

History

The Sucker Brook Hollow Country Park is named after the Sucker Brook River which runs under the first foot bridge on the trail. Shortly after crossing this bridge you will come across a shorter second foot bridge over a basin which once held the Sucker Brook until a severe storm caused it to jump its banks in 1985 to where it is today. This caused severe erosion in the surrounding area. In 2003 the town hired an engineering firm to develop plans to help stabilize the channel. The project was completed in 2008 and included re-vegetating the area, a new stone lined channel, and a new flood plain.

Large and majestic beech, white pine, and maple trees can be seen along the trail giving clues as to where the now forested landscape used to be wide open pastureland.

The property has a rich history of ownership to go along with its natural beauty. Caleb Downer purchased the property from Ira Allen in the late 18th century. At the time the land was the eastern boundary of the City of Burlington.

In 1911 Newton Hinsdale bought the property from Hattie Downer, the widow of Caleb Downer's grandson. With the property came a New England Cape house and attached was a shed which served as a blacksmith shop, a butchers shop, and a school house.

In the 1990's Robert Hill looked into selling the property to his nephew, Daniel Boomhower. Boomhower contacted the Town of Williston with the idea of preserving the land from development, and a trail easement was established to reach the overlook at Five Tree Hill.

Acknowledgements

The Sucker Brook Hollow Country Park is a product of the hard work and support from many parties, including:

- Williston Citizen-Volunteers
- Vermont Land Trust
- Vermont Conservation Board
- Boy Scouts of America
- Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
- Engineering Ventures, PC
- Home Depot
- Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- Williston Select Board
- Williston Planning

Rules of the Trail

- Pack OUT what you packed IN
- No camping or fires
- No motorized vehicles
- Dogs must be on a leash or under voice control
- No mountain biking
- Hunting Prohibited

Sucker Brook Hollow Country Park



57' Foot-bridge over the Sucker Brook

Directions:

The Sucker Brook Hollow Country Park is located at 5035 St. George Road (Route 2A). From the intersection of Route 2 and Route 2A head south on Route 2A for approximately 2.7 miles. The parking area and trailhead will be on your left.

Distance:

The overlook on the top of Five Tree Hill is approximately 1 mile from the parking area.



Questions or Comments?

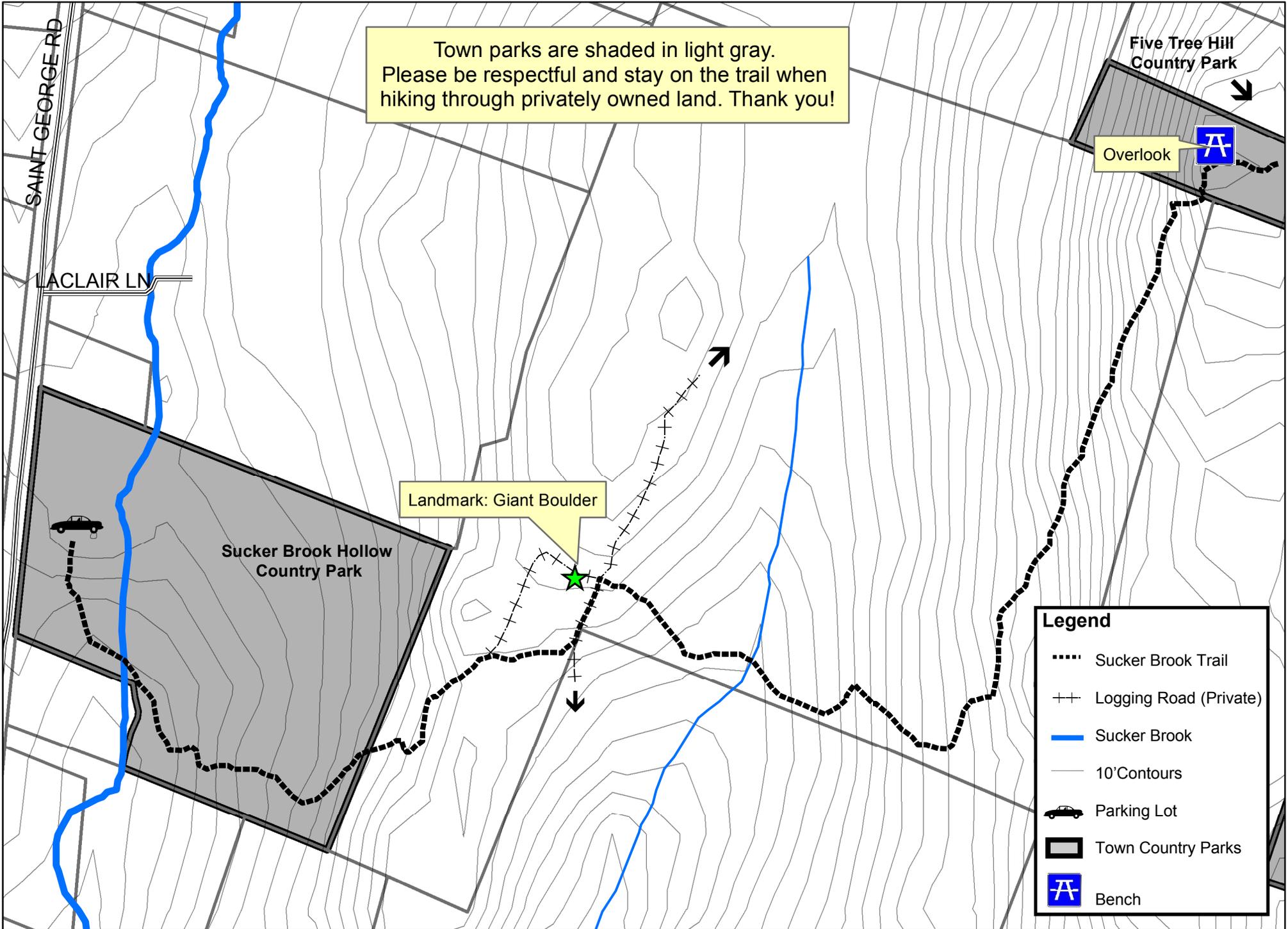
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Sucker Brook Hollow Trail

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Town parks are shaded in light gray.
Please be respectful and stay on the trail when hiking through privately owned land. Thank you!



Five Tree Hill
Country Park

Overlook

LACLAIR LN

SAINT GEORGE RD

Sucker Brook Hollow
Country Park

Landmark: Giant Boulder

Legend

- Sucker Brook Trail
- ++ Logging Road (Private)
- Sucker Brook
- 10'Contours
- 🚗 Parking Lot
- ▭ Town Country Parks
- Ⓜ Bench