

## Archaeological Sites

### #1. Wells & Wilcox Manufacturing

Wells and Wilcox manufactured chisels, plantation hoes and various other edged tools for many years. (Office site)

### #2. Entrance to Edward Bulkeley Homestead

Edward, the son of Reverend Gershom Bulkeley, inherited the corne mill.

### #3. Reverend Gershom Bulkeley's Corne Mill 1677

Wethersfield granted to Rev. Bulkeley 115 acres to flood town land to produce waterpower to operate his mill. Ephraim Goodrich established a sawmill on this site in the late 1700s. The railroad in 1871 obliterated the original gristmill site.

### #4. Billings Manufacturing 1884

C. E. Billings and George Edmands put up this building for drop forging. The machinery was operated by a long belt from the mill in the hollow.

### #5. Bulkeley's Corne Mill 1680-1830

This mill was the family business for 150 years. Mr. Russell manufactured axes here for a short time. Later, Leonard Wells and Alfred Wilcox carried on their business until Wilcox was killed in a mill accident. Joseph Jory, an English blacksmith, produced the first "Never Slip" horseshoe at this site in 1866. A year later he sold his invention to a firm in Boston for ten thousand dollars.

### #6. Bulkeley Dam

Rebuilt and enlarged in 1875.

### #7. William Butler and Robert Sugden Shear Factory 1854-1865

Butler invented a single shot muzzle loading pistol here. In 1860 they employed 30 men and 4 women. In 1865 the business burned, rebuilt and sold to Elisha Stevens, from Cromwell, who produced miniature toys, cast iron banks and chandeliers. In 1870 the business again burned and was never rebuilt.

#8. Butler and Sugden Dam and Sluiceway was built in 1854 to provide waterpower for the Shear factory.

### #9. Deacon Simon Butler Grist Mill 1775

Was later rebuilt after 50 years by Simon's Son, Captain William Butler. Around 1861, Fredrick Butler produced penholders here. The mill was demolished about 1880.

### 10. Captain William Butler Saw Mill 1829

Active until 1868 when it was destroyed by fire. Used by Sidney Bidwell from 1875 to 1878 for the production of railroad ties and lumber.

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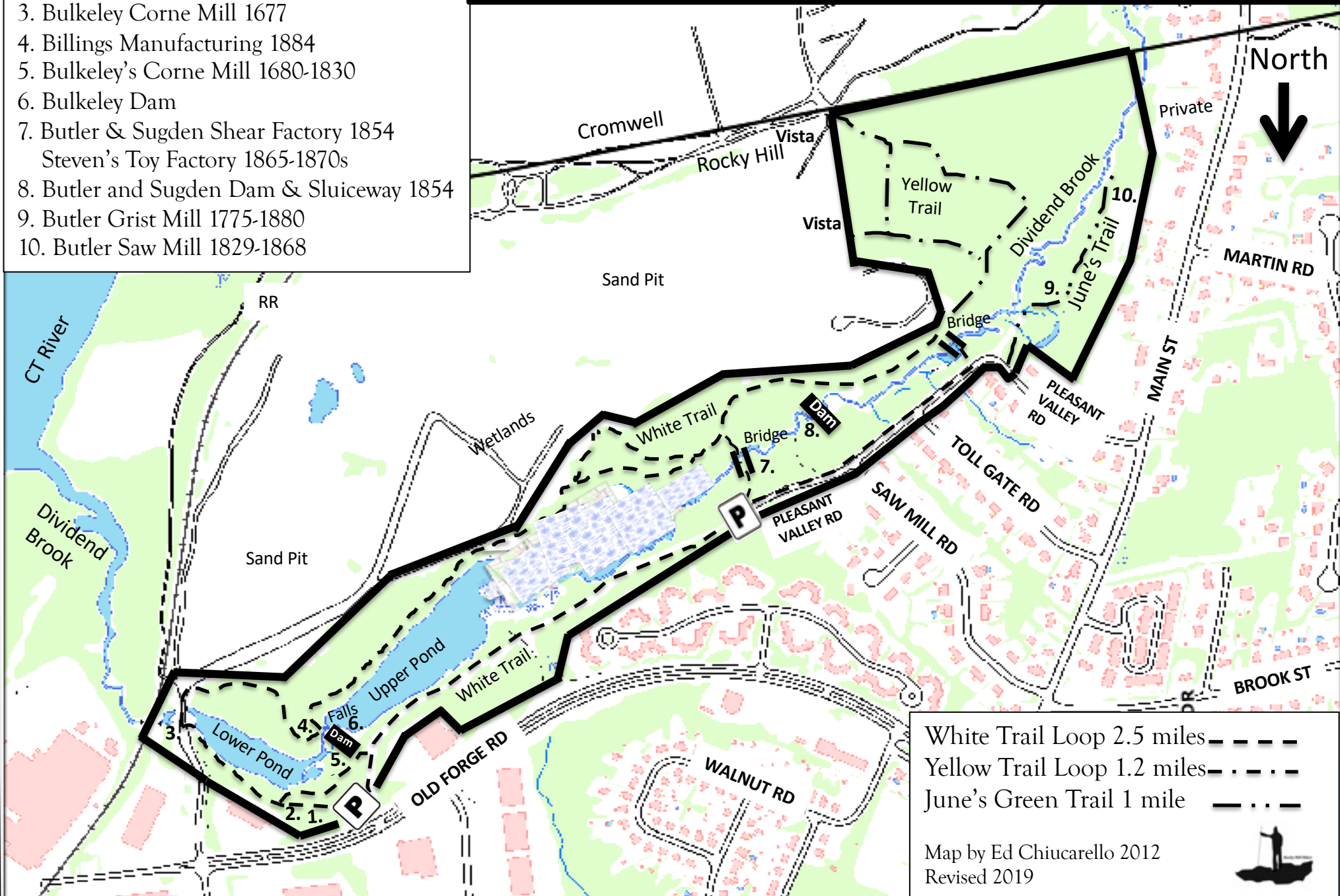
68 acres, 3 miles of trails  
10 water-powered archaeological sites  
from 1667-1900s

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White Trail Loop 2.5 miles - - - - -  
 Yellow Trail Loop 1.2 miles . . . . .  
 June's Green Trail 1 mile - . . . .

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