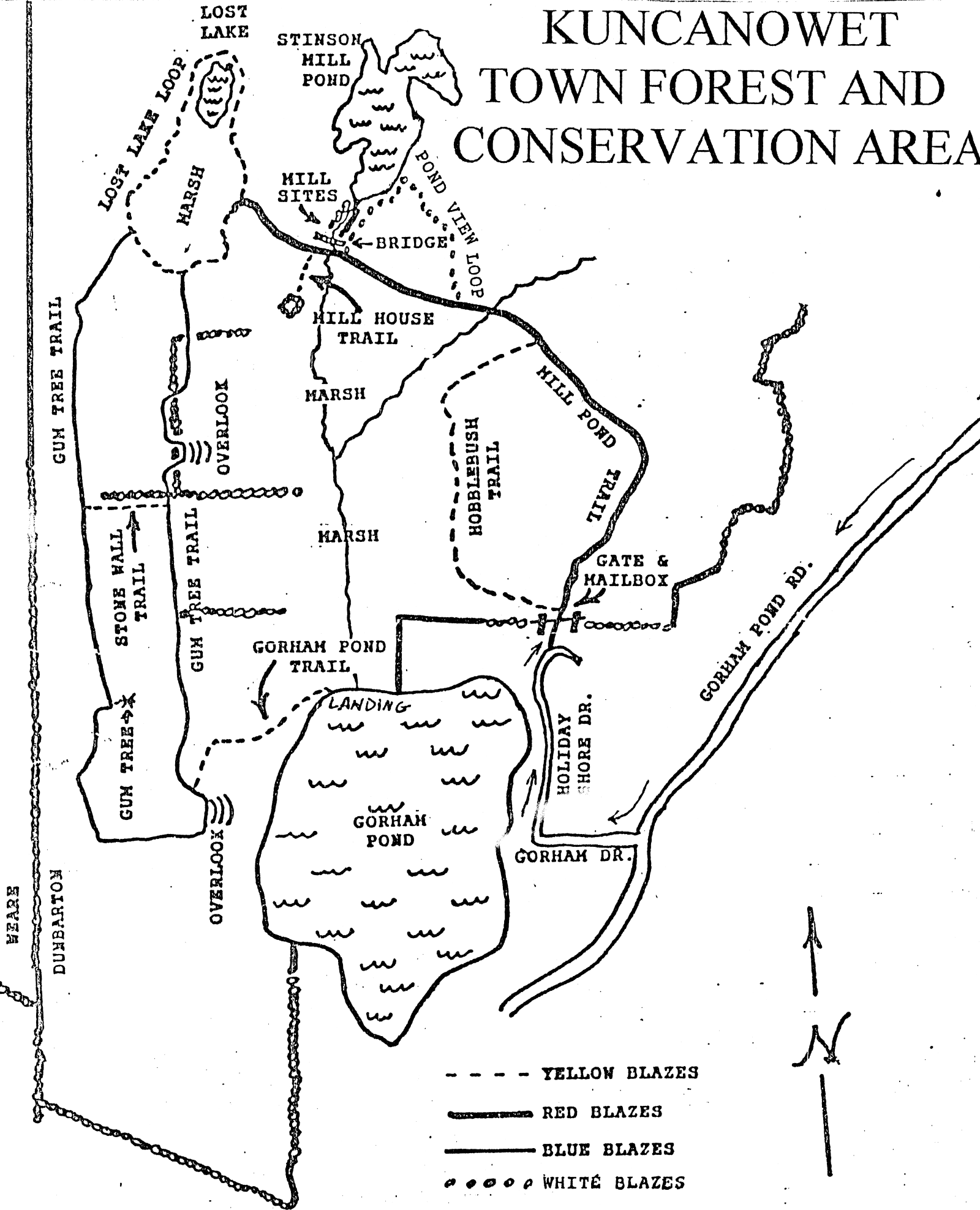


KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA



- YELLOW BLAZES
- RED BLAZES
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THE KUNCANOWET TOWN FOREST AND CONSERVATION AREA DERIVES ITS NAME FROM ITS DOMINANT FEATURE, THE KUNCANOWET HILLS, INDIAN FOR "MOUNTAIN PLACE OF THE BEAR." IT IS APPROXIMATELY A 1000 ACRE PROTECTED EXPANSE OF FOREST AND WETLAND WHICH BEGINS SOUTH OF GORHAM POND AND CONTINUES NORTH TWO MILES ALONG THE TOWN LINE OF WEARE AND DUNBARTON. IT IS ABOUT ONE MILE AT ITS WIDEST. A NETWORK OF HIKING TRAILS HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION. THE VARIED TERRAIN WITHIN THE TRAIL SYSTEM SUPPORTS A DIVERSE PLANT AND ANIMAL POPULATION. MOOSE, BEAR AND DEER ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE KUNCANOWET AREA.

COMPLETED TRAILS APPROX. 7 MILES OF TRAILS

MILL POND TRAIL IS AN OLD LOGGING ROAD WHICH SERVES AS THE MAIN TRAIL FROM WHICH MOST OF THE OTHER TRAILS BRANCH. IT STARTS AT THE GATE AND LEADS TO THE SITE OF THE TWO STINSON MILLS, ONE A SHINGLE MILL AND THE OTHER AN UP AND DOWN SAW MILL. THE MILL'S STONE RACEWAY CAN BE SEEN FROM A WOODEN BRIDGE BELOW IT. MILL POND TRAIL THEN CROSSES STINSON BROOK AND CONTINUES ON TOWARD LOST LAKE. (LENGTH 1.3 Mi.- 40 Min. ONE WAY - BLAZED RED)

HOBBLEBUSH TRAIL BEGINS JUST TO YOUR LEFT INSIDE THE GATE. IT PARALLELS, THEN JOINS MILL POND TRAIL. THE TRAIL IS NAMED FOR THE HOBBLEBUSH WHICH IS EVIDENT ALONG ITS EDGES. HOBBLEBUSH TRAIL IS IDEAL FOR A BRIEF AND EFFORTLESS WALK. (LENGTH .7 Mi.- 25 Min.-40 Min. AS A LOOP - BLAZED YELLOW)

POND VIEW LOOP BEGINS WITH A RIGHT TURN AT THE SIGN POST ON MILL POND TRAIL. YOU PROCEED APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET ON A LOG ROAD THEN VEER SHARPLY TO THE LEFT OFF THE LOG ROAD ONTO A WINDING WOODS TRAIL WHICH LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE STINSON MILL POND. ANOTHER SHARP LEFT AND YOU FOLLOW THE POND, THEN THE MILL STREAM UNTIL YOU EMERGE AT THE BRIDGE ON MILL POND TRAIL. (LENGTH .4 Mi. - SIGN POST TO BRIDGE - 13 Min. - BLAZED WHITE)

MILL HOUSE TRAIL IS A FLAT TRAIL EXITING MILL POND TRAIL TO THE LEFT AFTER THE BRIDGE. IT BRIEFLY BORDERS STINSON BROOK, THEN WINDS THROUGH A STAND OF RED PINES TO A SMALL STONE CELLAR HOLE, BELIEVED TO BE THE RESIDENCE OF THE MILL WORKERS. (LENGTH .4 Mi.- 15 Min. OUT AND BACK - BLAZED YELLOW)

LOST LAKE LOOP BRANCHES TO THE RIGHT OFF MILL POND TRAIL AND LEADS YOU AROUND A UNIQUE BEAVER POND WITH DAMS ON BOTH ITS NORTH AND SOUTH ENDS. ROCK FORMATIONS AND A VARIETY OF ALTITUDES HELP MAKE THIS ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC TRAILS. (LENGTH 1.3 Mi.- 40 Min - BLAZED YELLOW)

GUM TREE TRAIL IS ACCESSIBLE FROM LOST LAKE LOOP ON THE NORTH AND GORHAM POND TRAIL ON ITS SOUTHEAST CORNER. THE TRAIL IS NAMED FOR THE STATE RECORD BLACK GUM TREE LOCATED ON THE TRAILS SOUTHWEST SIDE. THE TRAIL WINDS PAST OTHER LARGE TREES AS WELL AS TWO OVERLOOKS. EVIDENCE OF MOOSE CAN USUALLY BE SEEN ALONG THIS TRAIL. (LENGTH 2.5 Mi.- 80 Min.- BLAZED BLUE)

STONE WALL TRAIL PARALLELS A STONE WALL AND CONNECTS THE EAST AND WEST LEGS OF GUM TREE TRAIL. (LENGTH .2 Mi. - 5 Min. - BLAZED YELLOW)

GORHAM POND TRAIL STARTS AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GORHAM POND AND AFTER A CONTINUOUS GENTLE, THEN A BRIEF STEEP CLIMB IT MEETS GUM TREE TRAIL NEAR THE SOUTH OVERLOOK. IT IS A CONVENIENT WAY FOR BOATERS TO COME ASHORE AND ACCESS THE TRAIL SYSTEM. (LENGTH .2 Mi.- 5 Min. BLAZED YELLOW)

HELP MAINTAIN YOUR TRAIL SYSTEM BY CARRYING OUT ALL TRASH, REMOVING STICKS AND OTHER DEBRIS FROM THE PATHS, AND BEING CAREFUL NOT TO DISLODGE SIGNS OR BLAZES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

THE KUNCANOWET TRAILS COMMITTEE