

Quarry Park

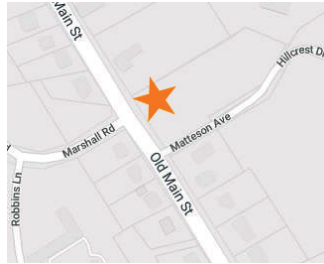
Quarry Park, part of the basalt (traprock) ridge that gave Rocky Hill its name, was formed 200 million years ago when the CT countryside was populated with dinosaurs. Pre-historic artifacts uncovered from the Lone Pine Site in the Quarry show that Native Americans lived on this land around 8,000 years ago. During the Colonial era, this rockie hill was a landmark for sailors navigating the CT river.

The Rocky Hill Stone Company operated a stone quarry here from 1901–1957. The stripping of the top ledge was initially done by hand, with dump carts moving traprock along tracks to be crushed and loaded onto trains. Later work was done using steam, then air, to drill holes to set 3/4-inch sticks of dynamite. Steam shovels, dump trucks and bulldozers loaded traprock onto trucks that furnished the river side of the dikes around Hartford and trucked rock across CT, New York and Massachusetts. From 1925–1944 over a million and a half tons of traprock was sold from this Quarry. It was said that there was enough traprock in this hill to, “plaster over all he wagon roads” in the State.

In 1948 the Wethersfield Ski Club used the northern most hill in the Quarry to ski. The remains of the 1936 Buick which powered the rope tow rests as a reminder on top of the hill.

A 1986 development proposal to build 30 single housing units and 441 multi housing units on this land was defeated by the Rocky Hill Neighborhood Association. In 1991, their plan to Save the Rocky Hill led to the purchase of this land for a State park by the Town and State for 1.3 million dollars under the Recreation and Natural Heritage Act.

Directions & Parking



Follow Old Main Street away from the town center. Parking will be on your right immediately past Matteson Road.

GPS use this address:
19 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill 06067


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Do you want to get involved?

Call 860-258-2772

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Quarry Park

Rocky Hill, CT

84 Acres

Opened in 1991, this land has majestic views of the CT river valley and the Great Meadows. Ruins of the Quarry operation's past are being reclaimed by nature. Coniferous and deciduous forests, ponds, and streams support frogs, turtles, rabbits, deer, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, vultures, herons, eagles and humans.



Permitted Activities



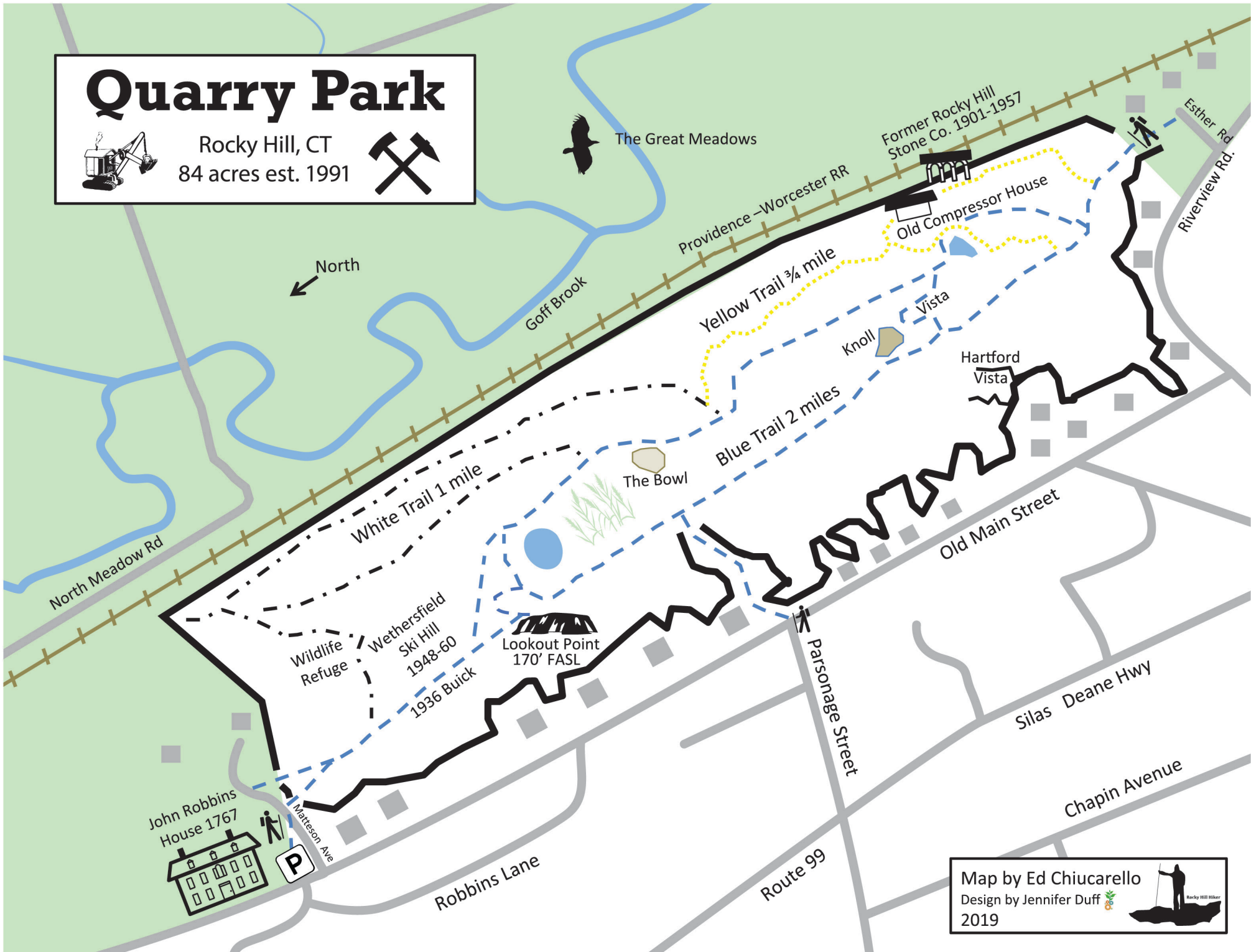
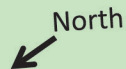
This property is for passive use only; hiking year round, with snow-shoeing or cross country skiing during the winter months. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and remove any dog waste.

Park closes at dusk.

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Rocky Hill, CT
84 acres est. 1991



The Great Meadows

Former Rocky Hill
Stone Co. 1901-1957

Old Compressor House

Providence-Worcester RR

Yellow Trail ¾ mile

Knoll
Vista

Hartford
Vista

Blue Trail 2 miles

The Bowl

White Trail 1 mile

Old Main Street

Wildlife
Refuge

Wethersfield
Ski Hill
1948-60

Lookout Point
170' FASL

Parsonage Street

Silas Deane Hwy

John Robbins
House 1767



Robbins Lane

Route 99

Chapin Avenue

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