



Trail Difficulty: *Easy/Moderate*

Approximate Trail Length: *1.5 mile loop from Jerusalem Hill Road, 2.5 mile loop from Wendell State Forest Headquarters*

Approximate Elevation Gain: *200 Feet*

Trail Marking: 

Directions: From Route 2, take Route 63 south. In Millers Falls village, where 63 turns right, go straight, then left onto South Prospect Street. Bear right onto Wendell Road and proceed to the Wendell State Forest Headquarters entrance on left, 3 miles from the village. Use the parking lot beside Ruggles Pond if the gate is open. If the gate is closed, park at the Headquarters and walk to the Ruggles Pond lot. Take the trail from the Ruggles Pond lot which runs alongside Lyons Brook. Parking also available on Jerusalem Road, to the east of the property.

About the Property: Hidden Valley encompasses 67 beautiful acres within Wendell State Forest. The land was the research camp of the famous botanist, Arthur Cronquist.

While exploring the wealth of interesting wildflowers, deep forests, inspiring waterfalls, and tall ledges, you'll see why Cronquist wrote: "time here refreshes my soul." The Hidden Valley loop trail links to the New England National Scenic Trail, a much longer route stretching from Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire to southern Connecticut. Visible along the trail are forest changes caused by three different agents: the great hurricane of 1938, defoliation of oaks by gypsy moths in 1980, and a selective timber harvest in 1998.



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Hidden Valley Conservation Area

Jerusalem Road
Wendell, MA



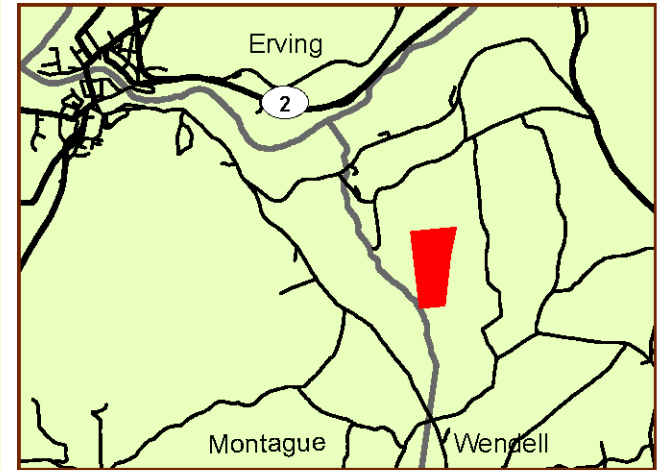
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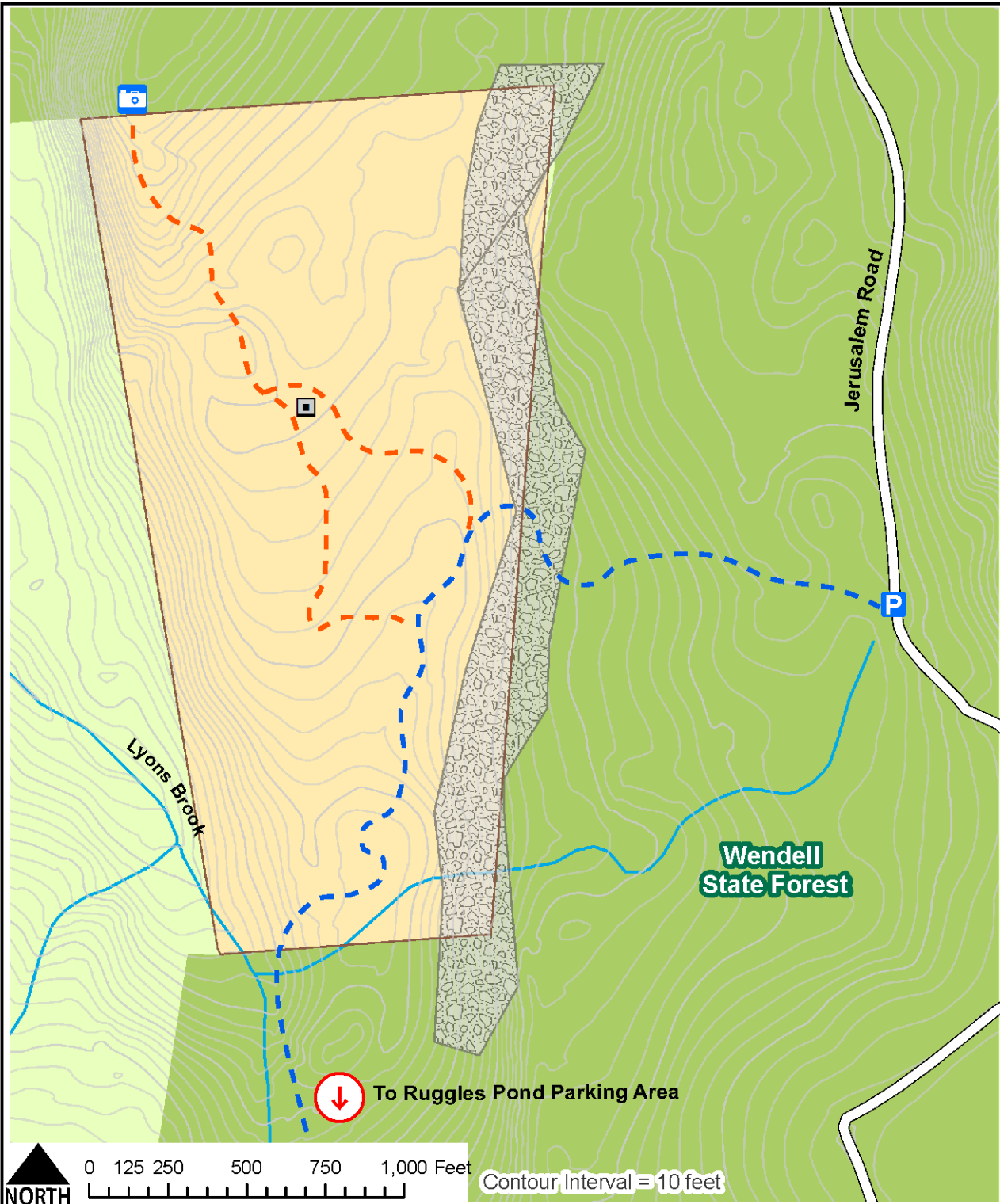
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-  Hidden Valley Conservation Area
-  Parking
-  Hidden Valley Trail
-  New England National Scenic Trail
-  Old Foundation
-  Scenic Outlook
-  Acidic Rock Cliff
-  Stream
-  Surrounding Protected Open Space



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 To Ruggles Pond Parking Area

 NORTH
0 125 250 500 750 1,000 Feet
Contour Interval = 10 feet