

## History of Isham Family Farm

This trail lies along a public trail easement within the former Maple Grove Farm, which has been owned and operated for five generations by the Isham Family. Formerly a jersey cow dairy farm, the Isham Family Farm has now diversified to include maple sugaring, berry picking, vegetables, and even Christmas trees.

The farm was originally the Murray Homestead. Among Williston's first settlers, the Murrays came to Williston in 1788 and bought acreage from Governor Thomas Chittenden.

Jairus David Isham purchased the 125-acre Murray Farm in 1871 for \$10,000 and combined those acres with his own resulting in 162-acres. In later years, 50-acres were sold, leaving the 108-acre Isham Farm as it stands today.

The farm has been passed down through the Isham family: to son Homer in 1899, grandson George in 1940, great-grandson David in 1965, and today great-great grandson Michael.

The house and farmstead, located to the south, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The farmhouse itself is a fine example of gothic revival architecture.

In 2002, the Ishams chose to permanently protect the farm when they sold the development rights to the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), which were purchased in part using Environmental Reserve Funds from the Town of Williston.

## Rules of the Trail

- Pack OUT what you packed IN
- No camping or fires
- No motorized vehicles
- Dogs are not allowed on the property
- No mountain biking
- No hunting



***Sugar House & Sugar Bush***

Highlights of this trail include a beautiful small pond and a small wooded knoll from which you can see wonderful views of Bolton Valley, Mount Mansfield, and Camel's Hump to the east. Views from the west include Lake Champlain, Shelburne Pond, Brownell Mountain, and the New York Adirondacks.



Questions or Comments?  
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# Oak View Hill Trail



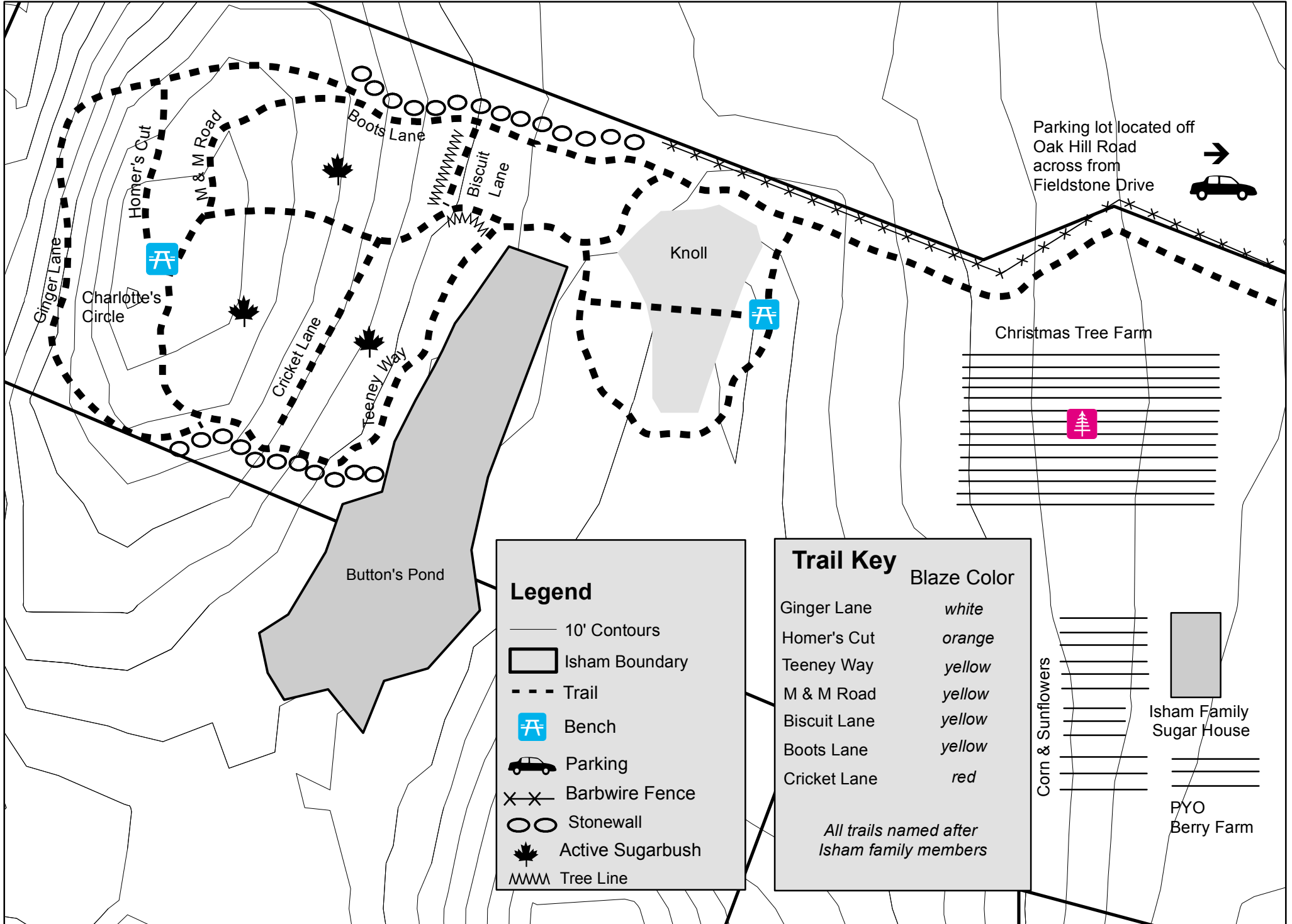
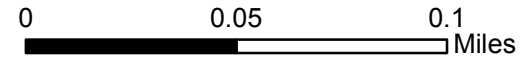
### Directions:

From the 4-way stop in Williston Village Center, go south on Oak Hill Road. The trailhead parking area is on the west (right) side of Oak Hill Road, approximately 3 miles from the 4-way stop.

### Distance:

1.3 mile outer loop and 0.5 miles of inner loops.

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Parking lot located off  
Oak Hill Road  
across from  
Fieldstone Drive

### Legend

- 10' Contours
- Isham Boundary
- Trail
- Bench
- Parking
- Barbwire Fence
- Stonewall
- Active Sugarbush
- Tree Line

### Trail Key

Trail Name	Blaze Color
Ginger Lane	white
Homer's Cut	orange
Teeney Way	yellow
M & M Road	yellow
Biscuit Lane	yellow
Boots Lane	yellow
Cricket Lane	red

*All trails named after  
Isham family members*

Corn & Sunflowers

Isham Family  
Sugar House

PYO  
Berry Farm