

# The Trails

The Park's 10 miles of trails were laid out by Marianne Pfeiffer and Jeanne Thompson and feature many cultural and natural points of interest. Trails are marked with colored disks; turns are marked by double disks, the upper one pointing in the direction of the turn.

**ORANGE: Heritage Trail** 3 miles, plus return to parking area via Park Road, 0.3 miles. Terrain varies. White marked, short dead-end spurs lead to points of interest including a barn foundation built in the 19th century, the remains of Lee Hill Farm built in the 1700's, and the chimney and lintel stone of Chapman Farm. "Three Chimneys" is a remarkable network of stone enclosures, walls, and piles believed to have been built in the early 1600's. Also visible are the remains of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century charcoal kiln, and part of a foundation from the 'Stone-End House,' believed to have been built in the early 1700's. There is a fine lookout from Chapman Ridge.

**RED: Nubbles and Ridges** 2.5 miles, plus 1.3 miles on Park Road to return to parking area or use connecting trail system. This trail passes a 1995 beaver dam, which can be reached by following a white marked spur, and leads through fine woods, an open field, across a "bald", and along ridges. Cliffs, ledges and glacial boulders are attractions.

**GREEN: Nature Loop** 0.6 miles. This short walk traverses various habitats. In the children's section, youngsters will discover fairy homes and other surprises. Story book is available.

**PINK: Beaver Pond Loop:** 0.5 miles. This flat, fun and easy trail surrounds a beaver pond. Beaver on this pond disappeared in 1989 but were active again in 2007.

**BLUE: Chapman Path** 0.6 miles. This is the easiest way to Chapman Ridge

**YELLOW:** Connector, bypass, and shortcut trails. These give hikers the option to plan personal routes through attractive and interesting terrain.

**SILVER: Park Road:** 1.5 miles from the parking area to Nehantic State Forest's trail system in East Lyme. All Hartman Park trails begin, end at or cross Park Road to form loops to or from the parking area.

**Powerline Right of Way** (unmarked): 0.75 miles. This road is rocky, has steep pitches and wet crossings. It is very hot on sunny summer days. It is a good area to see birds of prey and sun-loving plants, and is an important site of the Hartman Park bluebird project. It is periodically sprayed with herbicides by Northeast Utilities.

*Report any problems during your visit to the Lyme Open Space Coordinator.*

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

The Park is maintained by income earned by the Hartman Park Endowment Fund, which is administered by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut.

If you enjoy hiking, biking, birding, letterboxing, visiting the fairy circles, or simply exploring Hartman Park's trails and historic sites, won't you consider making a tax deductible gift to help cover its expenses?

To contribute, please send a check, noting Hartman Park Endowment Fund on the memo line, to:

The Community Foundation of Southeastern  
Connecticut c/o Executive Director  
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New London CT 06320

## TRAILS OF LYME Hartman Park



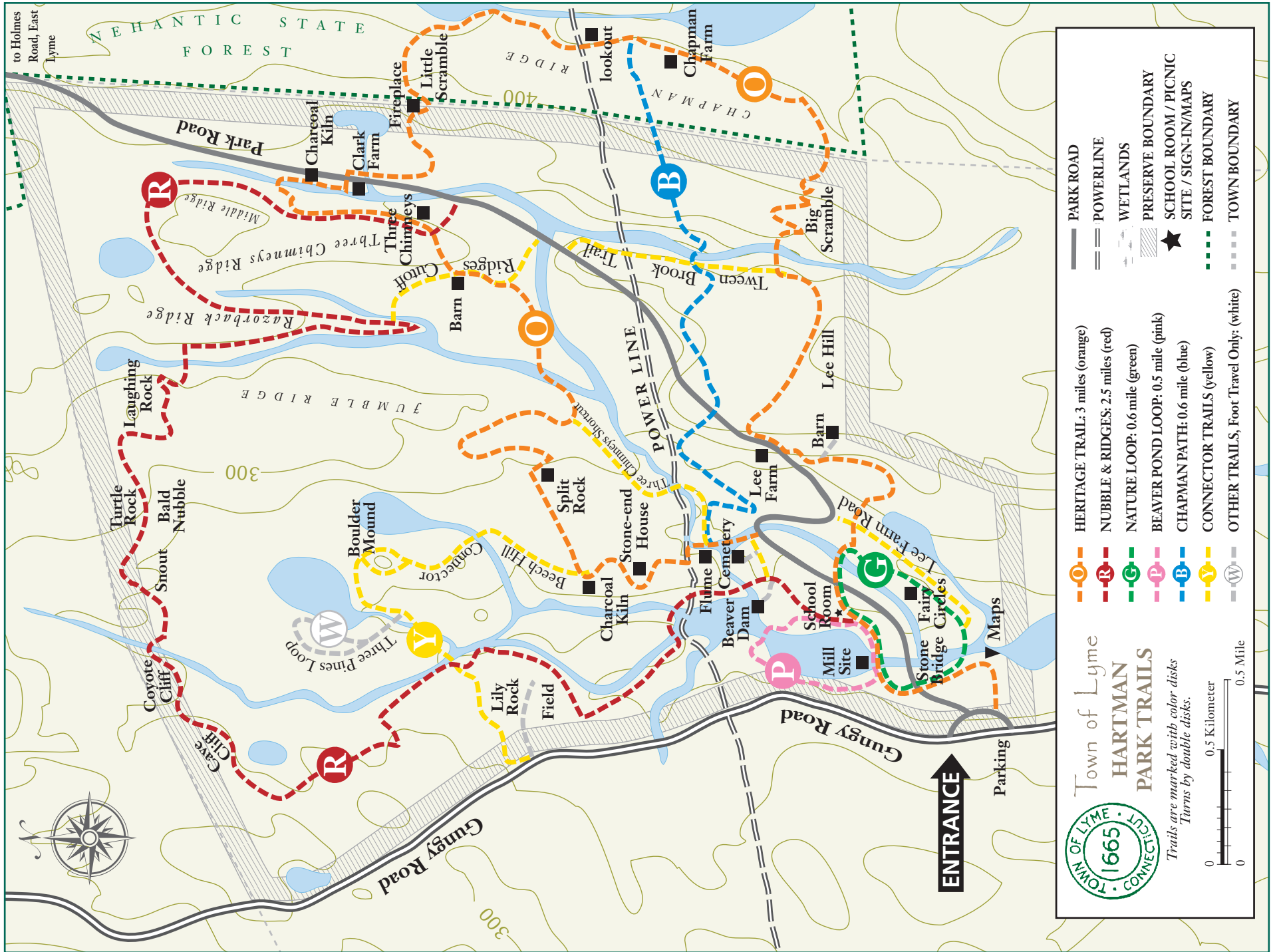
Thomas W. Nason, *The Brook*, Florence Griswold Museum; Lyme Historical Society

The 302-acre Hartman Park is located on the east side of Gungy Road in the north-east corner of Lyme. The land was donated to the Town of Lyme by John and Kelly Bill Hartman in 1988.

## **ALLOWED ACTIVITIES**

The Park is open from sunrise to sunset and provides opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, cross-country skiing, non-motorized biking, and horseback riding. See the message board at the school room for activity guidelines. In general please:

- Respect the environment
- Bikes and horses stay on the trails
- Respect other users; share the trail
- Keep your pet under control and keep the trails clean.
- Motorized vehicles, hunting, and fires are strictly prohibited



**Town of Lyme**  
**HARTMAN**  
**PARK TRAILS**

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 Turns by double disks.*

0 0.5 Kilometer 0.5 Mile

- HERITAGE TRAIL: 3 miles (orange)
- NUBBLE & RIDGES: 2.5 miles (red)
- NATURE LOOP: 0.6 mile (green)
- BEAVER POND LOOP: 0.5 mile (pink)
- CHAPMAN PATH: 0.6 mile (blue)
- CONNECTOR TRAILS (yellow)
- OTHER TRAILS, Foot Travel Only: (white)
- PARK ROAD
- POWERLINE
- WETLANDS
- PRESERVE BOUNDARY
- SCHOOL ROOM / PICNIC SITE / SIGN-IN/MAPS
- FOREST BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY