

The History of Freja Park

Freja Park (pronounced Fray-ya) is a 21-acre public park in the northern section of Bolton that abuts the old Manchester Drive-In, Notch Pond, the Hop River State Park Trail and Bolton Notch State Park. With the recommendation of the Bolton Conservation Commission (BCC), the town acquired the property in 1968 for \$7,500.00 from the Freja Park Association. Unfortunately, over the years the park suffered from both abuse and neglect. Illegal dumping and deep gullied ruts, caused in part from the illegal use of all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and other motorized vehicles, had damaged all of the trails. In 1998, the BCC submitted a detailed Freja Park Trail Improvement Plan that was endorsed by the Board of Selectmen and approved with the 1998 Budget Referendum.

The BCC and Bolton BSA Troop 73, removed over 9 tons of garbage from the park along with the help of the Bolton Building and Grounds Department, Project Green and numerous town volunteers. A total of 40 check dams and water bars were installed, along with spreading many loads of woodchips in the gullied trails to slow the erosion process. The BCC's Freja Park Trail Improvement Committee, submitted a detailed Plan. The vision of the Plan, "To provide a refuge for the restoration and preservation of native plants and animal species that reside within Freja Park. This would be accomplished by educating the public about the park's diversity of habitat through nature walks and lectures. Construction of kiosks in the park, provide maps and information on ways to improve, maintain, delineate the trails and identify various species of flora and fauna."

The ongoing mission of the Plan, "To provide an ecological balance through the preservation, conservation, restoration and protection of all the natural habitat within Freja Park."

"Take Pictures, Leave Only Footprints"



In Loving Memory of
Michael C. Kempf
Whose compassion and
persistence made the
trail improvement
project possible.

9/23/70 - 2/12/02



One of many Earth Day Celebrations in the park!

The BCC continues to manage the trails in Freja Park and is looking for trail monitors and volunteers who will report trail conditions to the Conservation Commission as well as helping out with work parties.

Sign up now by emailing
TOBCC@aol.com



The BCC recommends trail users to report wildlife sightings and any illegal activities.

Please "Sign-In" and "Sign-Out" of the
Log Book, located at the kiosk by
the Commuter Lot.





Welcome to **FREJA PARK**

Pitch Pine (Pinus rigida)

Made possible by the
BOLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



How to get to Freja Park:

From Hartford:

I-84 East to I-384 East.

Take Exit 5- Bolton.

Go left at ramp stop sign.

Take next right onto Williams Road.

At stop sign take a right onto Rt 6/44.

In 1/4 mile, take a left into

Bolton Commuter Lot.

Entrance to Freja Park is in rear right corner of the parking lot.

From Providence:

Route 6 West to Bolton.

Take US-6 W/US-44 ramp toward Bolton, merging onto I-384.

Stay in right lane and take first exit.

Take right into Bolton Commuter Lot.

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***Please Report All
ATV, Motorcycle &
4x4 Violations and any
Damage to Public Property
to***

***CT DEEP
LAW ENFORCEMENT
at 860-424-3333***

and/or

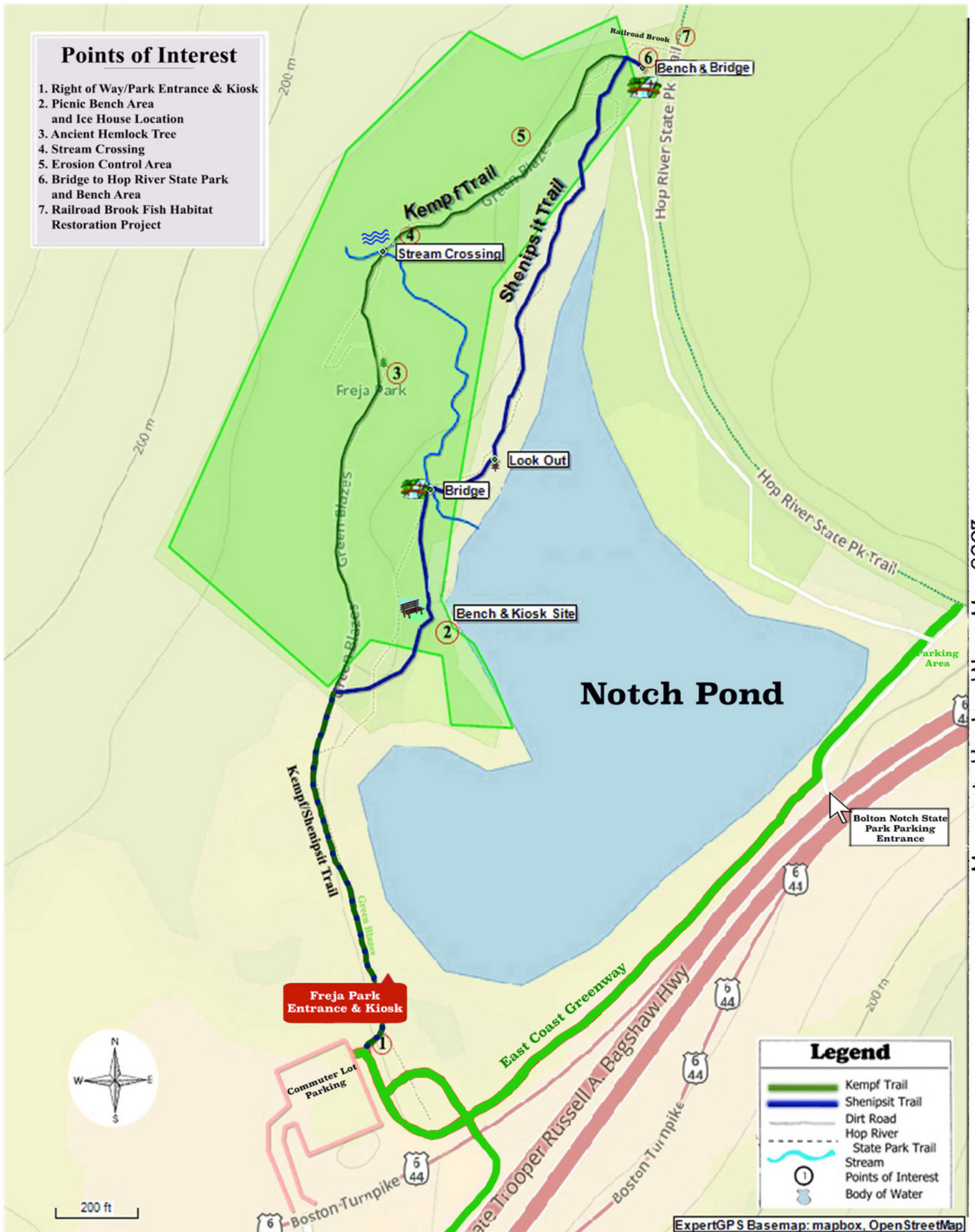
***CT STATE POLICE
(Bolton Resident Trooper)
at 860-643-6060***

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Points of Interest

1. Right of Way/Park Entrance & Kiosk
2. Picnic Bench Area and Ice House Location
3. Ancient Hemlock Tree
4. Stream Crossing
5. Erosion Control Area
6. Bridge to Hop River State Park and Bench Area
7. Railroad Brook Fish Habitat Restoration Project



Legend

- Kempf Trail
- Shenipsit Trail
- Dirt Road
- Hop River
- State Park Trail
- ~ Stream
- 1 Points of Interest
- 6 Body of Water

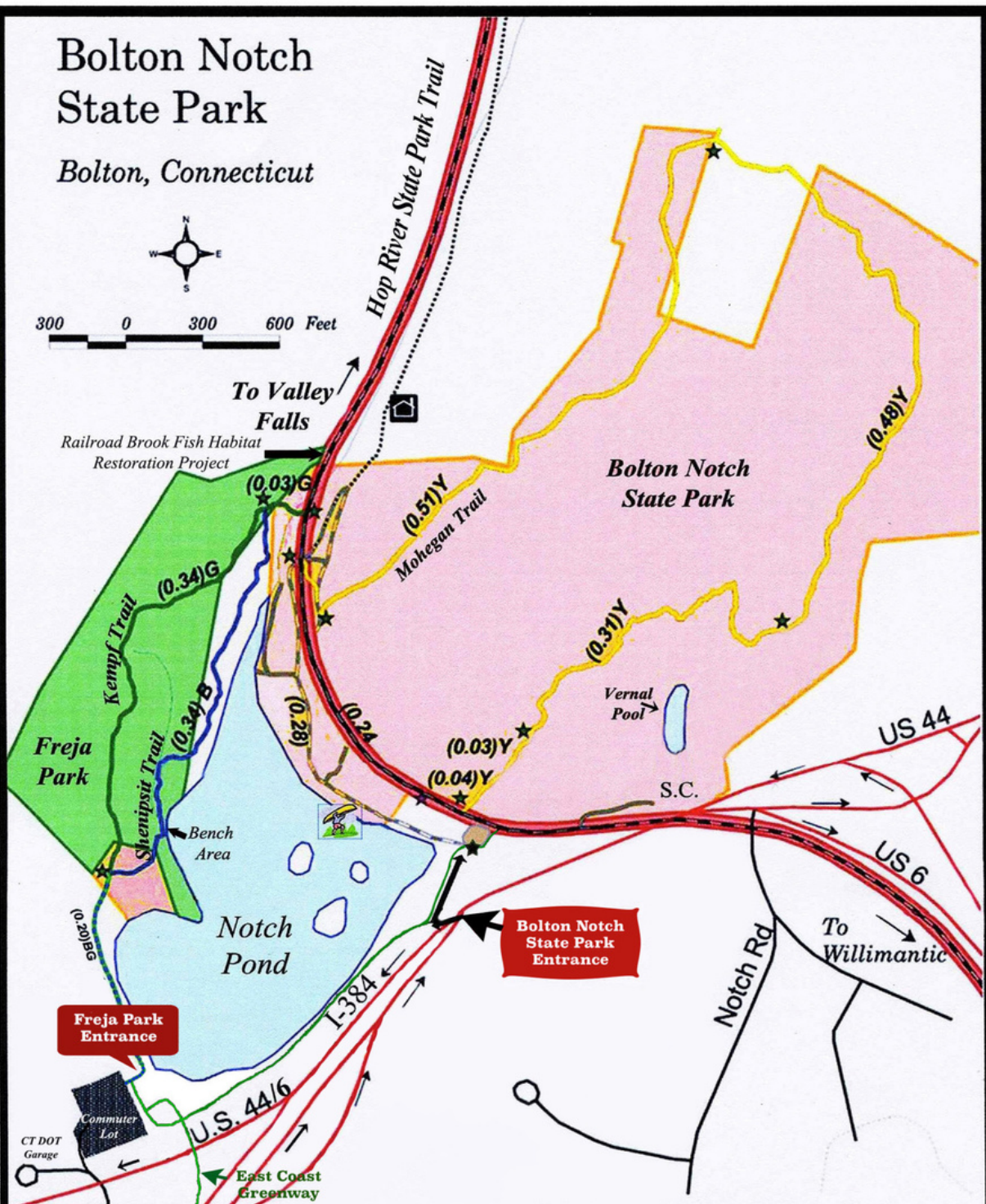
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Bolton Notch State Park

Bolton, Connecticut



300 0 300 600 Feet



Trail distances between marks (★) are in miles.

Map Legend

Roads

- No Blaze
- Blue(B)
- Shenipsit Trail
- Blue/Green(BG)
- Kempf/Shenipsit Trail
- Green(G)
- Kempf Trail
- Yellow(Y)
- Mohegan Trail
- Boat Launch
- Private Residence
- Parking
- Commuter Parking Lot

Trails

- Paved
- Gravel
- Unimproved Road
- Marsh Area
- Bolton Notch State Park
- Freja Park (Town of Bolton)
- Hop River State Park Trail

The boundaries of State-owned properties as shown on this map are approximate.
Map to be used as reference only



Map date- June 2004 "Rev. 3/2019 by BCC"