

History

Mud Pond Country Park is 113 acres of pine and hardwood forest on the east side of South Road opposite Mud Pond Conservation Area. In 1992 the Nature Conservancy conveyed the original 74 acres to the Town of Williston. The town acquired an additional 39 acres in 2015.

White pine, typically a pioneer species in abandoned agricultural fields, forms dense stands throughout much of the Country Park. *Northern hardwoods* mix with pine along the eastern boundary and the southern slope of the Country Park, and *hemlock* forms dark groves along South Road.

Remnants of stone walls, barbed wire fences, cut stumps, and dense old-field stands of white pine, which are found throughout the Park, are evidence of human activity over the last two-hundred years.

By 1820, most of the forests of Vermont had been logged and cleared for agriculture, including most, if not all, of the Country Park area. Certain areas within the Park remained as fields until they were abandoned in the 1950's. The forests have been returning slowly, but are far from their natural condition.

This multi-use trail is maintained by Fellowship of the Wheel.

Rules of the Trail

- Seasonal bike use only – May 1st to November 1st (unless otherwise noted).
- Park is open dawn to dusk.
- Bikes always yield to other users. Stop or slow down and announce your presence.
- Leave no trace.
- Avoid riding muddy trails; ride only on open trails.
- Wear a helmet.
- Avoid scaring wildlife.
- Ride in control; check your speed.
- Stay on the trail. Use boardwalks or bridges where provided.
- Please be respectful of the surrounding neighborhood, especially when entering and leaving the parking area.



White Pine Forest



Questions or Comments?

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Conservation Commission
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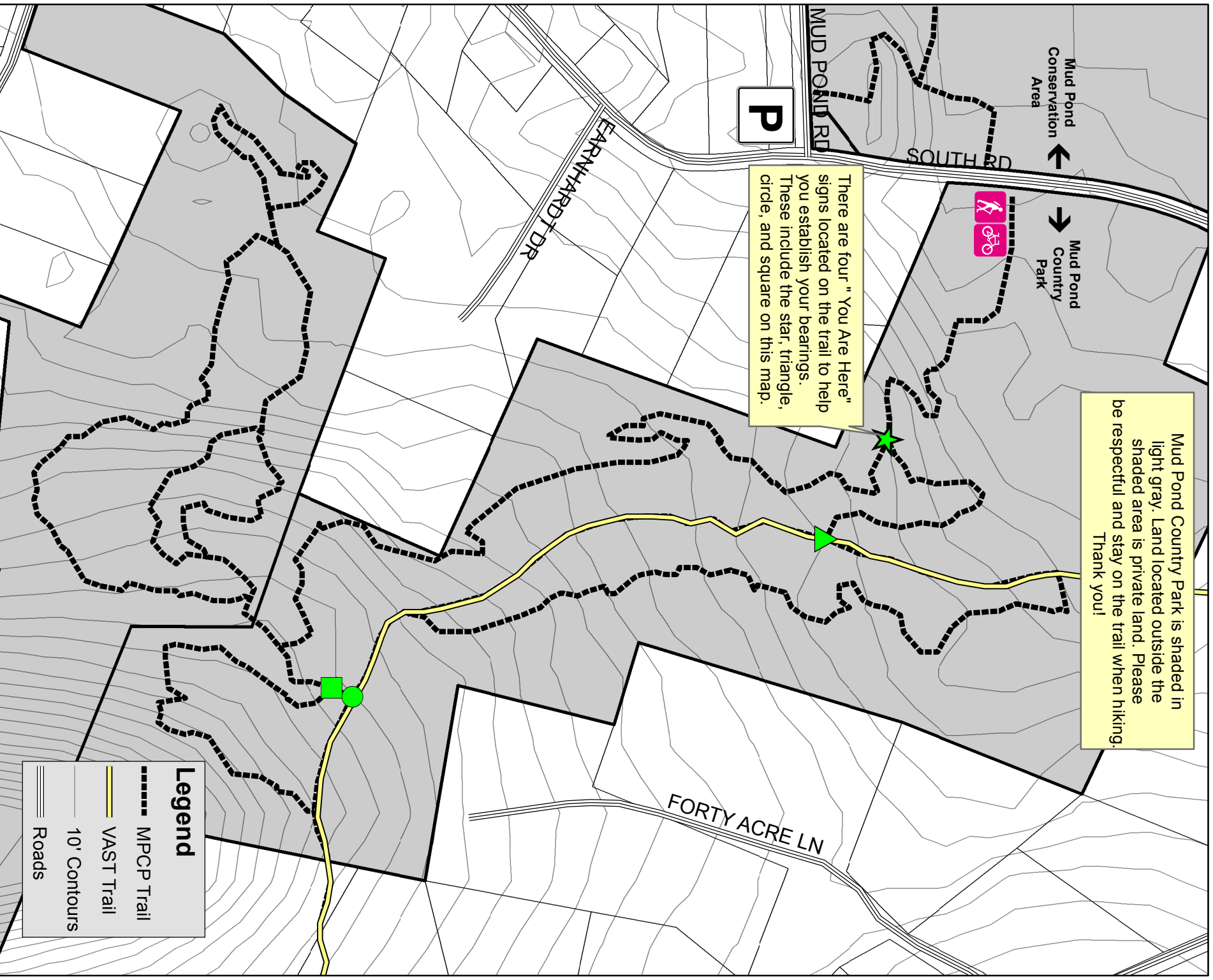
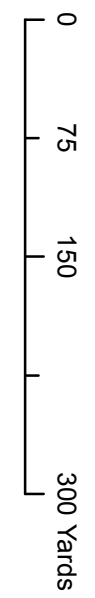
Directions:

Parking is located at the Mud Pond Conservation Area parking lot. To get there, travel south on South Road for approximately 2 miles and take a right onto Mud Pond Road. Immediately on your right is a small parking area. Overflow parking is located along the road 500 feet west of the parking lot. **Please park in signed, designated areas only.**

Walk north along South Road to reach the Country Park trailhead on the east (right) side of South Road. You will see a large trailhead sign at the trail entrance.

Distance: 2.3 mile main loop; 0.75 mile extension loop

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Mud Pond Country Park is shaded in light gray. Land located outside the shaded area is private land. Please be respectful and stay on the trail when hiking. Thank you!

There are four "You Are Here" signs located on the trail to help you establish your bearings. These include the star, triangle, circle, and square on this map.

- Legend**
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