

See the Arboretum On Horseback

The Bridle Trail provides a unique way to enjoy the Arboretum grounds. Approximately 5-1/2 miles long, the Bridle Trail traverses farm fields, mature woodlots, and skirts a small wetland area.

Stay alert for hazards such as construction areas, uneven ground and groundhog holes. Be aware that trail conditions are affected by the season and may change. Some areas of the Arboretum may be very wet and unsuitable for walking or riding.

This trail was designed, constructed, and is maintained by volunteers with the Foundation of the State Arboretum. Donations are welcome, and will be used to help defray costs for maintenance, signs, and brochures.

Suggested donation per ride:
\$5 adults, \$2 under 12.

(A donation box is located in the paddock.)

Organized group rides/drives must be coordinated through the Arboretum office. Please call 540-837-1758.

The Arboretum is maintained for environmental education, scientific research and the quiet enjoyment of nature's beauty. *This is an outdoor museum; please respect the collection.*

Do not disturb plant tags or labels.

Do not climb trees or stone walls.

Do not pick flowers or collect any plants or plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones, and acorns.

Do not disturb wildlife.

Thank you. Enjoy your ride!

Bridle Trail Guidelines

The Bridle Trail is open to the public dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

A signed liability waiver (available at the paddock) is required for each rider. Riders under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers will be kept on file.

Current (within one year) negative Coggins test required for horses. Please include the actual number as well as the date of the test on the waiver form.

All riders must wear hard hats.

Park and load/unload horses in paddock.

Stay on the Bridle Trail. Follow horse-head trail markers. Horses are not permitted in other areas.

Ride at a moderate pace appropriate for the least experienced rider and the greenest horse.

Be aware of vehicles, pedestrians, and pets. No loose dogs on the Bridle Trail or in the paddock.

Avoid research areas.

Do not empty trailer manure in paddock.

Blandy Experimental Farm is not responsible for accidents. Report trail safety problems at the paddock.

Yield to pedestrians. ***Always think safety first!***



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A Guide to the Bridle Trail

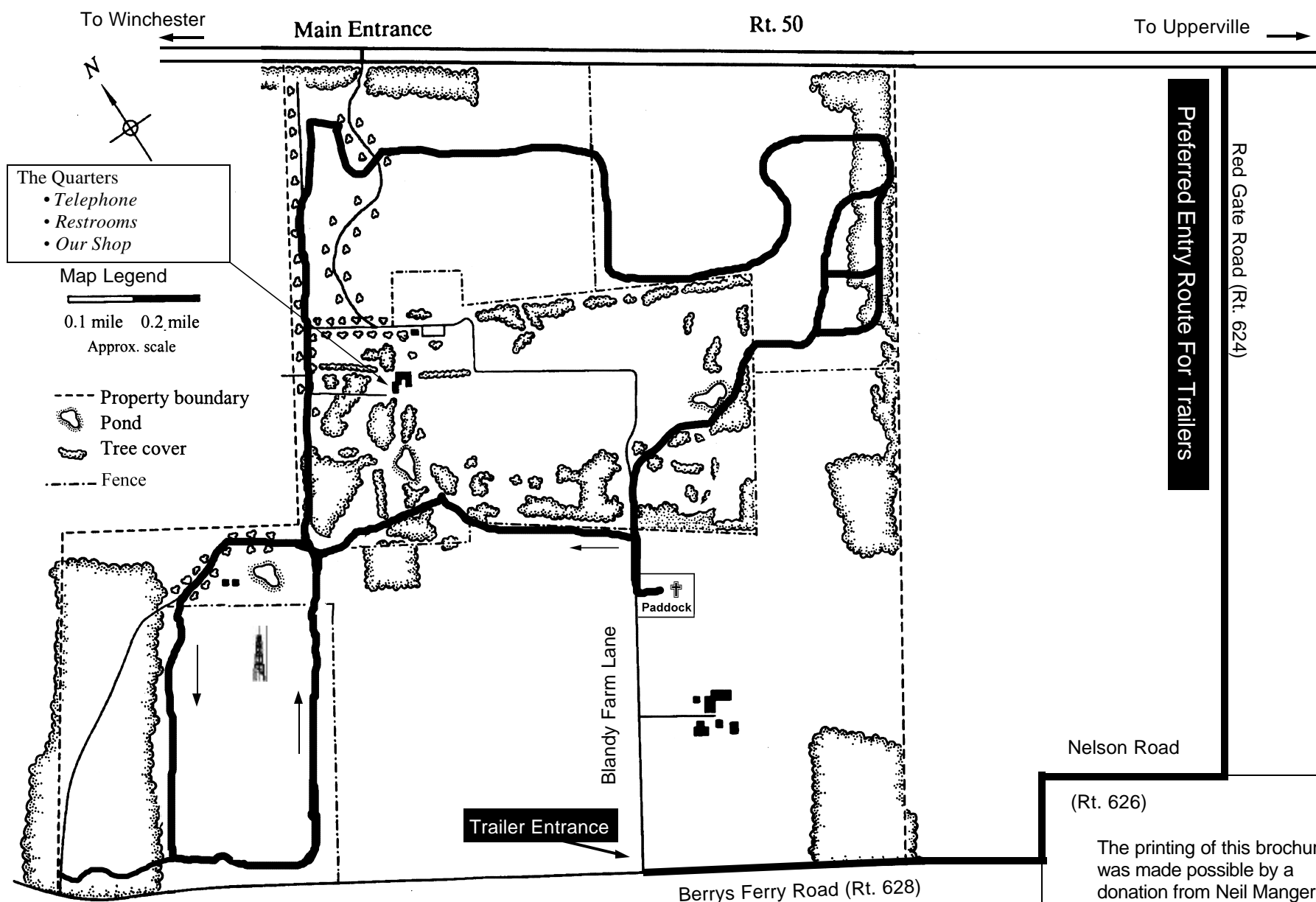


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