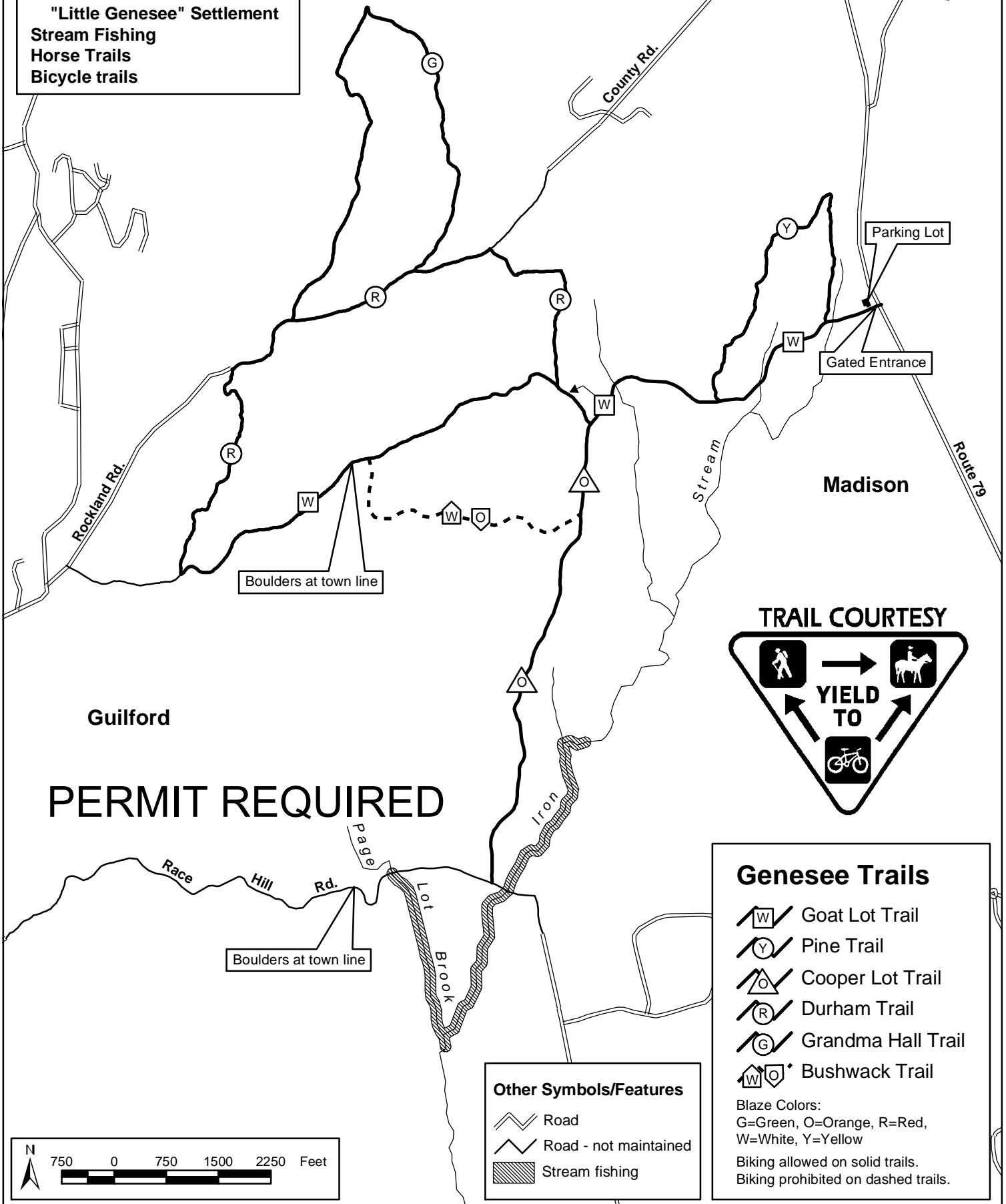


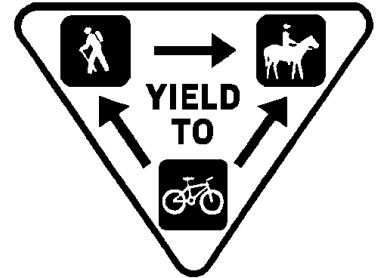
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Historical evidence of
"Little Genesee" Settlement
Stream Fishing
Horse Trails
Bicycle trails



TRAIL COURTESY



Genesee Trails

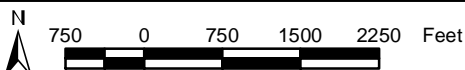
- Goat Lot Trail
- Pine Trail
- Cooper Lot Trail
- Durham Trail
- Grandma Hall Trail
- Bushwack Trail

Blaze Colors:
G=Green, O=Orange, R=Red,
W=White, Y=Yellow

Biking allowed on solid trails.
Biking prohibited on dashed trails.

Other Symbols/Features

- Road
- Road - not maintained
- Stream fishing



Genesee

Located off Route 79 in Madison, CT.

Our Genesee trails wind through watershed lands in Guilford and Madison and along the site of the “Little Genesee Settlement”.

Choose from six trails covering more than nine miles of rolling wooded land. Most of these trails run along service roads that provide access to our forests. As you explore, remember that you are sharing the trails with woodcutters, hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and Regional Water Authority workers who use these roads.

The Authority’s land is managed as a Tree Farm. In addition to providing clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreation, this forest provides timber for building homes and furniture, railroad ties, and hundreds of other wood products. Timber harvesting is carefully supervised by our foresters to protect the environment.

Genesee Trail Guide

Goat Lot Trail (white rectangle) 2.4 miles. This trail begins at the parking area and serves as a link to the other trails. Watch for old house foundations and stone walls, remnants of the Little Genesee Settlement established about 1770 and abandoned between 1850 and 1875. During that time, nearly all the land on both sides of the trail was cleared for farming.

Cooper Lot Trail (orange triangle) 1.3 miles. Here you will find more evidence of the Genesee settlers. According to folklore, the families who settled in the area were originally headed to the Genesee Valley of New York. When they broke a wagon wheel here, they decided to stay and farm the land.

Durham Trail (red circle) 2.1 miles. Many years ago part of this trail was an important highway linking the docks on the Connecticut River in Haddam with inland areas stretching as far west as North Branford. The other part of the trail follows an abandoned logging road through low-lying areas containing the most fertile soils of Genesee. Red oak, hickory, beech and sugar maple thrive and interesting rock outcrops add to the scenic charm of the trail.

Grandma Hall Trail (green circle) 1.9 miles. Named after an early resident of the area, a great-grandmother of one of our employees, this quaint old logging road was once used as a cart path. This trail skirts the northwest corner of the property, past a large wetland and along upland where, 20,000 years ago a glacier scraped off most of the topsoil. As a result the trees grow slowly and compete with each other for water and nutrients.

Bushwhack Trail (white and orange arrow) 0.8 miles. CLOSED TO BICYCLES. Unlike most our trails, Bushwhack was blazed specifically for hiking. As you walk along this trail, look for evidence of deer browsing and notice some of the large old trees that provide homes for forest animals. This is a connector trail, so the arrow will change color to indicate which trail you are heading towards.

Pine Trail (yellow circle) 1.1 miles. Together with the connecting part of Goat Lot Trail, this forms a nice loop over gentle grades. Red and white pine here are subtle reminders that this was open pasture and crop land less than a century ago.

