



## About This Property

The Town of Billerica and SVT collaboratively manage the Vietnam Veterans Park and Ralph Hill Conservation Area. Two of SVT's parcels here are separated by the Concord River: Ralph Hill Wood Lot sits on the west side of the river and Ralph Hill Homestead sits on the east. Both were gifts of Dr. Charles Stearns who named the land after an ancestor who farmed the land in the 17th century. His son later donated Jug Island, the small island midstream, to SVT as well.

Vietnam Veterans Park was the first park in the United States dedicated to Vietnam Veterans. The Middlesex House of Corrections formerly used the upper part of the property as a working farm that provided dairy products and vegetables to the prison.

## Features of Note

- Approximately 2,000 feet of frontage along the Concord River is part of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers corridor. The large rock outcroppings and dramatic slopes down to the river are especially scenic.
- The large beaver pond on the Town's land was once an active cranberry bog.
- Vietnam Veterans Park includes recreation areas featuring a soccer complex, a radio control flyer area, a BMX (bike) racetrack, a children's play area, disc golf, a dog park, and an equestrian area.
- Ralph Hill Homestead is a mixed pine and oak forest that includes white pines planted by Dr. Stearns' father.
- The southern portion of Ralph Hill Homestead skirts private property and leads to a grassy area and beach (with canoe access) owned by the Town of Billerica. Parking is available at the end of Morgan Rd.

**Learn more:**

[www.svtweb.org/RalphHill](http://www.svtweb.org/RalphHill)  
[www.town.billerica.ma.us](http://www.town.billerica.ma.us)



## Trail Policies and Regulations

The following are prohibited:

- Motorized vehicles
- Hunting or trapping
- Camping
- Bicycling (except on Farm Rd and green trail)
- Equestrians (except on Farm Rd)
- Fires
- Disposing of trash or yard waste
- Cutting or removing plants



Dog walkers:

- Billerica Town By-laws require that all dogs be leashed and that you clean up after your dog.
- Keep dogs out of ponds/streams/vernal pools.

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

## Directions

With mapping software, search for:

Vietnam Veterans Park, Billerica, MA or, if needed, Farm Road, Billerica, MA

From Route 3 in Billerica, take Exit 28. Follow Treble Cove Road toward Carlisle for 0.5 mile. The entrance to the recreation area is on your left. Access to the trails is at the far right of the soccer fields.

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# Ralph Hill & Town of Billerica's Vietnam Veterans Park Trail Map



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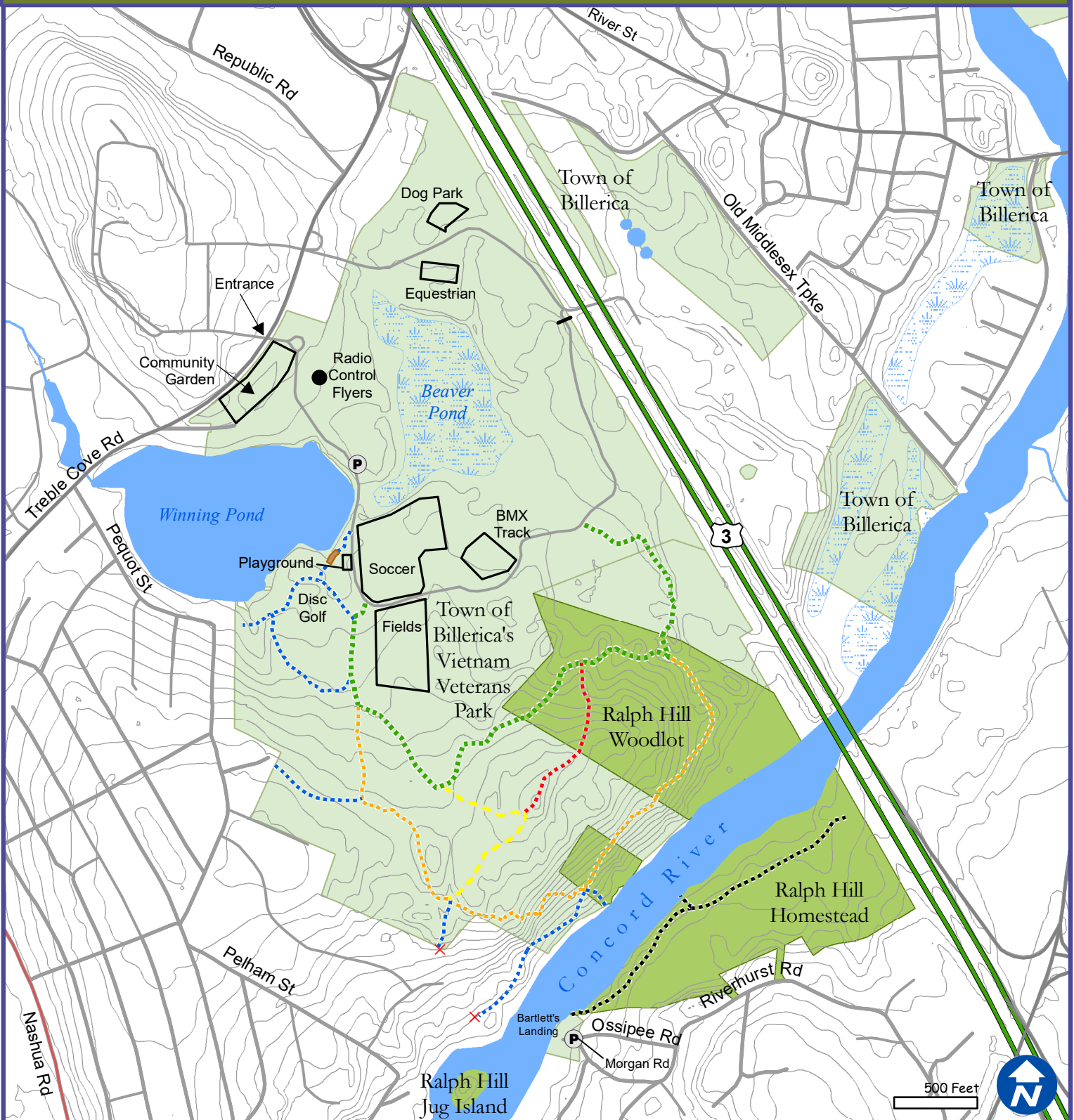


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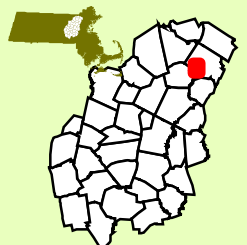
# Vietnam Veterans Park and Ralph Hill, Billerica



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