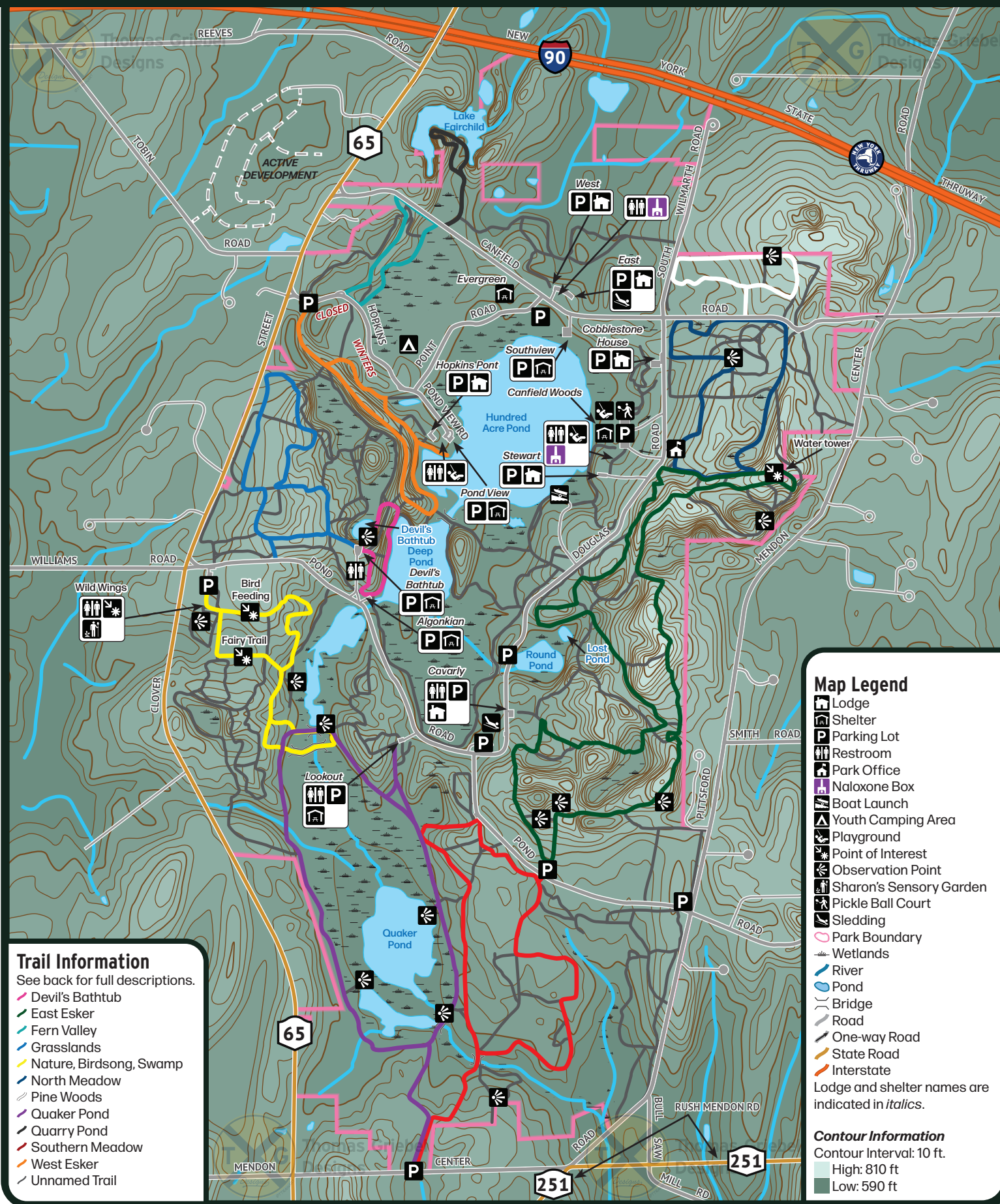


Mendon Ponds Park Map



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Trail Information

🔴 Devil's Bathtub

Length: 0.67 mi / 1.07 km

This easy trail features one steep climb with stairs and boardwalk sections. Highlights include glacial formations like Devil's Bathtub (a kettle hole), an esker, and views of the kame hills across Deep Pond. Seasonal ferns and wildflowers line the trail, with sassafras, red maple, and oak trees, making for a stunning fall hike.

🟢 East Esker

Length: 4.7 mi / 7.6 km

No horses when snow covered

A challenging trail with numerous hills, passing woods of spruce, pine, oak, aspen, and more—perfect for fall foliage. Fields of wildflowers, ferns, and scenic observation points offer views of distant hills. The trail features kames, an esker, and a kettle hole pond, all shaped by glaciers 11,000 years ago. You'll also walk by the park's highest point.

🟢 Fern Valley

Length: 1.4 mi / 2.3 km

This easy hike over rolling terrain features an upland woodland walk and a hardwood swamp. Red maple trees and ferns dominate the valley section, giving the trail its name.

🟢 Grasslands

Length: 2.0 mi / 3.2 km

An easy hike through gently rolling fields, part of a habitat restoration project for Eastern Bluebirds and grassland birds. Enjoy butterfly and wildflower viewing in summer. Sassafras and staghorn sumac create a beautiful fall backdrop.

🟢 Nature, Birdsong & Swamp

Length: 2.0 mi / 3.2 km

No pets, horses, or skiing allowed

This moderately hilly trail includes the Nature Center with interpretive displays on local geology and wildlife. In winter, chickadees may eat from your hand. Nearby is the Birdsong Fairy Trail featuring houses where fairies live against the trees. The southern section passes through a swamp with a boardwalk showcasing wildflowers, bayberry, red maples, and sedges. A shorter $\frac{3}{4}$ mile "square" route is available.

🟢 North Meadow

Length: 1.8 mi / 2.9 km

No horses when snow covered

A moderate trail through rolling meadows with staghorn sumac, dogwood, honeysuckle, and wildflowers like Queen Anne's Lace and goldenrod. The southern section moves into woods of fir, spruce, and pines.

🟢 Pine Woods

Length: 1.0 mi / 1.6 km

An easy hike through pine woods, highlighting forest succession with maple, oak, and black cherry trees overtaking a former pine plantation.

🟢 Quaker Pond

Length: 2.7 mi / 4.3 km

No pets or horses allowed

This easy trail passes beaver activity areas with felled trees, dams, and loges. Wooden footbridges offer scenic views of the pond and waterfowl, especially during migration. Wildflowers, ferns, sedges, and rushes line the trail.

🟢 Quarry Pond

Length: 0.58 mi / 0.93 km

This easy hilly trail features one large hill in the middle. It passes through a meadow in progress of restoration and leads to a flooded quarry named after Herman Leroy Fairchild who convinced the idea of the park.

🟢 Southern Meadow

Length: 3.0 mi / 4.8 km

An easy walk through woodlands of aspen, oak, maple, and pines with open meadows full of wildflowers, butterflies, and birds. Hawks, turkey vultures, foxes, and American Woodcock may be spotted here.

🟢 West Esker

Length: 1.5 mi / 2.4 mi

This moderately hilly trail is great for fall hikes, featuring ash, maple, and oak trees. Spring brings warbler migrations, and wildflowers and ferns abound. Consider a side trip to Hopkins Point for waterfowl viewing on Hundred-Acre Pond.

General Information

Park Rules and Regulations

- Park hours are 6am until 11pm.
- Park access and services vary seasonally. Please be aware if seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural conditions such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.
- Carry-in Carry-out; you must take all your garbage with you for disposal after leaving the park.
- All pets must be leashed, and you are responsible for cleaning up after them.
- New York State Environmental Conservation Law prohibit to feed deer within the park.
- Youth Camping is for scout/youth groups by reservation only.

Lodge/Shelter Information

If you have rented a LODGE.

Park staff will unlock the lodge for you prior to your arrival time stated on your reservation confirmation.

If you have rented a SHELTER

Park staff will stop by to check your permit.

Interested in renting a lodge or shelter?

Use the online reservation system at monroecounty.gov/mcparks or call (585) 753-PARK (7275).

Water Activities

Non-motorized boats are permitted on the Hundred Acre Pond. A car-top/non-motorized boat launch is located off of Douglas Road. Fishing is allowed in the park as long as those fishing are following New York State Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines and rules and have the required licenses. Visit dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/regulations for more information.

Winter Activities

There are two designated sledding hills located across from the Cavalry Lodge on Douglas Road and located next to the East Lodge on Canfield Road. Many trails are groomed throughout winter, which accommodate more than 20-miles of marked cross country skiing trails. Snowshoer should avoid walking on groomed cross-country ski trails. Monroe County also hosts the annual Winterfest at Mendon Ponds Park that's filled with various activities throughout the day. For more information about Winterfest, go to monroecounty.gov/parks-winterfest. Be advised that a portion Hopkins Point Road is closed to vehicle traffic during the winter months between the gate near Clover Street and Pond View Road.

About Mendon Ponds Park

Mendon Ponds Park is the largest Monroe County Park with 2,500 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and glacially created landforms. In 1969, it was named to the National Registry of Natural Landmarks due to its geologic history and presence of significant kames, eskers, and kettles. It is located about 10 miles southeast of Rochester, in the towns of Mendon and Pittsford. It's situated between Clover Street and Pittsford-Mendon Center Road south of the New York State Thruway.

Design and Map Information

Map Sources

- United States Geological Survey
 - Pittsford Quadrangle - 2023
 - Honeyoe Falls Quadrangle - 2023
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