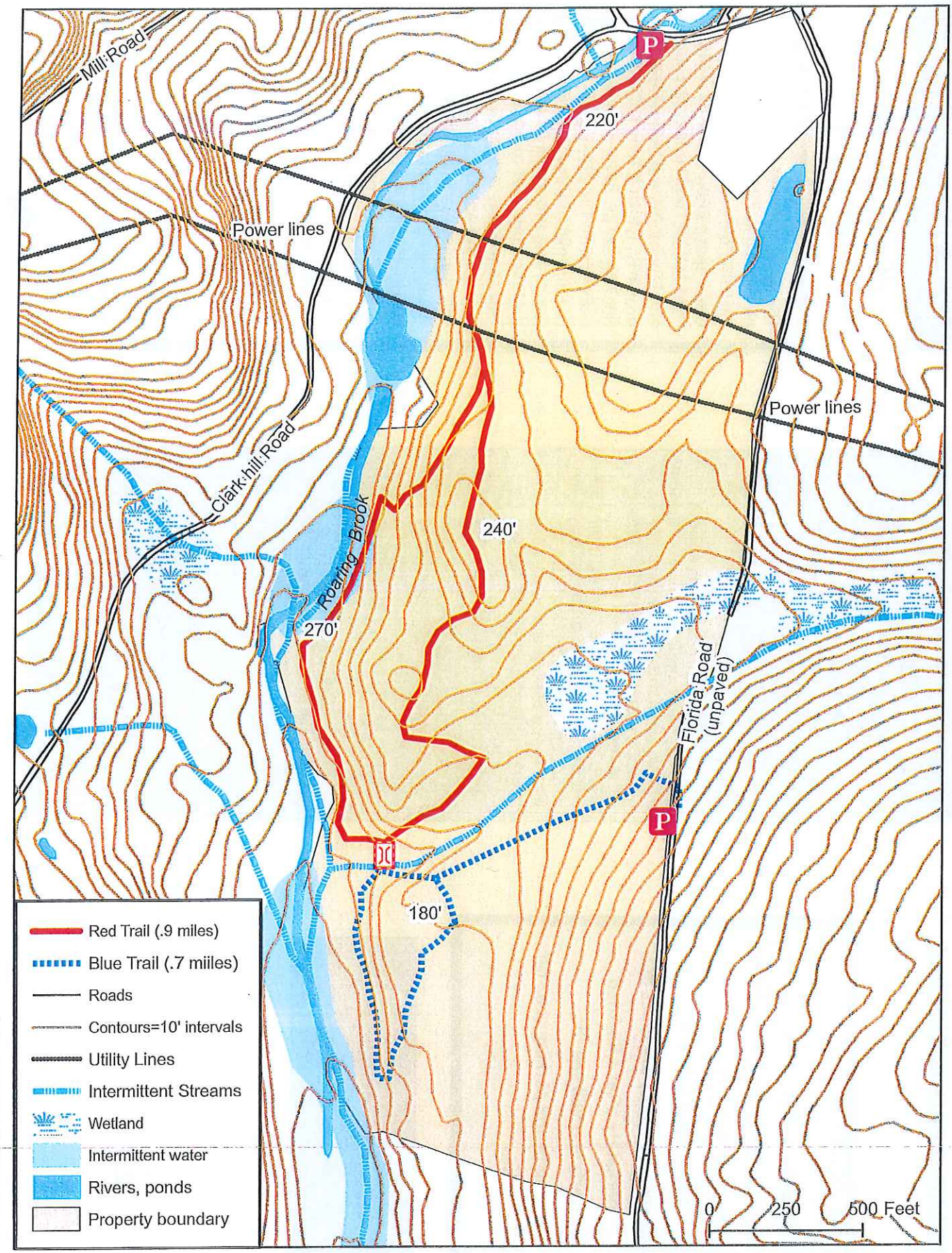
ROARING BROOK RESERVE



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Directions:

* From Route 82 turn east turn onto Clark Hill Road in Hadlyme (opposite Hadlyme Congregational Church)
* In approximately 1.5 miles and immediately after Mill Road (on left) you will see the Roaring Brook parking area on the right.

Report any problems during your visit to the East Haddam Land Use Office. 860 873-5031.

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Trail Facts:

◊ The red trail is about a mile long.
◊ Starting at the parking area it follows a maintenance road veering to the right onto mixed hardwood forest.
◊ It crosses under power lines, re-entering a middle-aged hardwood forest that once was a pasture, evidenced by the large white oaks and cedar, where the trail forks.
◊ Bearing right, the trail gradually goes downhill through hemlocks towards Roaring Brook.
◊ It follows Roaring Brook for about 1,100' before going uphill and turning back north through a mix of hard-woods and hemlocks until it rejoins the red trail at the earlier fork.
◊ The blue trail has an access point off Florida Road or it can be accessed by fording the intermittent stream.
◊ From the ford, this trail parallels Roaring Brook for about 700'.
◊ The trail travels through a very young black birch growth before it goes through hemlocks.
◊ It then turns sharply north and uphill by another intermittent stream.
◊ At the "T" intersection, turn left to return to the ford or go right up to Florida Road.

NOTE: A footbridge will be built over the stream in the near future to connect the Red and Blue trails.

Permitted Activities:

- Hiking
- Nature study
- Snowshoeing
- Birding
- Horseback riding
- Cross-country skiing

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.

EAST HADDAM TRAILS

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The 98-acre Zeiller property was purchased in 2013 by the Town of East Haddam, with assistance of an Open Space grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The property, which is now known as Roaring Brook Reserve, was once an active farm. The great value and real importance of this property was that preserving this uphill land would also protect 4,000 feet of Roaring Brook. This cold water stream hides native brook trout and other indigenous fish species. As a major tributary to Whalebone Creek in Hadlyme, its protection helps maintain the quality of the Connecticut River into which Whalebone Creek feeds. The Roaring Brook valley's deep evergreen forests offer a cool respite on a hot summer day. These deep woods are also important acreage of the Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area. The brook provides fine fishing and the various trails and woods roads provide excellent recreational experiences for all.

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