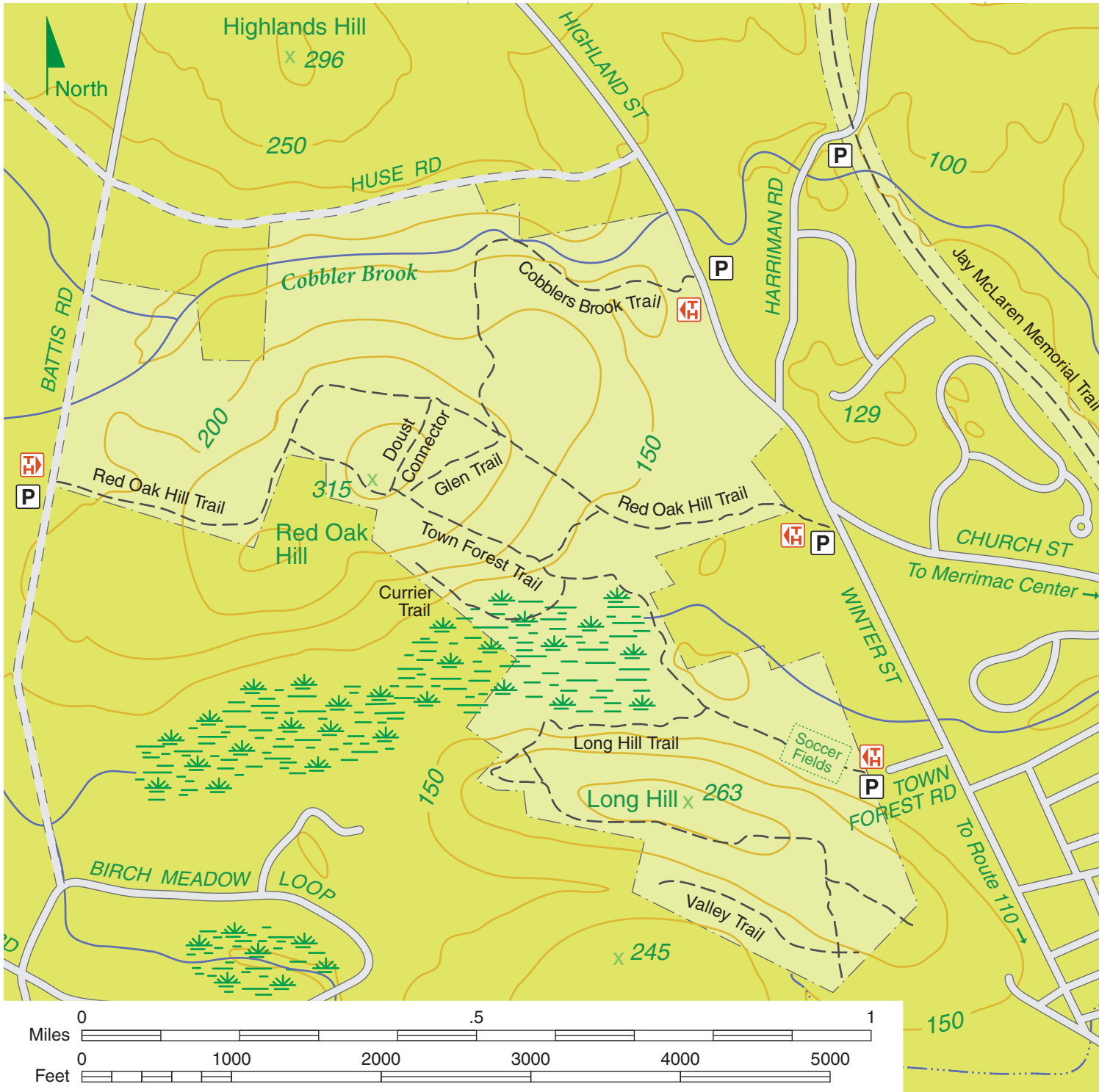


Merrimac Town Forest Trail Map



- Trail
- Light Duty Road
- Unimproved Road
- Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Wooded Wetland
- Contour (50' Interval)
- Town Land Boundary
- Parking On Road
- Trailhead



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Trail Map

The Merrimac Town Forest is a 311 acre tract of open space located in the heart of Merrimac. About 90% of the land lies within the Cobbler Brook watershed, which drains directly into the Merrimack River. Dirt roads once used for agricultural access and as fire lanes, are now recreational trails.

The forest has a variety of habitats within its borders. In low-lying regions of the forest, there are wetlands and dense hemlock groves. At higher elevations, there is a mixed community of beech, birch, and pine trees. Of particular interest is a stand of red pine trees planted in the late 1930s by depression workers, near the top of Red Oak Hill.

There are two major drumlin features within the forest: Red Oak Hill (315') and Long Hill at (263'). Another outstanding feature of the forest is the large beaver pond formed from the damming of Cobbler Brook. Cobbler Brook flows downstream from the dam towards Highland Road. The brook and pond provide a scenic, picturesque setting.

Major points of access are from the soccer field at Town Forest Road and from the now closed Battis Road landfill site.



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