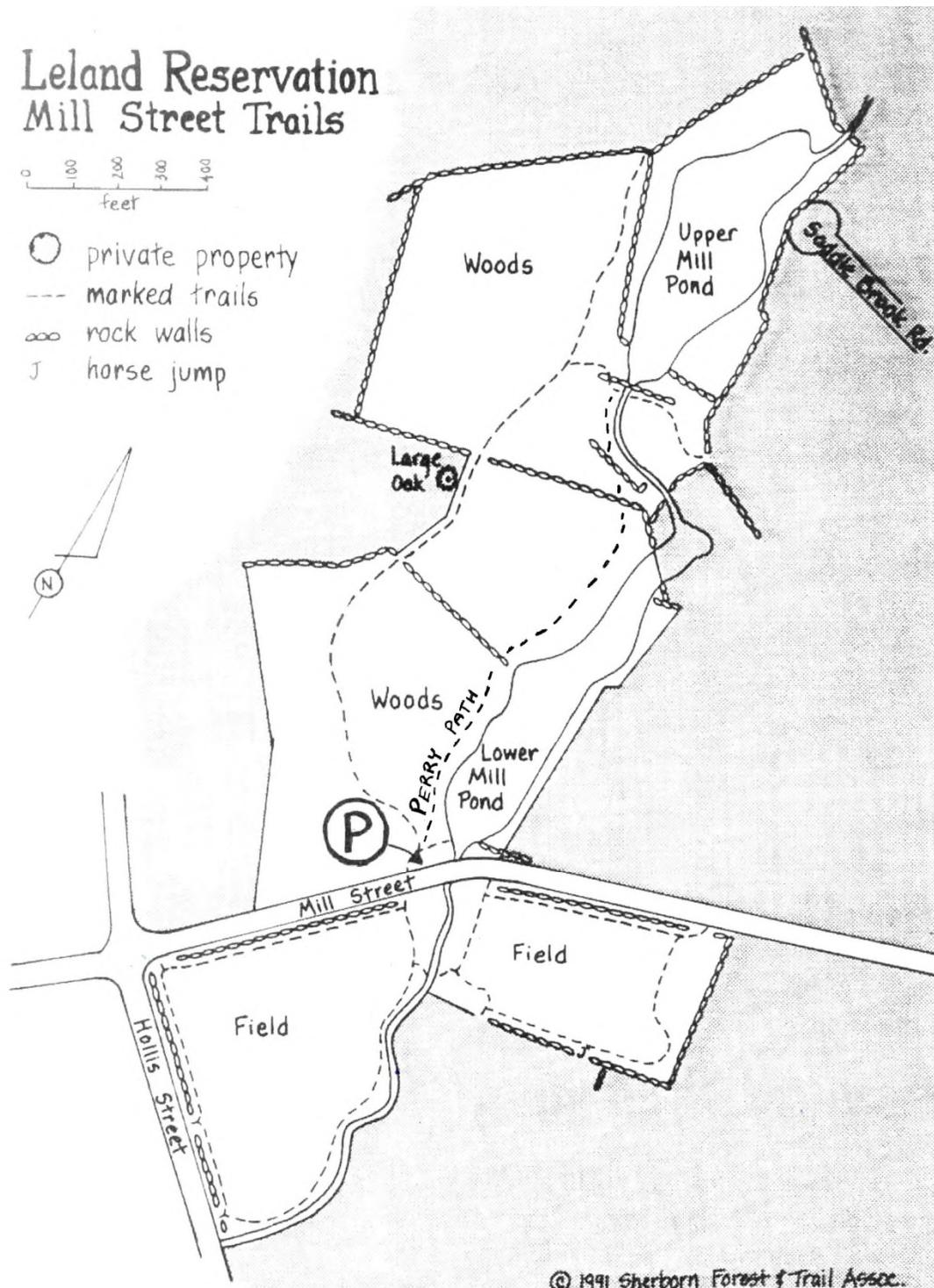
Please respect
the privacy rights of
our neighbors
and remain on town land
and established trails.

SFTA suggests the following adventure:

Leland Mill Ponds Loop

This is a lovely, interesting, moderate one-mile loop walk, with an extension available along Upper Mill Pond.

Directions: Park in lot on the northwest side of Mill Street, just northeast of Hollis Street. Cross the small field and stay right to enter the woods on the Perry Path next to Lower Mill Pond. The trail wanders through the woods along the pond, crosses small drainages during wet season, and offers access to the ruins of a mill below Upper Mill Pond. Eventually the trail turns west (left) and joins a larger trail. Turn south (left) to return to the parking lot past the large oak tree.



History: It is believed that Alex Barker used Upper Mill Pond to manufacture trunnels, which were wooden pegs used to fasten timbers. Lower Mill Pond, next to Mill Street, was the site of saw and grist mills operated by four generations of the Leland family until the 1920s. The saw mill was first built to saw lumber downed by the great hurricane of 1815. It originally used a water wheel, but was converted to a turbine in the 1860s. The fields on the other side of Mill Street are also conservation land (Hopestill Reservation) and their perimeters are nice walks, but not as interesting as the Mill Ponds.