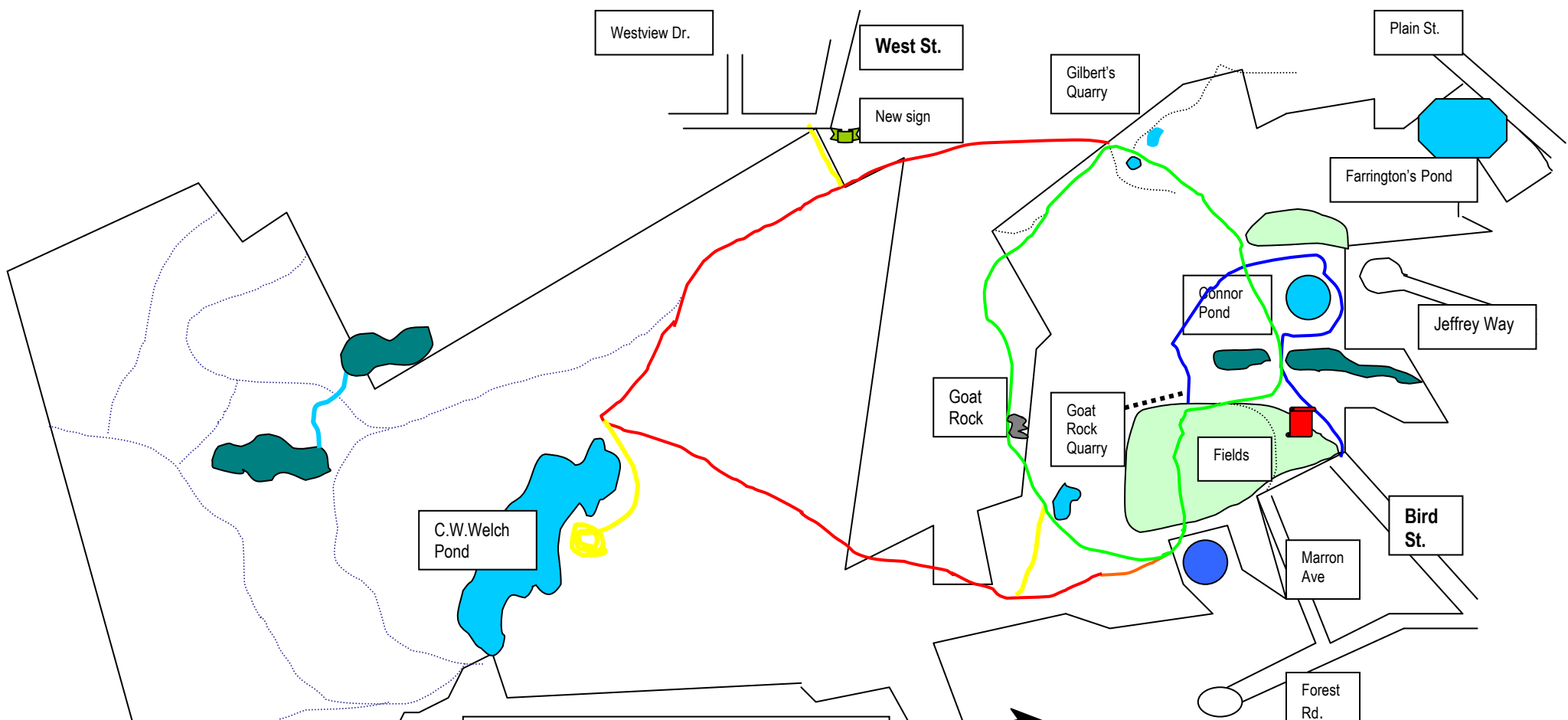


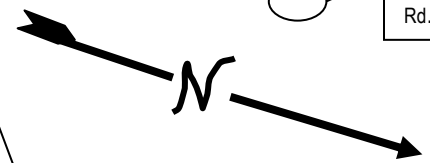
Observations:



Key:

- Blue Trail – 35 minutes
- Green Trail – 60 minutes
- Orange Trail – 90 minutes
- Yellow trails – connectors
- ⋯ Purple dots - old unblazed trails
- ⋯ Black dots – mostly lead offsite
- Veteran's Memorial Plaque
- Wetlands
- Ponds and streams

Sketch Map by Denise Cabral, February, 2000



NOT TO SCALE

Cover illustration: Black-capped Chickadee, by Denise Cabral

BIRD STREET CONSERVATION AREA

Welcome to the Bird Street Conservation Area, a 580 acre parcel of land obtained through donations or town, state and federal funds. This land is home to many diverse animal and plant species. Administering and maintaining this area is the responsibility of the Stoughton Conservation Commission. Minimal parking is available on Bird St., Forest Rd. at the yellow gate, and at the 90 ° corner adjacent to the 1300 block of West St.

The various trails shown on the reverse side of this map are clearly marked by color. The blue and green trails begin just north of the Veteran's Memorial at the Bird Street entrance. The Blue Trail loops around Connor Pond, crosses over the Green Trail, goes down over the footbridges built by Robert Friberg (a 1993 Eagle Scout Project) and through to its end at the big field.

The Green Trail cuts west from its joint beginning with the Blue Trail and loops west to the historic site marked "Gilbert's Quarry", where the stones were cut to construct the Stoughton Railroad Station.

From there, the trail runs south, winding off the property past a large outcropping named "Goat Rock", to another old quarry pond, Goat Rock Quarry, then goes back down to the big green town water tower and fields. Crossing the field and bearing right will take you back to the Veteran's Memorial Plaque.

TRAIL MAP GUIDE

The Orange Trail begins at the junction of the water tower and the Green Trail, continues to just north of the C.W. Welch Pond, picnic and camping area, marked as a Yellow Trail. At the camping area split, a right turn leads to the West St. entrance, marked as another Yellow Trail. The Orange Trail then continues across abutting land to the Green Trail at Gilbert's Quarry.

A few trails leading off-site are shown as black dotted lines.

The trails in the southern section of the area have not been marked, and are shown in purple dots to help anyone who leaves the marked trail system. We hope to relocate, trim, and mark these trails soon.

APPROXIMATE WALKING TIME FOR TRAILS:

BLUE TRAIL: 35 MINUTES

GREEN TRAIL: 60 MINUTES

ORANGE TRAIL : 90 MINUTES

We hope that the townspeople enjoy a serene walk through the woods and fields of our town. The Stoughton Conservation Commission asks that you leave with all the possessions you arrived with, and that you do not disturb either the plants or animals that live here. This means not picking or digging plants or any part of them, and not chasing or removing any animals, except as allowed by our state hunting and fishing laws. Please be aware that at this time (November, 1997) the Town of Stoughton and the Stoughton Conservation Commission allow hunting on this property, in season, so visitors should take proper care. Commission regulations allow no open fires or overnight camping without our prior knowledge and written permission. For a more thorough description and history of the Bird Street area, please refer to the "Town of Stoughton Conservation Commission Handbook", available in the Stoughton Public Library and at the Engineering Department, Town Hall, second floor. Please call us at 341-1300 X 262 for more information.

NOTE: OUR REGULATIONS DO NOT ALLOW ATV'S, DIRT BIKES OR SNOWMOBILES TO USE THIS PROPERTY. PLEASE REPORT VIOLATORS OF THIS REGULATION TO US OR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE (1-800-632-8075). THANK YOU.

BIRD STREET CONSERVATION AREA TOWN OF STOUGHTON MASSACHUSETTS TRAIL SYSTEM MAP