



Town of Sturbridge

Conservation Commission

Conservation Land Special Use Application / Permit

New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA)

Name of Organization / Event: Mountain Bike Adventure Series (MBAS)

Mailing Address (to receive permit approval): 22 Old Towne Way, Fiskdale, MA 01518

Contact Name & Phone: Nate Lane (President) 508-948-5960

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Name of Parcel: Lesdmine & Riverlands

Date(s) of Planned Use: June 15th, 2024

Time of Planned Use: 9am - 2pm

Proposed Use/Event: Group mountain bike ride(s) led by local NEMBA members, non-motorized

Will food be served? YES NO * PLEASE NOTE: If yes, you MUST also contact the Board of Health.

Estimated number of people in attendance: 150 Estimated number of cars: 100-150**

* Food may be served on OSV property, not on TOS property

** Parking will be at OSV Museum Education lot

Please do not write below this line:

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission has reviewed this request and has determined that:

Use is permitted. Please see regulations for Use of Sturbridge Conservation provided on the following page. Notification of this event has been sent to the following Town Departments:

Sturbridge Police Department Sturbridge Fire Department Sturbridge Department of Public Works

Use is permitted with these Special Conditions: _____

Use is not permitted due to the following: _____

New England Mountain Bike Association - Supplemental Documentation

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Submitted by:

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Summary:

The South Central MA Chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (SCMA NEMBA) is looking to host a mountain biking event in Sturbridge as part of the Mountain Bike Adventure Series (MBAS), which entails multiple events across New England. NEMBA has been in operation since 1987 as a 501c3 non-profit organization and carries event liability insurance (attached for reference).

Event Location:

This request is to host an event at the Leadmine Mountain and Riverlands trail systems with parking / vendor setup / food & beverage hosted at Old Sturbridge Village at the Museum Education Lot on OSV Access Rd. OSV has approved usage for June 15th, 2024.

The event will entail multiple led group mountain bike rides with local NEMBA members coordinating each ride based on skill level and distance. Trails used on the ride will be those only published and fully approved by the Sturbridge Trails Committee. *There will be no shuttle services provided to any riders, all activity on the trails and connecting roadways will be bicycle-only.*

Proposed Trails:

Attached are the trail maps for the Leadmine Mountain and Riverlands areas for reference, the following trails are proposed to be included in the event ride(s) with the approval of the Sturbridge Trails Committee on 6/13/24 (regular monthly meeting) based on their current conditions. Routes will be arrowed, and trails outside of arrowed routes will be marked as 'do not pass' for NEMBA event attendees.

- Leadmine Mountain
 - Camp Robinson Crusoe
 - Gateway Trail
 - Morgan Trail
 - Arbutus Park Trail
 - Sandhill Trail

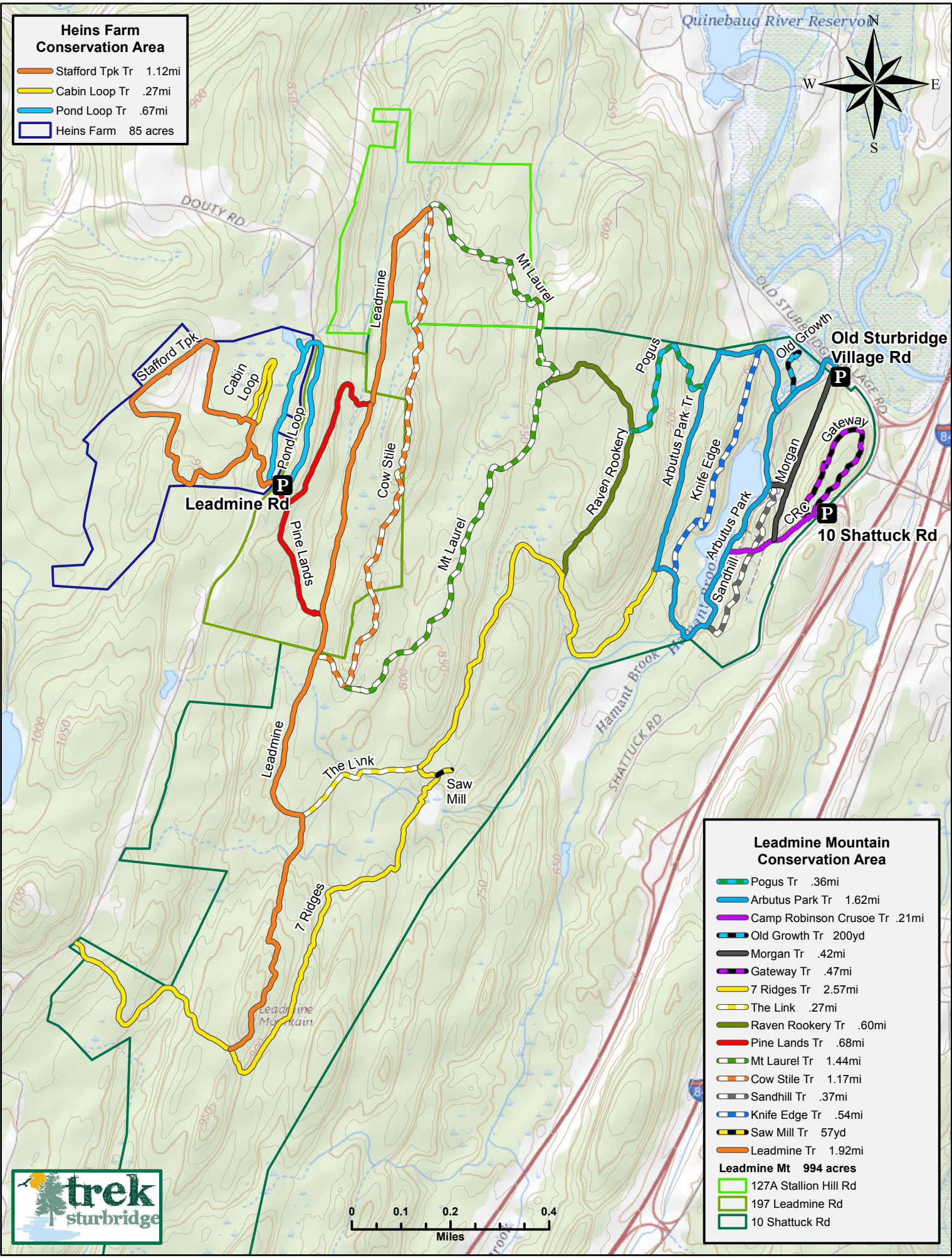
- 7 Ridges Trail (from Arbutus to Raven Rookery only)
- Raven Rookery Trail
- Mt Laurel Trail
- Cow Stile Trail
- Leadmine Trail (from start/finish of Cow Stile only)
- Pine Lands Trail
- Pond Loop (East Side)
- Heins Farm
 - Pond Loop (West Side)
 - Stafford Turnpike Trail
 - Cabin Loop
- Riverlands
 - Grand Trunk Trail
 - Brickyard Trail
 - Riverwalk Trail
 - Leadmine Trail
 - Cistern Trail (up only)
 - Flow Trail #1 (down only)
 - Flow Trail #2 (down only)
 - Flow Trail #3 (down only)

Additional Notes & Proposed Conditions:

1. As SCMA NEMBA is an active participant in Sturbridge area trail maintenance, our members with the coordination and approval of the Trails Committee will work to prepare trails for this event and clean up / repair the trails as necessary after the event. With that said, mountain biking on the Leadmine Mountain and Riverlands trails is commonplace and has been for some time, we do not expect any impact to the trails outside of normal usage during this event as all attendees will be using non-motorized bicycles.
2. We have yet to determine if we will have food and beverage at this event, but if so, we will work with OSV to set up vendors on their property and will not have any food and beverage allowed off of the Museum Education Parking area. Therefore, from the Town of Sturbridge perspective, there will be no food & beverage on town land during the event.
3. It is best practice for trail routes to be 'arrowed' or 'flagged' for these events, even with group ride leaders coordinating attendees. In doing so, SCMA NEMBA will work with the Sturbridge Trails Committee on an approved approach to install arrows the day before the event and remove them the day after the event with no environmental impact or materials left behind.
4. Event posters will be displayed at the OSV Access Rd, Shattuck Rd, and 197 Leadmine Rd parking areas 1 month prior to the event, by June 15th, 2024, to make other trail

users aware of the upcoming event. In addition, posts will be made on the Sturbridge MA Community Facebook page and Friends of Sturbridge Trails Facebook page to reach virtual audiences.

5. SCMA NEMBA will coordinate with the Sturbridge Police Department to have an officer on-site to direct bicycle riders and car traffic on Stallion Hill Rd. in order for event attendees to cross the street to the Riverlands parking area.
6. NEMBA Liability Coverage will be provided as a COI to the land owners of all properties being proposed for the event.

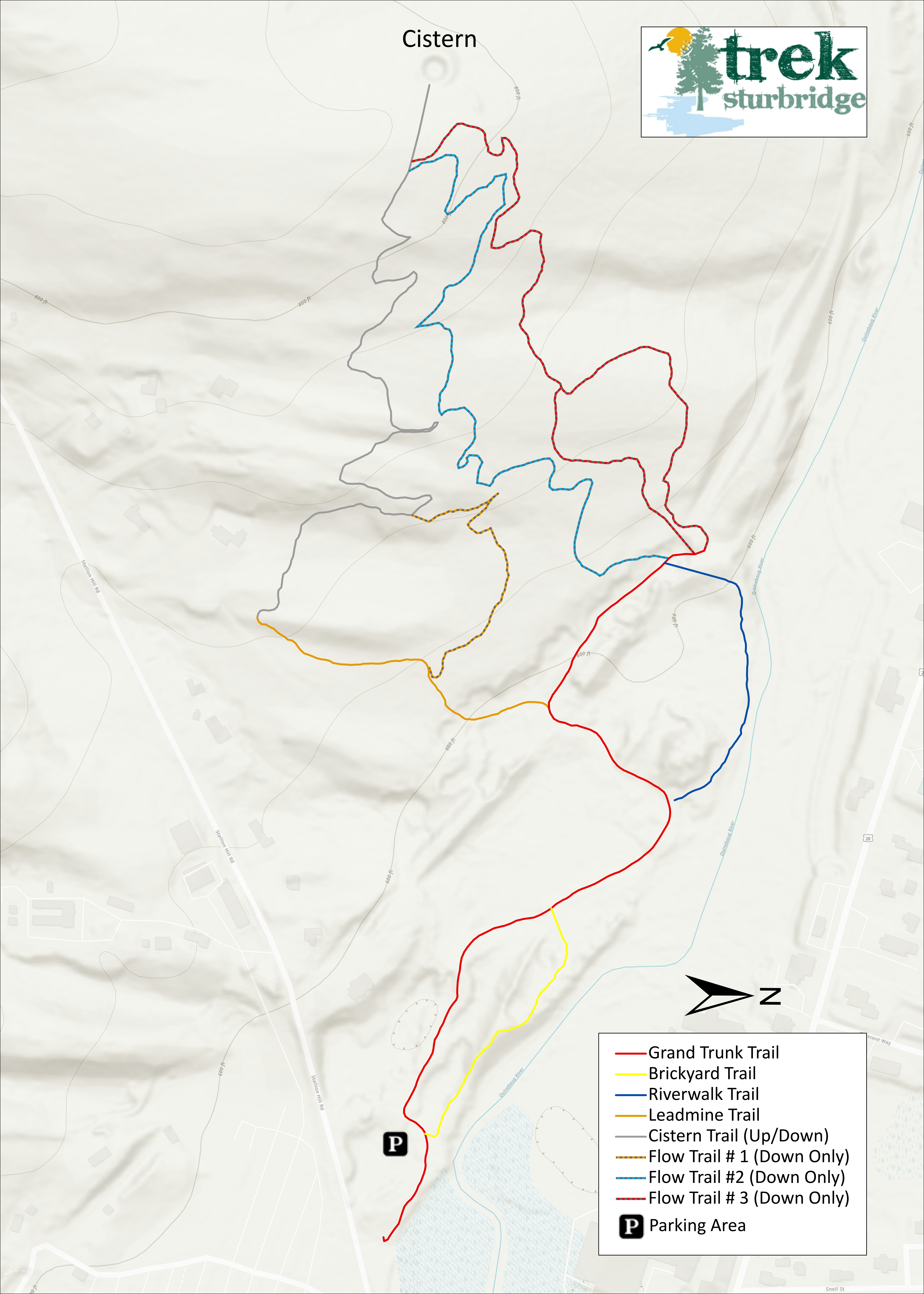


- Heins Farm Conservation Area**
- Stafford Tpk Tr 1.12mi
 - Cabin Loop Tr .27mi
 - Pond Loop Tr .67mi
 - Heins Farm 85 acres

- Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area**
- Pogus Tr .36mi
 - Arbutus Park Tr 1.62mi
 - Camp Robinson Crusoe Tr .21mi
 - Old Growth Tr 200yd
 - Morgan Tr .42mi
 - Gateway Tr .47mi
 - 7 Ridges Tr 2.57mi
 - The Link Tr .27mi
 - Raven Rookery Tr .60mi
 - Pine Lands Tr .68mi
 - Mt Laurel Tr 1.44mi
 - Cow Stile Tr 1.17mi
 - Sandhill Tr .37mi
 - Knife Edge Tr .54mi
 - Saw Mill Tr 57yd
 - Leadmine Tr 1.92mi
 - Leadmine Mt 994 acres**
 - 127A Stallion Hill Rd
 - 197 Leadmine Rd
 - 10 Shattuck Rd



Cistern



- Grand Trunk Trail
- Brickyard Trail
- Riverwalk Trail
- Leadmine Trail
- Cistern Trail (Up/Down)
- - - Flow Trail # 1 (Down Only)
- - - Flow Trail #2 (Down Only)
- - - Flow Trail # 3 (Down Only)
- P** Parking Area