

Otter View Park

MALT celebrated the groundbreaking of Otter View Park in October 2006, and it has been maintained as a public park since then. The park is an essential habitat for birds and other wildlife, which can be seen as you walk along the trail and boardwalk. The wetland habitat of the park is essential for slowing stormwater runoff, while also serving as a nesting habitat and breeding ground for the species of the park. The boardwalk features multiple benches with lookout spots over Otter Creek River. Check out maltvt.org/otter-view-park-planks to get your own message engraved on a boardwalk plank, while making a donation to MALT!

Hours: dawn to dusk

Parking: There is a free, designated parking area at the front of the park, (available for park use only,) as well as a bike rack. Tri Valley Transit also makes stops in the parking area for those without vehicle access.

Directions: Otter View Park can be found at the corner of Weybridge St and Pulp Mill Bridge Road. Or, enter "Otter View Park" into a GPS service.

Recommended Activity:



watch
wildlife



walk,
run, & hike



bring pets
(on leash)



bike



fish



winter
use

Hunting, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted in the park.

Come explore more MALT land!

The Middlebury Area Land Trust is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization formed in 1987. MALT connects people with the lands we protect. MALT has helped conserve more than 4000 acres in Addison County.



Other popular trails:

Trail Around Middlebury: The "TAM" as it is known locally, is a major project of the Middlebury Area Land Trust. The TAM, a footpath over 18 miles long, encircles the village of Middlebury and links several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties, schools, the North Country Trail, and other local landmarks.

Wright Park: donated to the Town of Middlebury by Willard Jackson and managed by MALT, Wright Park includes a network of nearly 4 miles through fields, heavily wooded forests, and a quiet section along the Otter Creek.

Otter Creek Gorge Preserve: a 2.6 mile lightly trafficked loop trail at the northern boundary of the TAM that offers the chance to see wildlife and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking and trail running.

Hurd Grasslands: Newly preserved, this natural grassland with a 1 mile walking loop and a bird watching shed is located in Weybridge, VT past Otter View Park on Route 23 heading towards Weybridge. It's a local favorite spot for bird watchers!



Volunteers are always needed to keep these trails accessible and beautiful!
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welcome to Otter View Park



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our trail:

- * 0.6 mile lightly trafficked loop
- * 0.13 mile boardwalk connector
- * walking path is universally accessible, and boardwalk path is ADA-accessible.
- * great for visitors of all ages and ability!

animals of the park:

Otter View Park is home to a variety of species. Keep your eyes out for some of our favorites!

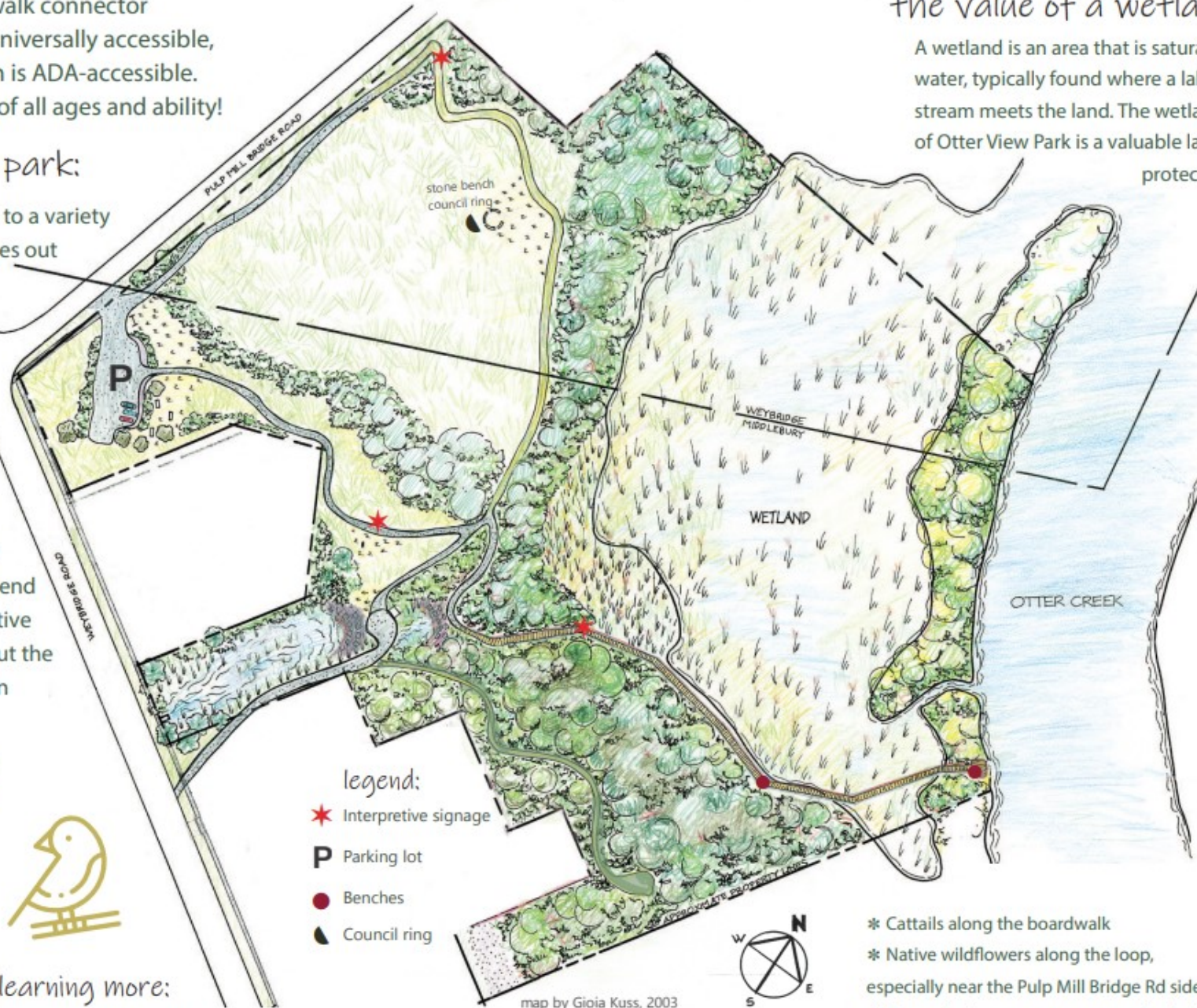
- * Damselflies and Dragonflies amongst the cattails
- * Painted turtles and snapping turtles in the creek
- * Beavers making their homes along the river bend
- * Visit the trail interpretive signs to learn more about the birds that you can find in Otter View Park



identification and learning more:

- * Check out phone applications like iNaturalist and the Audubon Bird Guide to help you learn more about the species you encounter in the park.

Otter View Park Trail and Ecological Guide



map by Gioia Kuss, 2003

- legend:
- * Interpretive signage
 - P Parking lot
 - Benches
 - ◐ Council ring

find something interesting?

Message us your photos on instagram to @middleburyarealandtrust!

the value of a wetland:

A wetland is an area that is saturated with water, typically found where a lake, river, or stream meets the land. The wetland environment of Otter View Park is a valuable landscape feature as it

protects against flooding, improves water quality, provides a habitat for certain fish and wildlife, and countless other ecological benefits.

plants of the park:

- * Cattails along the boardwalk
- * Native wildflowers along the loop, especially near the Pulp Mill Bridge Rd side
- * Buttonbush tree, a common wetland plant are nicknamed "honey bells." Find this plant along the boardwalk by looking for the bell shape!

