

# Iron Mine Valley Preserve

## Ashford, CT

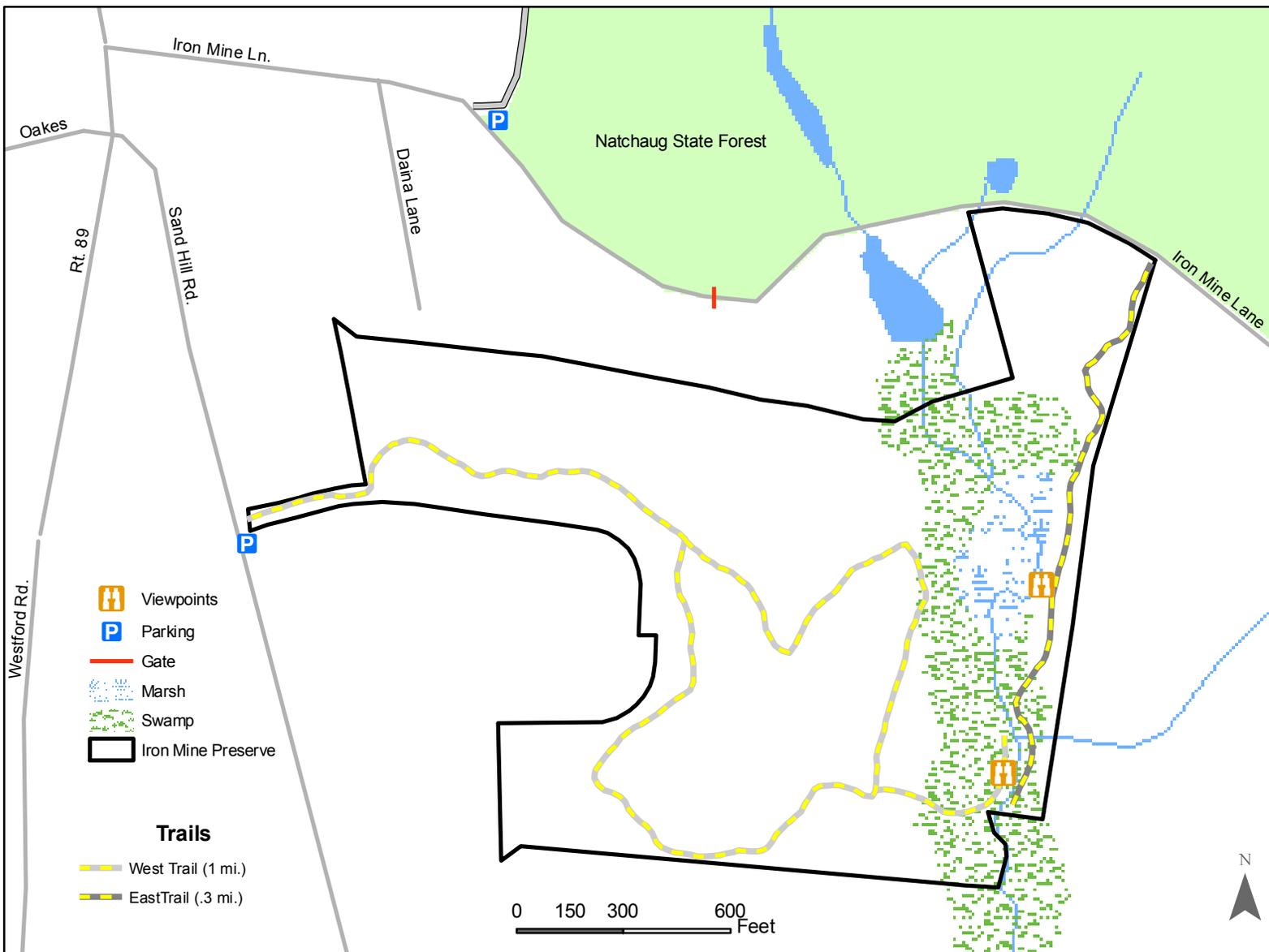
Iron Mine Valley Preserve was given to the Trust in 1990 and 2001 in two separate parcels, both subdivision set-asides. The Preserve provides important protection for the east branch of the Mount Hope River which flows parallel to its eastern edge. In Revolutionary War times, bog iron was mined from the wetlands associated with the river. Today, the mix of swamp, marsh, and upland forest provide both scenic vistas and important wildlife habitat. Beaver, otter, and wading birds are some of the wildlife that may be observed.

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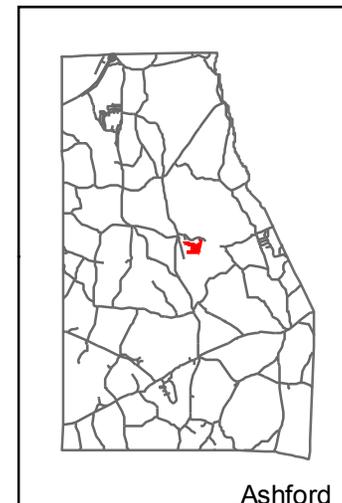
**Please help the Trust safeguard this preserve by following these rules:**  
**Take only pictures and leave only footprints.**  
**Keep dogs on leash.**  
**NO: motor vehicles, horses, fires, or camping**

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### Location:



**Directions:**  
**East Side Trail:** Go north 2.8m. from the junction of Rt. 89 and Rt. 44 in Ashford. Turn right into Iron Mine Lane. At .2 mi. turn left into a woods road and park on the right. (no parking allowed when snow on the ground) Walk downhill (around gate) on Iron Mine Lane .6 m to the trailhead on the right.  
**West Side Trail:** From the intersection of Rt. 89 and Rt. 44 in Ashford, go north 2.7 m. and turn right onto Sand Hill Rd. Look for Trust sign on the left side of the road at .2 miles.