

CREATED BY IZZY SENIOR, AHS 23'

West Parish Meadow and Indian Ridge Trail Guide



Duration: About 30 minutes, can increase or decrease by spending more time at the pond)

Includes: meadows, ponds, boardwalks, stairs

While walking to the start of the trail or at the start of the trail, talk about AVIS and the Leave No trace policies, information is on the next page.

Founded in 1894 as The Andover Village Improvement Society, AVIS is one of the oldest land conservation organizations in the country. AVIS manages more than 30 reservations comprising more than 1,200 acres in the Town of Andover. It relies on a corps of volunteers to lead the organization and to provide maintenance of its recreational trails and stewardship for the land and its wildlife habitat. Donations from community members and grant sources provide the funds to acquire, protect and manage its reservations.

ANDOVER VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

AVIS invites use of this property from sunrise to sunset for passive recreation including hiking, skiing, and nature walks. AVIS assumes no responsibility for any injuries to persons or property to anyone using this area. All people are allowed to enjoy AVIS land.

Dogs

AVIS follows the town's leash bylaw – All dogs must be on a leash at all times on AVIS land.

PROHIBITED Items or uses include any activity which diminishes or harms the natural resources or tranquility of the reservation including –

- Weapons of any type including bows and arrows – see online at avisandover.org for exceptions during deer hunting season.
- Bicycles & Motorized vehicles
- Access from Routes 93, 495, and 125
- Fires & Camping
- Alcohol
- Paintball and Airsoft
- Tree cutting, including gathering and piling of branches, brush, & logs
- Plant collecting
- Littering
- Dumping of any kind, including leaves, grass clippings, and brush
- Repeated violations of the Rules may result in prohibition to use AVIS properties.
- Boating in Baker's Meadow and Goldsmith Woodlands

The following activities require permission. To obtain permission, please contact the warden of the particular reservation.

- Group activities
- Scout camping

For further information, look online at avisandover.org

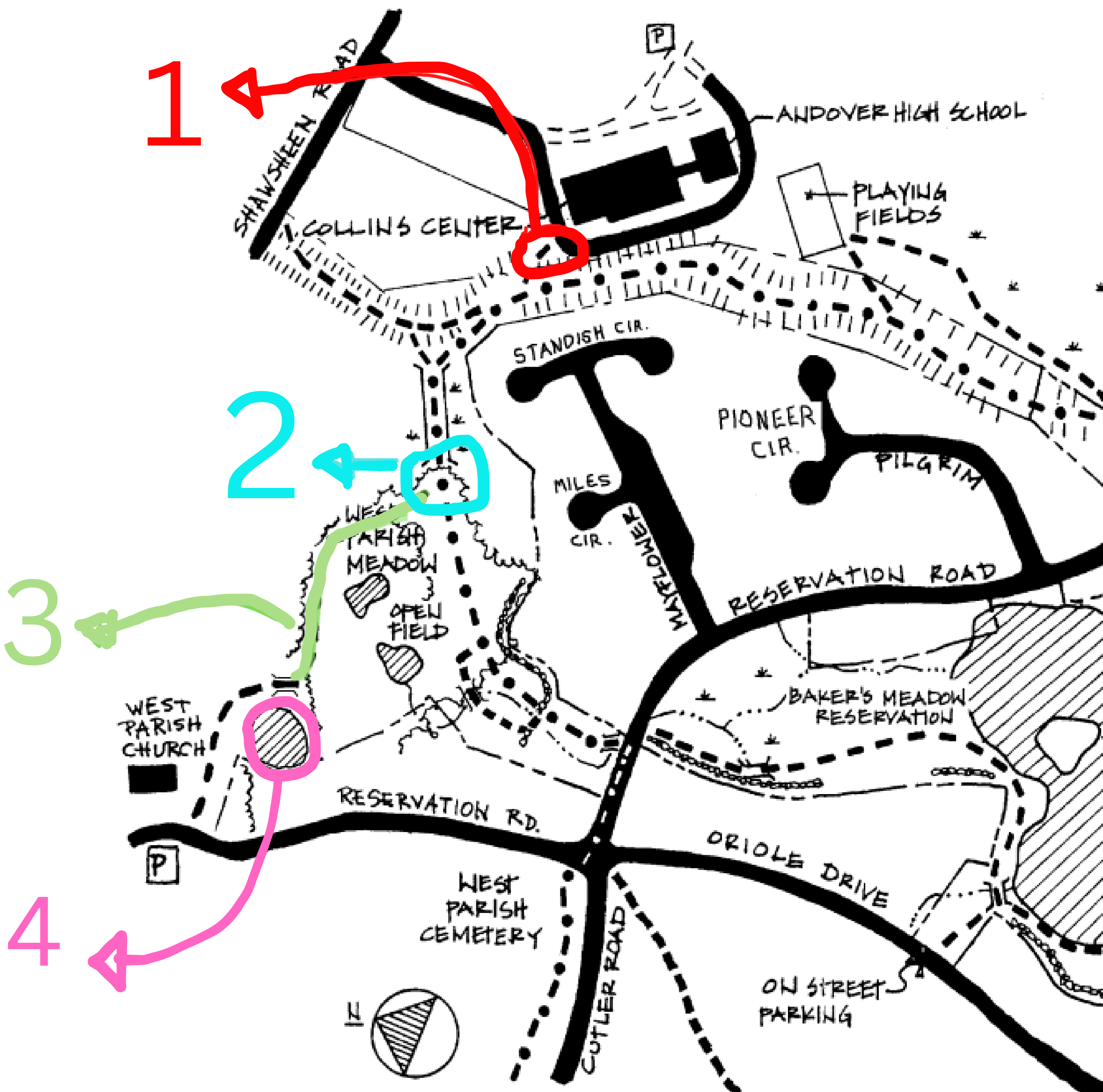
Leave No Trace- <https://lnt.org/>

Mission Statement: We are all the solution to conservation, and Leave No Trace is leading the way. With pioneering science, hands-on training, and simple guidelines, Leave No Trace helps you explore the outdoors sustainably every time you get outside.

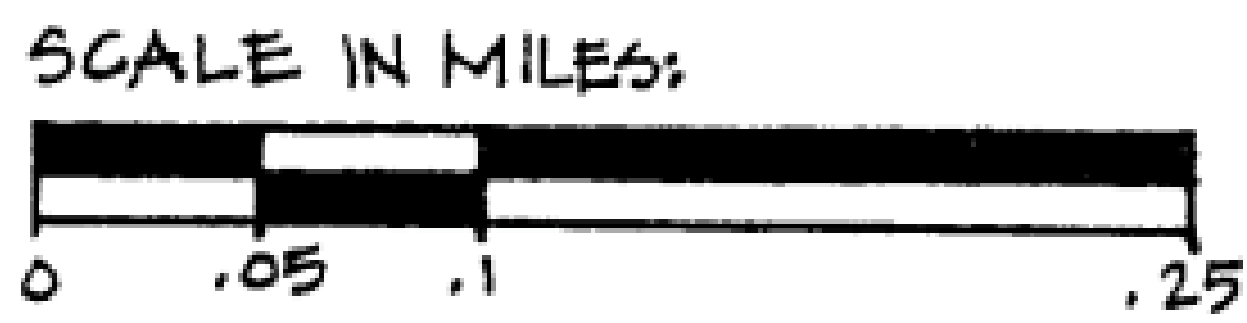
Problems they solve: trashed natural areas, polluted water, lack of inclusivity in the outdoors, wildlife at risk, damaged trails, destructive behaviors, Educating Youth About Outdoor Stewardship, and crowded parks.

The Seven Principles: plan ahead and prepare, travel and camp on durable surfaces, dispose of waste properly, leave what you find, minimize campfire impacts, respect wildlife, be considerate of others

Statement From Leave No Trace Director, Dana Watts: “Learning, practicing and engaging with Leave No Trace is more important right now than ever before. Issues like climate change, dwindling biodiversity as well as the mere numbers of people getting outside right now have created a perfect storm. What so many people don’t know is that committing to just one, single, simple act of Leave No Trace is contributing to a tangible difference in the health of our outdoor world.”



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- ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ STREAM OR BROOK
- - - TRAIL
- ⚡ TREE LINE



1) Start off at entrance behind Collins center, once you reach the top of the Ridge/escere, take a right.

2) Keep Walking straight until you see a set of stairs heading downwards. Follow those stairs down and over to the boardwalk (should be visible)

3) Once in the meadow, stay on the trail to the right, keep walking straight on that trail until you see a right turn, this will take you towards the pond

4) After spending some time at the pond, feel free to make your way back to AHS or wander through some of the other loops within the meadow (it is very open, and you should be able to see trails and loops clearly)