

# Welcome!

## Natural History

Set aside for conservation purposes, Buffalo Park offers diverse natural habitats within walking distance of Tilton's downtown.

Its former use as a buffalo farm gave the parcel its name. Evidence of its agricultural past includes a stonewall and wire fence traversing the property boundary. The woven wire fence is dilapidated, but once stood approximately 6-foot high with an additional two feet of barbed wire on top. It is easy to imagine that such a fence was used to contain the buffalo that once grazed here.

Now, a variety of cover types dominate the area, including eastern white pine forest, northern hardwood forest, mixed softwood forest, mixed hardwood and softwood forest, and palustrine forested wetlands. Some of the trees can be up to five feet in diameter. The fact that they are so much larger than the surrounding forest and do not grow in stands indicates that they were left uncut as boundary markers or for shade for the livestock when the area was cleared for farming. Naturalists call such trees "wolf trees" or "witness trees."

Nestled within this valuable local preserve are Packer Brook and an unnamed tributary to the Winnepesaukee River, both of which support a healthy fish community, including trout. A third stream just west of the property flows in a similar direction. Floodplain wetlands are associated with each of these streams, while large areas of upland are located between these lowlands valleys. Additional forested wetlands occur along the north-central portion of the property, with drainage either to the southwest or southeast.

A fairly extensive trail system crosses the Buffalo Park. Surrounding land use is characterized by residential development to the south; agriculture to the west; a mix of recently cleared land, commercial land, forested land, residential land, and wetlands to the north; and rural residential and agricultural land to the east.

Visitors are welcome to use the property during daylight hours. The conservation area closes at dusk, unless prior permission is obtained from the Conservation Commission.

The property is a "Carry In, Carry Out" area. Trash receptacles are not provided in the conservation area.

The following are not permitted in the conservation area:

- Using motorized vehicles
- Dumping, fires, alcohol, plant collecting or water withdrawals.
- Discharging of paintballs into or from the conservation area
- Horses, or unleashed pets (owner of dogs are responsible for clean-up of pet waste)

### Notes:

*Buffalo Park was acquired by the Town of Tilton with funds provided by Konover Development Corporation of Farmington, Connecticut as a wetlands mitigation and to maintain the land in its natural state.*

*The trail map was developed by the Tilton Conservation Commission, with the assistance of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Bedford, NH.*



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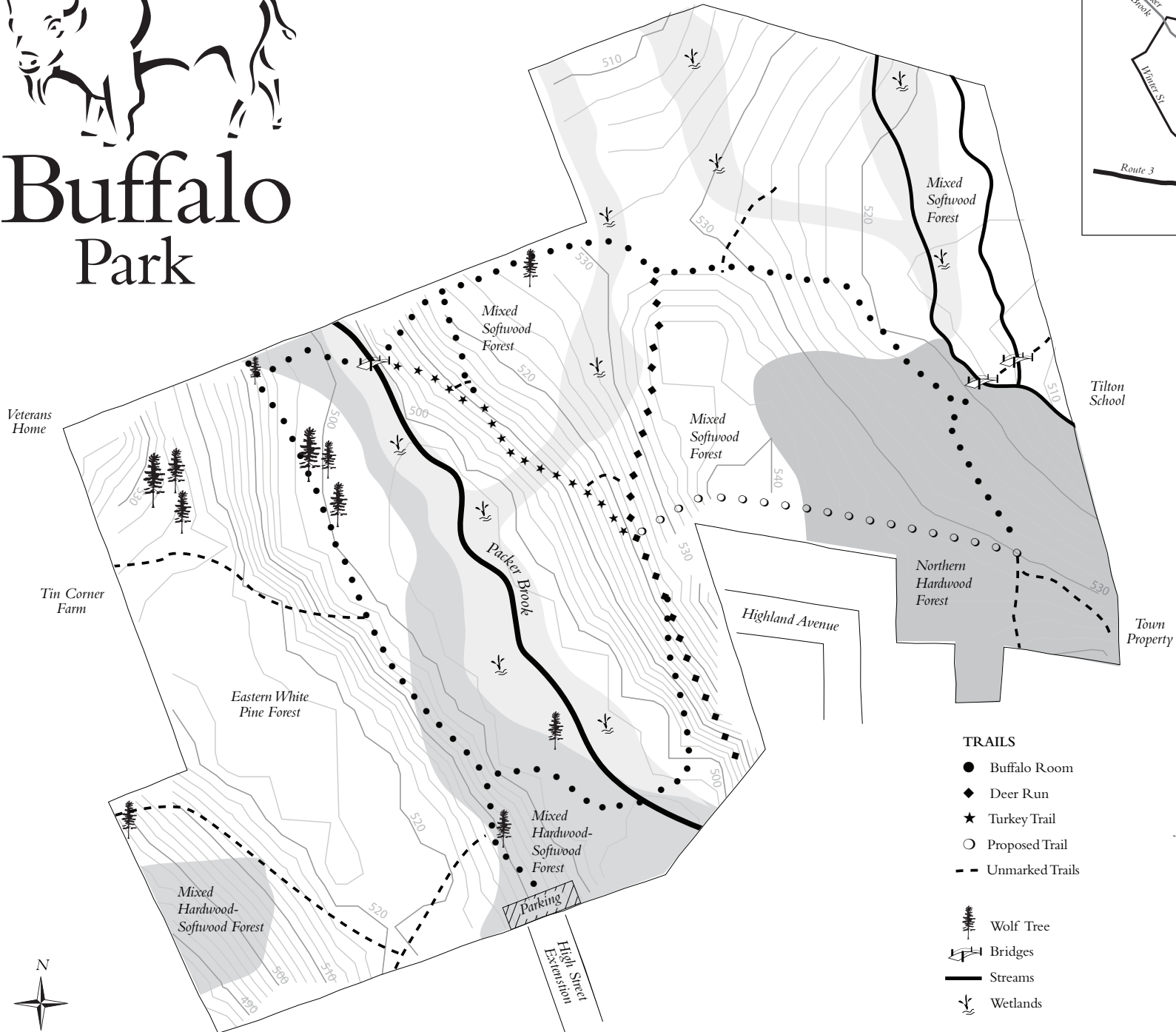
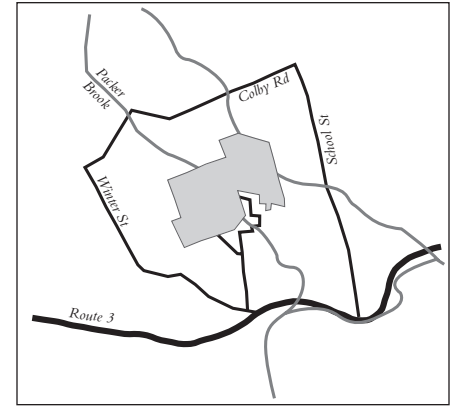
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**Notes:**  
 Some trails extend off town property.  
 Please be considerate of our neighbors.  
 Contour lines represent a change of two feet in elevation  
 Map is not to scale.

