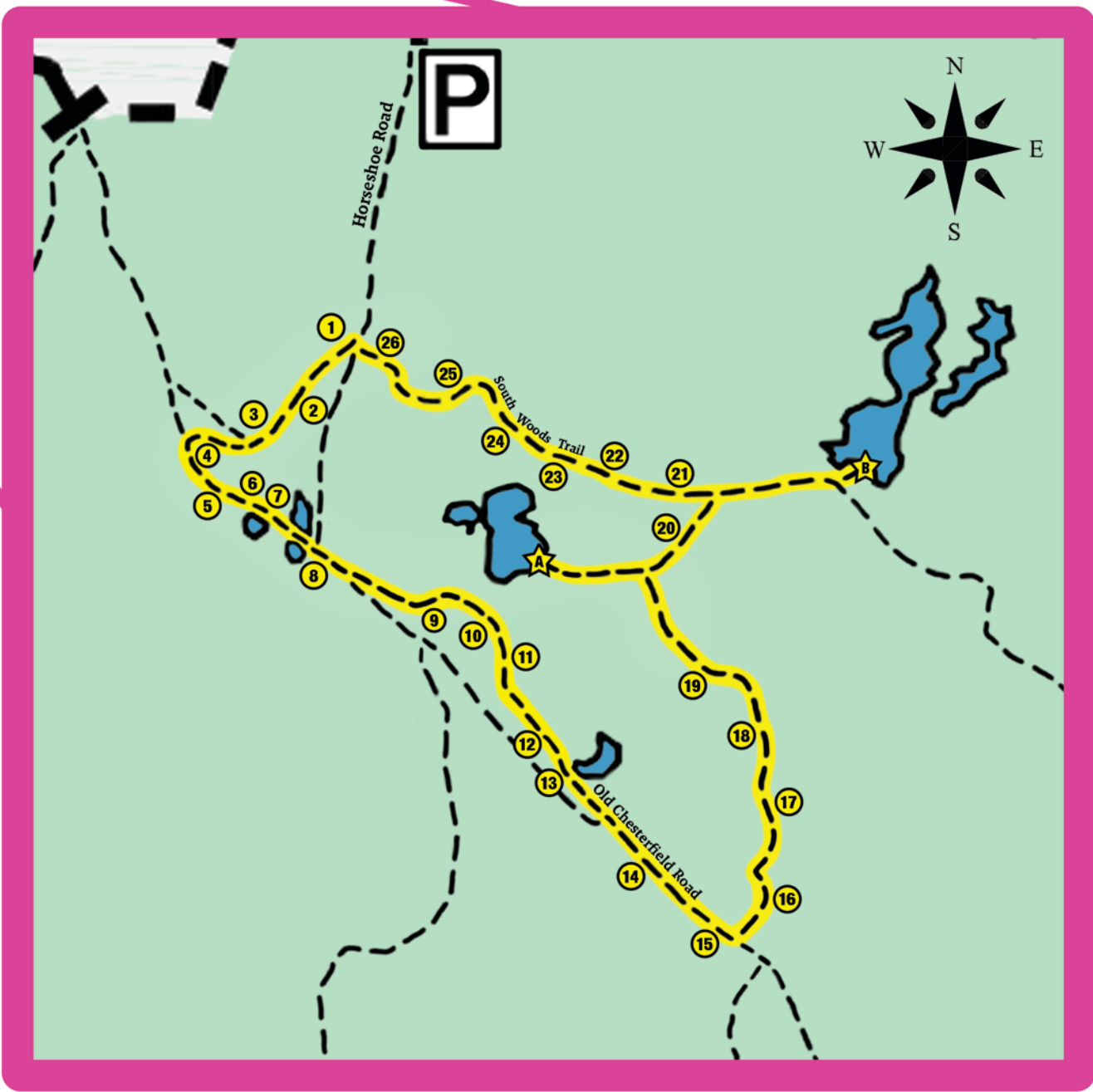
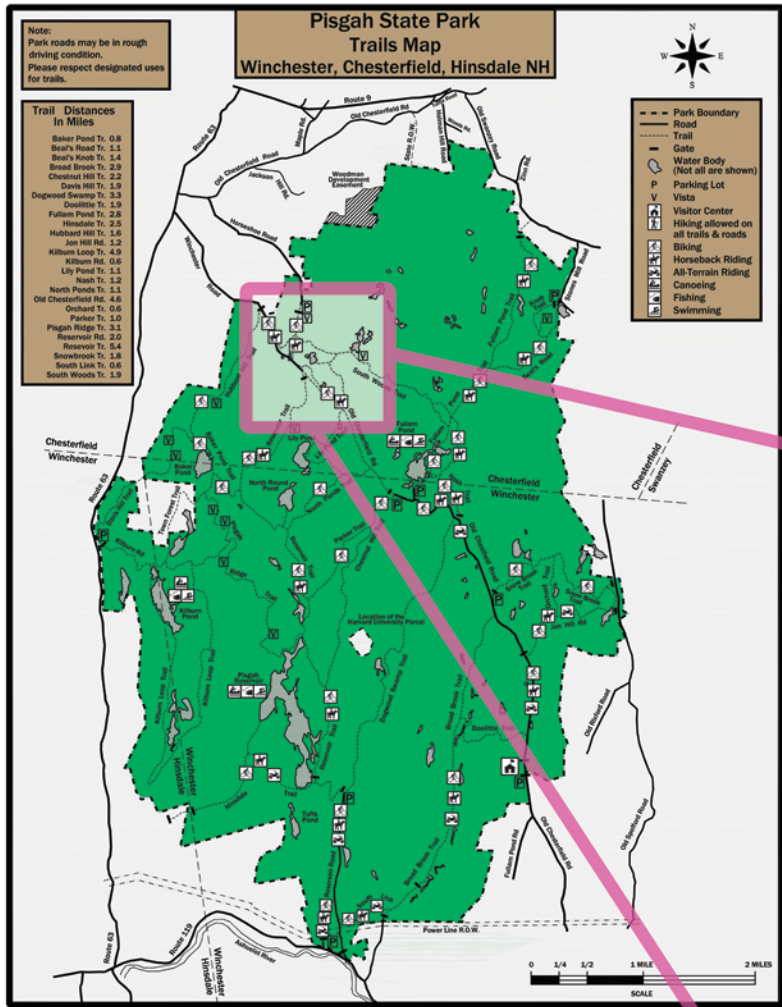


Habitat Loop Trail

Thank you for visiting the Habitat Loop Trail at Pisgah State Park. Protecting, improving, and sharing our natural spaces is critical to ensuring that both present and future generations will have the ability to explore, learn, and better understand our connection to the natural world.

Loop Length = 2.5 miles



- ① Foundations of the Past
- ② Fields for Wildlife
- ③ Cellar Holes
- ④ Stone Feature
- ⑤ Tree Cavity
- ⑥ Picture of the Past
- ⑦ Wetland Habitat
- ⑧ Beaver Abandoned?
- ⑨ Forest Structure
- ⑩ Hillside Spring
- ⑪ Stream Crossing
- ⑫ Glacial Erratic
- ⑬ What Can You See, Hear, Smell?
- ⑭ Fight for Survival
- ⑮ The Role of Fungi
- ⑯ Borrowed?
- ⑰ Snag Trees
- ⑱ Changed Forest Community
- ⑲ Important Hemlocks
- ⑳ Plant Communities
- ㉑ Stonewalls
- ㉒ Majestic Pines
- ㉓ Hurricane Trees
- ㉔ Striped Maple
- ㉕ A Closer Look
- ㉖ Invasive Species
- ☆ Vista - Beaver Wetland View
- ☆ Vista - Rookery View

The Habitat Loop Trail encompasses a network of new & old trails, this version was completed in 2022 after being closed for several years.

It has seen many human footsteps from the Abenaki, through early settlers, sheep farmers, loggers and ours. Glimpses of this history can be discovered along this and many other trails in NH's largest State Park.

The rugged terrain clearly reveals the impact of glaciers - in the north south ridges, wetlands and scattered glacial erratics and boulders.

There are two vistas of different wetlands. The first offers a panoramic view from a granite peninsula. Please talk softly as the beavers' lodge is quite close. The second features a viewing platform that offers a peak at a former heron rookery that hosts a number of birds and more beavers.

"How many beaver lodges do you see on the Habitat Loop?," asks Chester Winsdale, Friends of Pisgah's friendly mascot beaver.

As Chester likes to say - WALK SOFTLY AND LEAVE NO TRACE.

