

ROSE FARM RESERVE

Directions:

Option 1

- Follow Route 82 south past the Ray of Light Farm. There is a blue Rose Farm sign on the left, which leads to a dirt parking area.

Option 2

- Follow Route 82 south to Silas Holmes Road. Turn left onto Silas Holmes Road.
- Just past the first house on the left is a dirt road bordered by stone walls. Take a left onto that road, being careful of deep ruts.
- Once you reach to Berlin Fish and Game Club Pond on your right, look to the left for a parking area and sign for Rose Farm.

Report any problems during your visit to the East Haddam Land Use Office.
860 873-5031



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Trail Facts:

- ◇ The .4 mile yellow trail is mostly flat and is accessed from the Route 82 parking area.
- ◇ The .3 mile white trail is accessed from the yellow trail. Both ends rise at a moderate slope, There is exceptional springtime birding where the trail is adjacent to the wetlands.
- ◇ The .8 mile red trail is accessed from the Silas Holmes Road entrance. It loops through The forested areas of the property.
- ◇ There is a .1 mile blue trail which connects the red and white trails. A bridge crossing Hemlock Valley Brook connects both halves of the property.

Permitted Activities:

- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Nature study
- ◆ Snowshoeing
- ◆ Cross-country skiing
- ◆ Mountain biking
- ◆ Horseback riding
- ◆ Birding

No motorized vehicles are allowed on this property at any time.

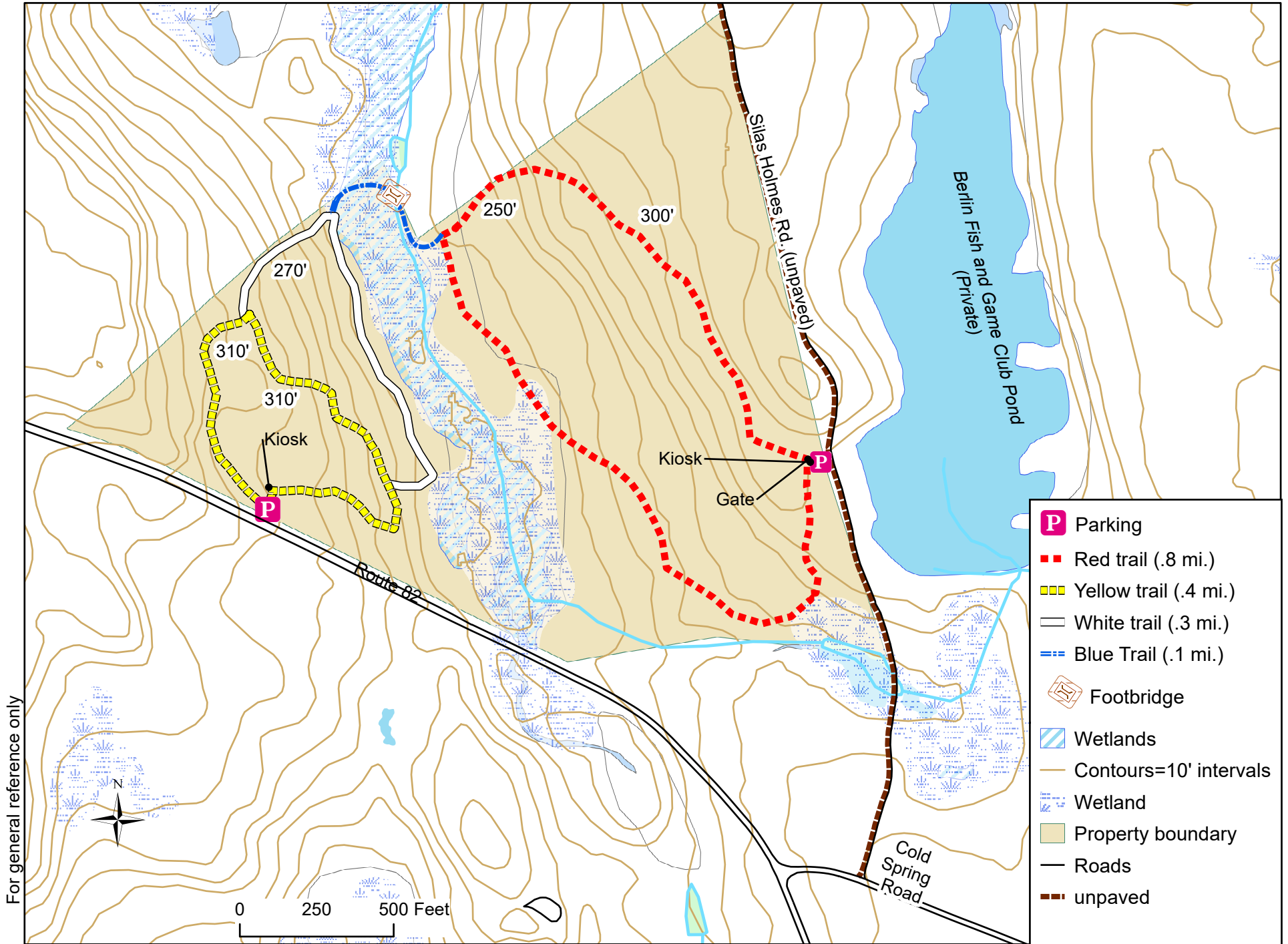
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The 68-acre Rose Farm property was acquired in 2009 by the Town of East Haddam to protect both sides of 1,500 feet of Hemlock Valley Brook and the associated wetlands that bisect the property. The 2,100 feet of frontage on Silas Holmes Road and 1,700 feet of frontage on Town Street (Rt. 82) made the parcel attractive for residential development. The property was part of the former Rose family farm which was to the south. The wetlands and upland hardwoods host many species of warblers and other migratory song birds. Year round bird residents include all the wood peckers and the wild turkeys that frequent the property. Owls are frequently heard in the red cedar woods on the east side of the property. The trails offer a variety of habitats to walk through from the dry oak and cedar woods on the east side to a wetland edge trail and upland mixed-hardwood trail on the west. A foot bridge was constructed to provide a trail connection and easy access to both sides of the property. Rose Farm abuts 80 acres of open space land (not open to the public) protected by an East Haddam Land Trust easement.



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