

What Will Be:

WHAT ONCE WAS HAS SHOWN US HOW THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD ONCE LIVED WITH LAND: GROWING HAY, GRAZING CATTLE & SHEEP, TENDING ORCHARDS, CUTTING ICE FROM PONDS. BUT WHAT WILL BE?

HOW SHALL WE TEND THE LAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, FEED THE PEOPLE OF CONCORD YET KEEP THE CLUES OF THE PAST VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE?

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A LAND STEWARD TO HELP MAINTAIN AND CARE FOR PUNKATASSET OR OTHER TOWN CONSERVATION AREAS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AT (978) 318-3285 OR CONCORDNET.ORG

Thank you

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THANK YOU!

To get there:

FROM MONUMENT SQUARE IN CONCORD CENTER, APPROACH THE COLONIAL INN AND TURN RIGHT ONTO MONUMENT STREET.

CROSS OVER THE CONCORD RIVER. PASS FENN SCHOOL AND HUTCHINS FARM ON THE RIGHT. AFTER HUTCHINS FARM THE ROAD CURVES TO THE LEFT.

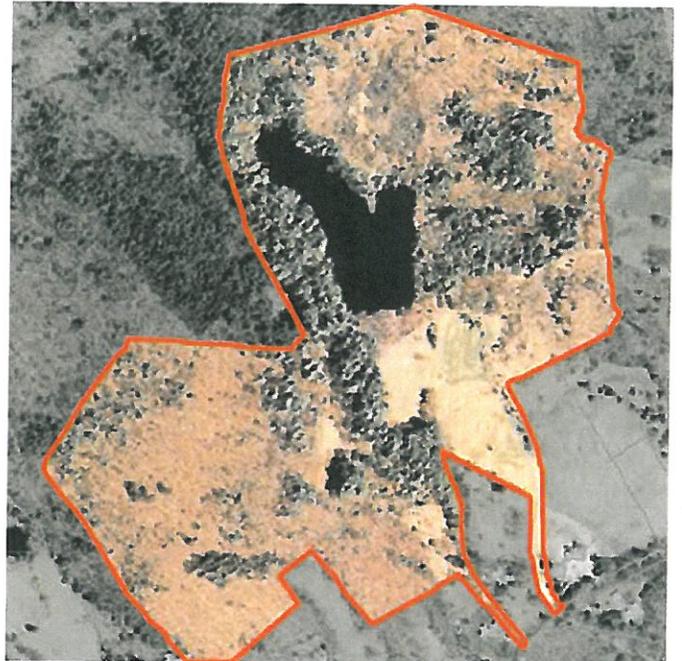
IMMEDIATELY AFTER A HYDRANT ON THE LEFT THERE IS A PARKING AREA ALONGSIDE THE ROAD NEXT TO A LOW STONE WALL.

ONCE PARKED, WALK DOWN WHAT LOOKS LIKE A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN TWO MAILBOXES; #851 AND #873.

THE TRAIL BEGINS AT THE LARGE BROWN PUNKATASSET KIOSK.

What Once Was

A PUNKATASSET QUEST



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PUNKATASSET CONSERVATION AREA



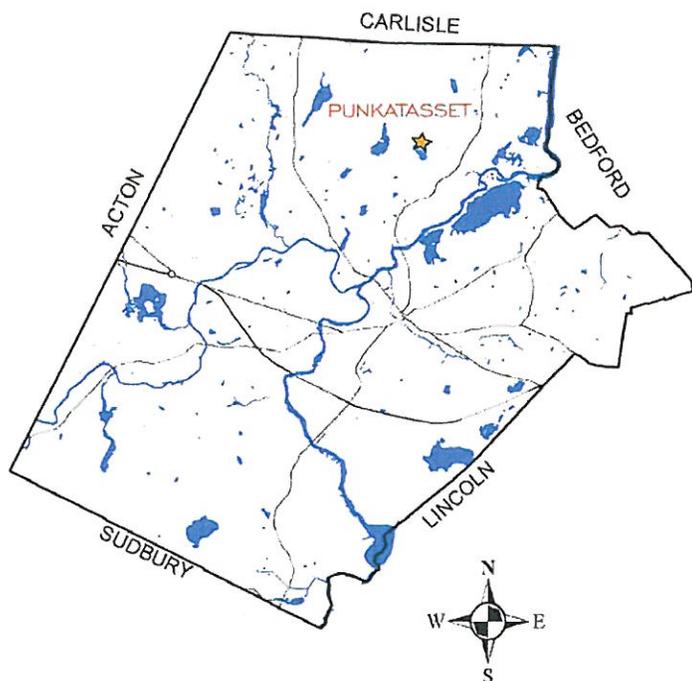
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Punkatasset

PUNKATASSET IS 100 ACRES OF TOWN OWNED CONSERVATION LAND MANAGED BY THE CONCORD DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. PUNKATASSET LIES WITHIN THE LARGER OPEN SPACE CALLED ESTABROOK WOODS/COUNTRY.

PUNKATASSET, ONCE VAST OPEN FARMLAND, HAS NOW LARGELY REVERTED BACK TO FOREST. THIS QUEST REVEALS JUST SOME OF THE SPECIAL STORIES HIDDEN ON THE LAND.



RETURN TO YOUR COURSE, CHOOSE THE PATH GOING LEFT
ELSE YOU'LL END UP IN CARLISLE, TIRED AND BEREFT!

WALK 6 RODS TO LARGE LAYING TREES⁸
WHAT ANIMALS HAVE BEEN BUSIER THAN BEES?

TAKE SMALL LEFT PATH TO SEE WHERE THEY DINE
POPLAR ARE A TASTY TREAT, BUT NOT PINE

SIGNS OF BEAVER ARE VERY CLEAR
BUT THE PILE OF ROCKS, WHO MOVED THEM HERE?

DID THEY THINK REMOVING THEM FROM THE POND
WAS BEST?
WE DON'T KNOW, BUT NOW THEY'RE A NICE PLACE
TO REST

TURN AROUND HEADING BACK TO THE ROAD TO
CARLISLE
LOOK FOR A WOODEN BIRD BOX, IT WILL BE A SHORT
WHILE

THEN STROLL UP THE GRASSY TRAIL ON THE OPPOSITE
SIDE
WATCH OUT FOR POISON IVY ALONG YOUR STRIDE⁹

FIND THE BENCH AND SIT YOURSELF DOWN
RELAX A MOMENT AND LOOK AROUND

AN APPLE ORCHARD — THAT'S WHAT WAS HERE
A JUICE LOCALLY GROWN THAT LASTED ALL YEAR¹⁰

OFF THE LAND THESE PEOPLE HAD TO LIVE
WITH NO COKE OR STARBUCKS THERE TO GIVE

THE SWEETEST APPLE WILL BE FOUND
WHERE 5 TRUNKS MERGE AND MEET THE GROUND

A TREASURE AWAITS FOR YOU TO FIND
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE FINISHED THE QUEST
BY USING YOUR MIND!

Be Prepared:

THE TOTAL QUEST IS APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILES.
THERE ARE SOME GREAT PLACES TO HAVE A
SNACK OR PICNIC. BRING WATER, WATCH OUT FOR
POISON IVY, AND REMEMBER TO CHECK YOURSELF
CAREFULLY FOR TICKS AFTERWARDS.

8. REMEMBER A ROD IS 16.5 FEET. (GO 100 FEET)
THE LENGTH IS EQUAL TO THE STANDARDIZED
LENGTH OF THE OX GOAD (CATTLE PROD) USED
BY MEDIEVAL ENGLISH PLOUGHMEN. THE ROD
WAS STILL A COMMON UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
IN THE MID-1800S. HENRY DAVID THOREAU
USED IT FREQUENTLY WHEN DESCRIBING
DISTANCES IN HIS BOOK "WALDEN".

9. POISON IVY IS A THREE LEAFED POISONOUS
PLANT THAT CAUSES SEVERE SKIN IRRITATIONS.
ITS TWO OPPOSITE LEAVES ARE JOINED WITH 1
LONGER STEM AND END LEAF AND ARE WITHOUT
THORNS OR BRIARS ON STEMS. THIS IS THE
ONLY TRUE IDENTIFICATION. DON'T DEPEND ON
COLOR, SIZE OR LEAF PATTERN.

10. APPLES WERE BITTER AND ONCE USED FOR HARD
CIDER. HOW ELSE DO WE USE APPLES TODAY?

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Your clues:

ON THE BANK FIND A LODGE OF STICKS AND MUD
AROUND 3 TREES, 2 ALIVE AND 1 DEAD
AT NIGHT A BEAVER ENTERS THE SECRET UNDER
WATER ENTRANCE AND CLIMBS SAFELY INTO BED⁴

LOOK ACROSS THE POND BEYOND THE HILL
WHERE THOREAU MADE PENCILS USING HIS
SAWMILL⁵

AND SAWMILL BROOK THAT POWERED THE MILL
BECAME A POND AT HUTCHINS' WILL⁶

BUT SAWMILL BROOK CONTINUES TO FLOW
EXACTLY WHERE? LOOK AT THE MAP & YOU'LL KNOW

A DAM ON THE STREAM CREATED THE POND
OF ICE SKATING AND HOCKEY, PEOPLE WERE FOND!

A SWIMMING HOLE TOO, THIS USED TO BE
BUT NOW ONLY BEAVERS CAN SWIM HERE FREE⁷

THE POND WAS USED TO HARVEST ICE
TO KEEP HUTCHINS' DAIRY PRODUCTS NICE

PAST THE BRIDGE MARCH ALONG THE WATER TIL
YOUR FEET MEET
6 METAL SPIKES IN 2 LINES OF CONCRETE

IMAGINE ICE CUT FROM THE POND RIGHT HERE
PULLED OVER YOUR HEAD, ACROSS A RAMP QUITE
NEAR

TEN PACES ACROSS TWO-ROD ROAD
A FOUNDATION REMAINS, LET THE STORY UNFOLD

THE PUNKATASSET DAIRY KEPT CHUNKS OF ICE
HERE
WRAPPED IN SAWDUST TO KEEP FOOD COLD ALL
YEAR

BACK ON THE PATH SPOT A HUGE FALLEN PINE BY
THE POND'S CORNER,
NATURE HAS MANY CYCLES SO DON'T MOURN HER

BEGIN YOUR QUEST AT THE PUNKATASSET SIGN
BEHIND IT STANDS A STATELY WHITE PINE

PUNKATASSET MEANS "BROAD-TOPPED HILL"
NAMED BY PEOPLE BEFORE ANY SAWMILL

FOR CENTURIES OPEN PASTURE WAS CONCORD'S
STYLE
MOST OF THESE TREES HAVE BEEN HERE A SHORT
WHILE

TAKE THE FORK BEARING TO THE RIGHT
"TWO ROD ROAD" IS IN YOUR SIGHT

BACK IN 1735 THIS ROAD WAS MADE
WHEN A TWO-ROD RIGHT OF WAY WAS LAID

KNOWING HOW LONG A ROD IS WOULD BE SWEET
ACTUALLY, IT'S SIXTEEN AND A HALF FEET!

NOW SAUNTER FORWARD FOR A WHILE
ON THIS ROAD THAT LED TO OLD CARLISLE

WHEN YOU COME TO A WIDE OPEN SPACE
THEN, YOU'LL KNOW YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

FOLLOW THE BARBED WIRE THAT SPLITS THE FIELD
AT THE TURNSTILE, ANOTHER STORY REVEALED

FARMER HUTCHINS'S BARN STOOD IN PLAIN SIGHT
UNTIL SNOW BROUGHT IT DOWN ONE STORMY NIGHT

IMAGINE HAY BALES STACKED HIGH INSIDE
COWS GRAZING FIELDS UNDER SKIES OPEN WIDE¹

IN THE OLD TURNSTILE, TURN 360 DEGREES 'ROUND
THINK OF GHOSTS WHEN YOU HEAR THE SQUEAKY
SOUND²

BACK TO, THEN ONWARD ALONG "TWO ROD ROAD"
WHERE HORSES & OXEN USED TO HAUL A HEAVY LOAD

HUTCHINS'S POND ON LEFT, STONE WALL ON RIGHT
PROCEED TIL A SMALL CRESCENT BEACH IS IN SIGHT

A WHITE BOX ON A POST IS A MARKER TOO
STOP HERE IF NO BEACH COMES INTO VIEW³

4. BEAVER LODGES ARE MADE OF TREES AND
SHRUBS, WHILE MUSKRATS USE REEDS & OTHER
GRASSY MATERIAL. LOOK FOR BEAVER SIGNS,
SUCH AS TOOTH MARKS, ON STUMPS.

5. HENRY DAVID THOREAU'S FATHER, JOHN
THOREAU, OWNED A MILL UPSTREAM THAT MADE
PENCILS USING NEARBY CEDAR TREES. REMAINS
OF THE FOUNDATION CAN BE SEEN. FOR MAP
& MORE INFO SEE "THE SEASONS IN ESTABROOK
COUNTY" BY STEPHEN F. ELLS.

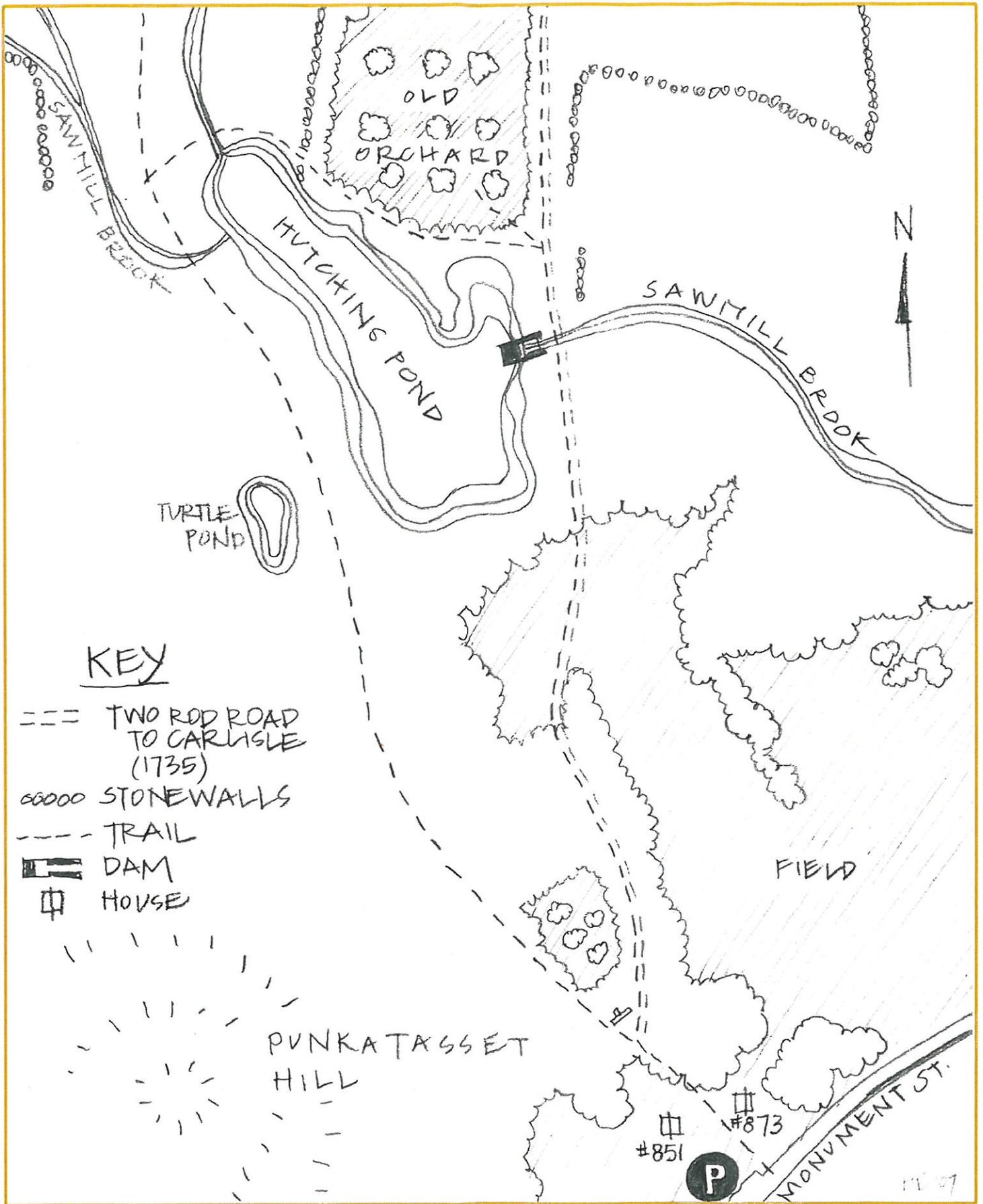
6. HUTCHIN'S POND WAS CREATED BETWEEN
1900-1910.

7. THIS WATER MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL
PARASITES (GIARDIA) AND BACTERIA (E. COLI)
THAT ENTER THE POND VIA BEAVER WASTE AND
COULD MAKE YOU SICK IF YOU DRINK IT OR SWIM.

1. COWS STILL GRAZE IN THESE FIELDS.
CAN YOU SEE ANY?

2. WHY DO YOU THINK A TURNSTILE WAS USED
INSTEAD OF A GATE?
(TO LET PEOPLE THROUGH, BUT NOT LARGE ANIMALS)

3. THE BEACH IS SOMETIMES FLOODED. TICK INFO MAY
BE AVAILABLE IN THE BOX.



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