



About This Property

Visiting O'Brien Farm, with its 18th-century barn and classic stone walls, is like taking a step back into history. The farm has been owned by the same family since 1886, and it once operated as a general farm with animals, vegetables, strawberries, and fruit trees common to the era.

Now protected by a conservation restriction co-held by the Town of Westford and SVT, the farm is host to a variety of habitats, including open meadows, forested uplands, a wooded swamp, marshlands, and Pond Brook. It is actively managed for the benefit of wildlife through a plan with the USDA's Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program.

Please note: This land is privately owned. Please follow the signs and stay on marked trails.

Features of Note

- Pond Brook flows through the land and into nearby Heart Pond before its waters make their way to the Concord River, east of the property.
- Valuable historical artifacts, including arrowheads and a European musket flint, have been found on the farm during cultivation.
- Jim's Loop, Deer Run, and Helen's Path are three trail loops that take in the majority of the land to the north and west of Pond Brook.
- Oak Tree Trail bisects Helen's Path and leads to the large oak tree on an esker (or ridge) overlooking Pond Brook.
- This land includes a pitch pine-scrub oak plant community, a type of habitat that supports several rare and declining species, including the whip-poor-will, wood turtle, and eastern box turtle. Because the pitch pine-scrub oak habitat is declining in Massachusetts, management plans for this property include efforts to encourage its growth and vitality.

Learn more:

www.svtweb.org/OBrienFarm



Trail Policies and Regulations

These policies apply to SVT properties on the map. Properties owned by other entities have their own posted policies.

The following are prohibited:

- Motorized vehicles
- Hunting or trapping
- Camping
- Bicycling
- Fires
- Disposing of trash or yard waste
- Cutting or removing plants



Dog walkers:

- Pick up and dispose of dog waste.
- Keep dogs on trails.
- Keep dogs out of ponds/streams/vernal pools.
- Put dogs on a leash when other hikers approach.

See our full dog-walking policy on the trail head kiosk.

Directions

With mapping software, search for this address:
18 Vose Road, Westford, MA

From the intersection of Routes 225 and 27, follow Route 225 (Carlisle Road) for 1.4 miles. Turn right to stay on Carlisle Road and continue 0.1 mile to Old Lowell Road. Turn right onto Old Lowell Road and continue 0.9 mile. Turn left onto Vose Road. Go about 0.3 mile. The parking area will be on your right at a break in the stone wall.

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O'Brien Farm Conservation Restriction Trail Map



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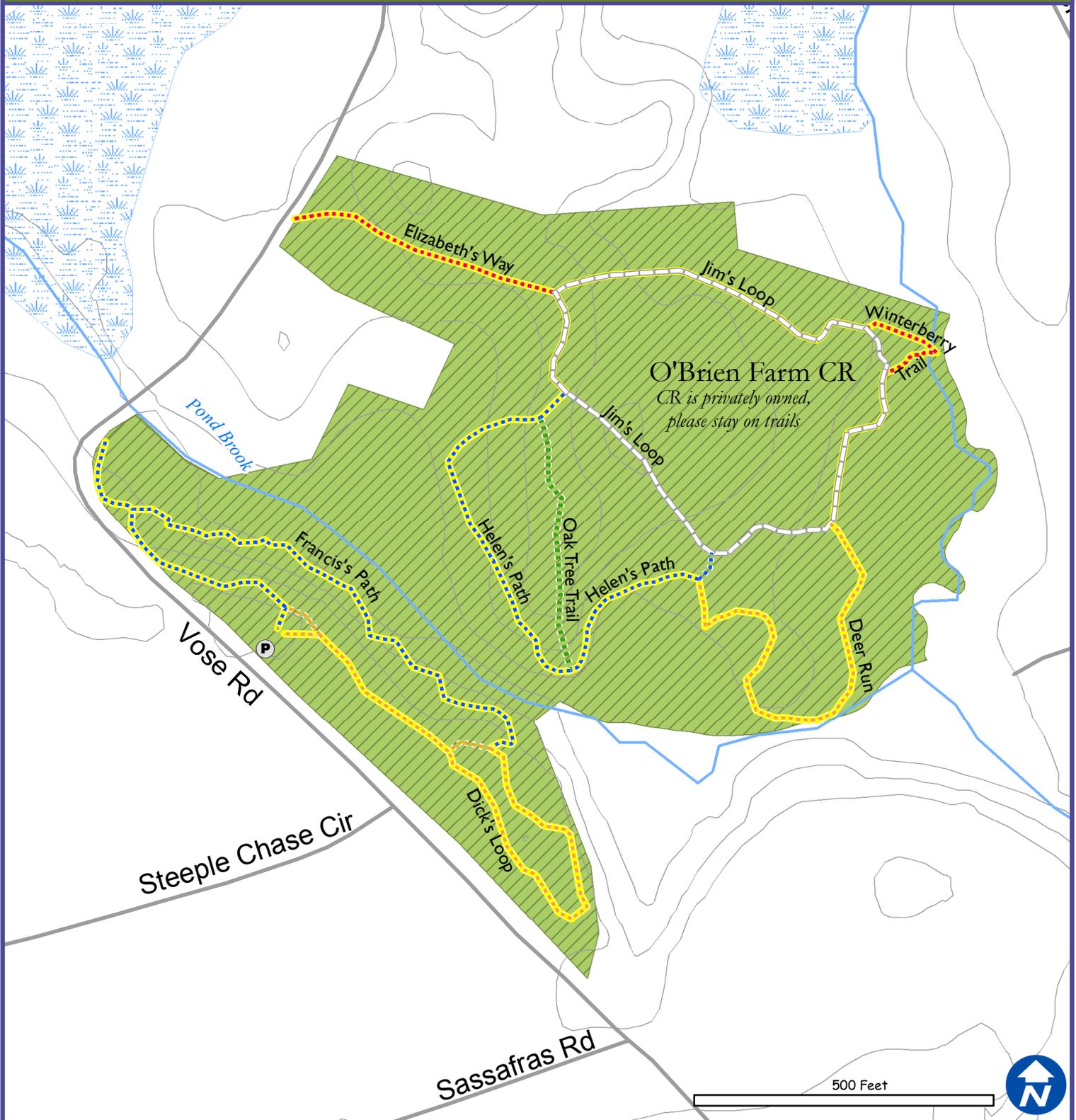
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