

SHUGRUE FARM RESERVE ON LONG HILL

Directions:

To Blue Trailhead:

- * From Route 82 south, turn onto Mt. Parnassus Road (200' south of intersection with Route 151).
- * Continue as it turns into Haywardville Road.
- * Turn left onto Early Road.
- * Turn right onto Ackley Cemetery Road.
- * At the next stop sign, turn right onto Lake Hayward Town Road.
- * The parking lot is on your right.

Permitted Activities:

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

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.

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



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Trail Facts:

- ◇ The **blue** trail starts at the parking area on Lake Hayward Town Road, then heads south, crossing an intermittent stream.
- ◇ The trail then splits, going right thru a forest of black & yellow birches and damp soil species such as hornbeam, red maple and spice bush.
- ◇ Turning east, it crosses another intermittent stream, then ascends the western flank of Long Hill.
- ◇ Near the top of Long Hill it intersects the Red and Orange trails near a stone wall from an old farm, turning north thru a maturing mixed hardwood forest, descending to the parking lot.
- ◇ The **red** trail forms a loop thru rocky, dry upland forest of low bush blueberries, chestnut oaks and other hardwood species.
- ◇ The west side follows the edge of a steep north-south valley. Look for evidence of a charcoal mound shortly before the trail turns east and crosses the orange trail.
- ◇ The trail then goes south and east and eventually north, gradually ascending to a high white pine knob. This is the highest elevation on the property.
- ◇ The trail then follows old forest roads and a new section before it junctions with the blue and orange trails.
- ◇ The **orange** trail starts at a stone wall opening at the junction of the red and blue trails.
- ◇ It proceeds southwest thru dry upland forest on an old forest road.
- ◇ This trail is unique because of the many glacial boulders or "erratics" that are close to the trail. The largest is on the east side, just before the trail crosses the red trail.
- ◇ The **white** trail begins at Cragmere Road. Using old forest roads and a new trail it passes a vernal pool and ascends, sometimes steeply, into dry and rocky upper reaches of the reserve. As it levels, the trail goes mostly northwest thru chestnut oaks and blueberry thickets until it ends at the red trail.

*A GLACIAL ERRATIC is a boulder transported and deposited by a glacier that is different than the type of rock native to the area in which it rests.

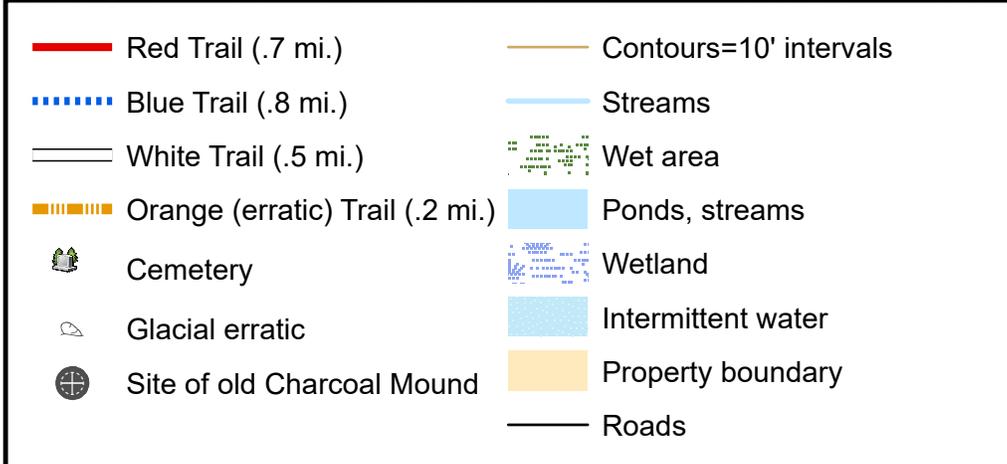
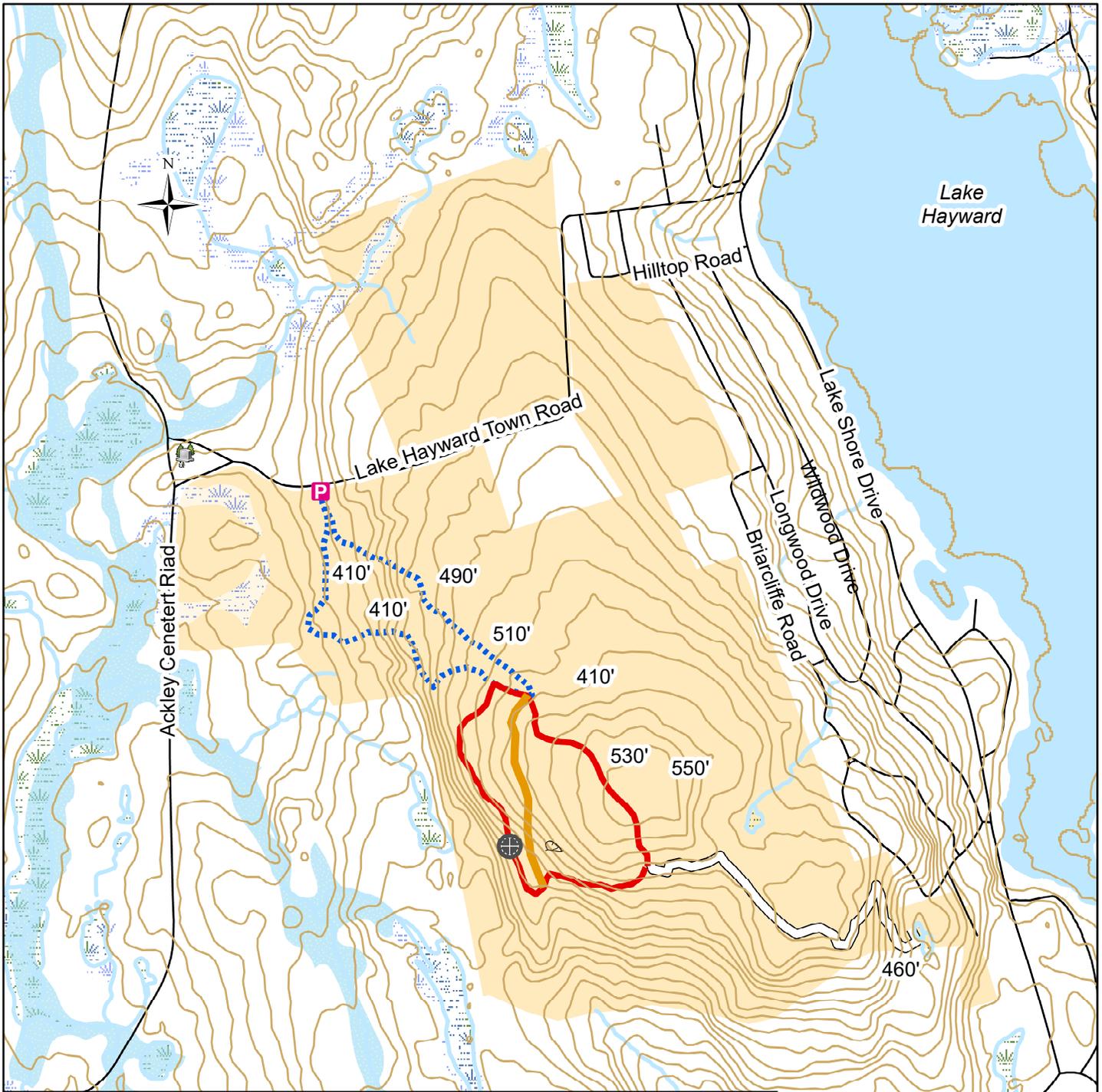
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The 225-acre property was purchased by the Town of East Haddam in 2012. This former dairy farm was actually two large parcels, one north of Lake Hayward Town Road and the larger portion south of Lake Hayward Town Road. The norther parcel is not open to the public except for hunting with the Town's permission. The southern parcel wraps around the former Shugrue farm buildings and gardens. It was used as a dairy farm for most of the past 200 years. During the 1920s the farm, which included acreage which was then called Shaw Lake, now Lake Hayward, was converted to a golf course. The stock market crash in 1929 ended the golf course. It was then turned back into a dairy farm. The farm was constructed on this high ridge of land that has been known for centuries as Long Hill.



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