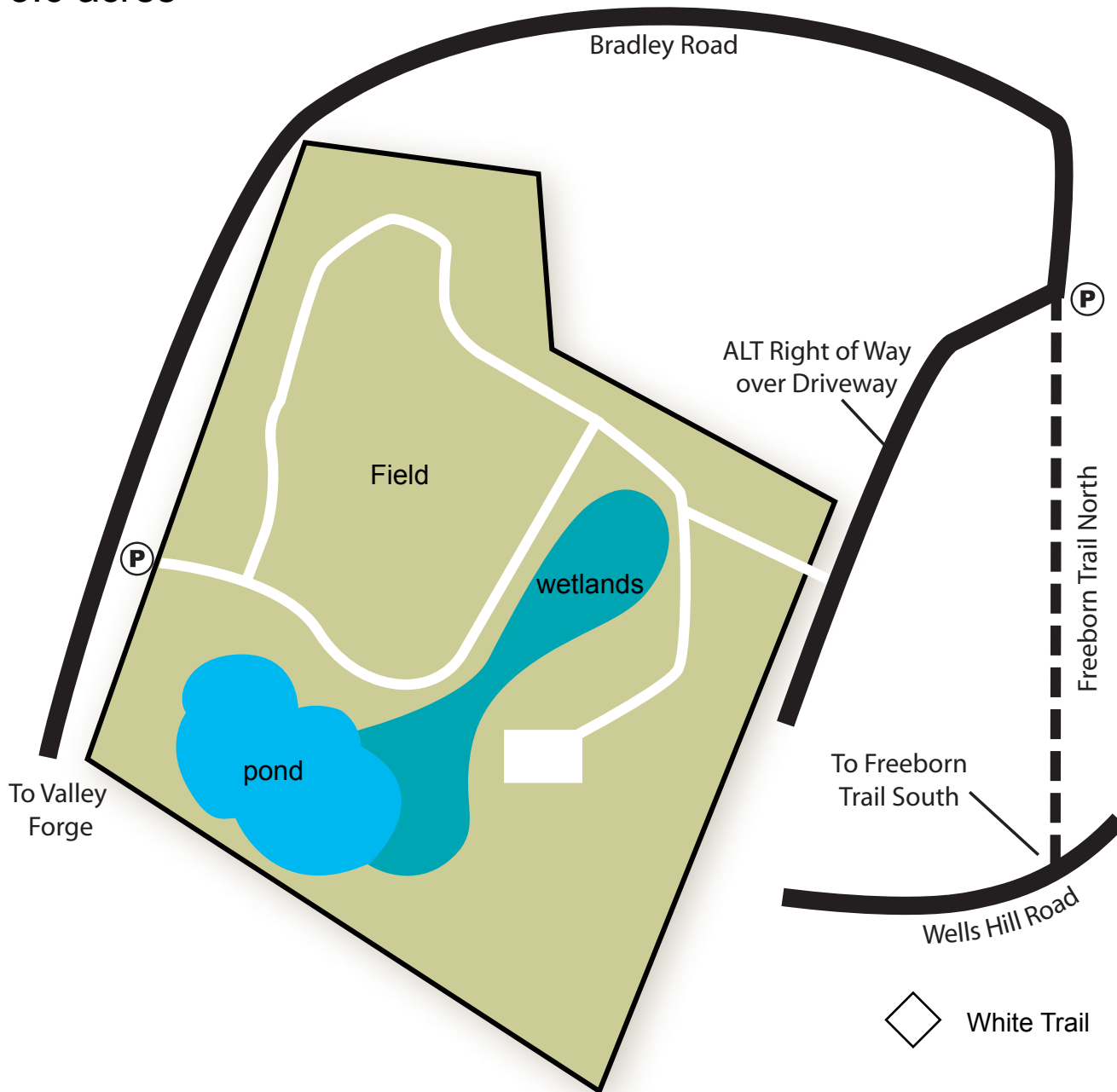


Lillian Squires Morton Preserve

3.6 acres



Notes:

An open space gem that is at its best on a sunny day. The grassy path follows the perimeter of the Preserve, which once was a pasture, an “improvement” made by many early settlers, who cleared trees and rocks for a chance to raise something. The small pond (now home to a large snapping turtle) was a source of water for grazing livestock. A trail spur connects to the Freeborn Trail and the Trout Brook Valley Preserve.

Historical Nugget: Weston's soil is mostly a mix of sands and silts, mica, quartzite and granite gneisses, and on average only about 17 inches deep, a soil best suited to growing timothy, other pasturage grasses, and onions, a major cash crop in the mid-nineteenth century.

Location: North on Lyons Plains Road; at 3-way stop, turn onto Valley Forge Road; about a mile and a half from the intersection, turn right on Bradley Road. Trail entrance is on the right. Park along the road.