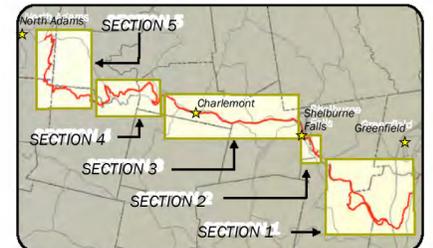
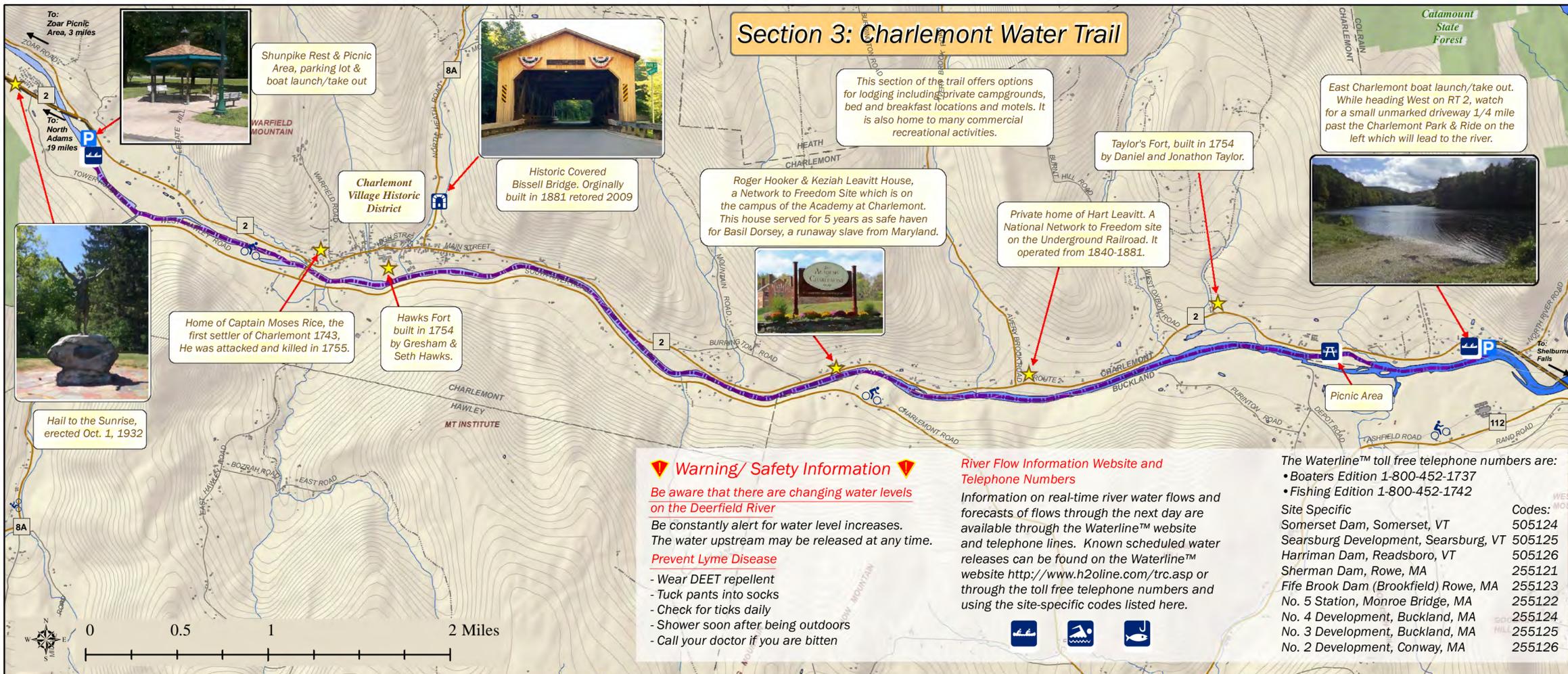


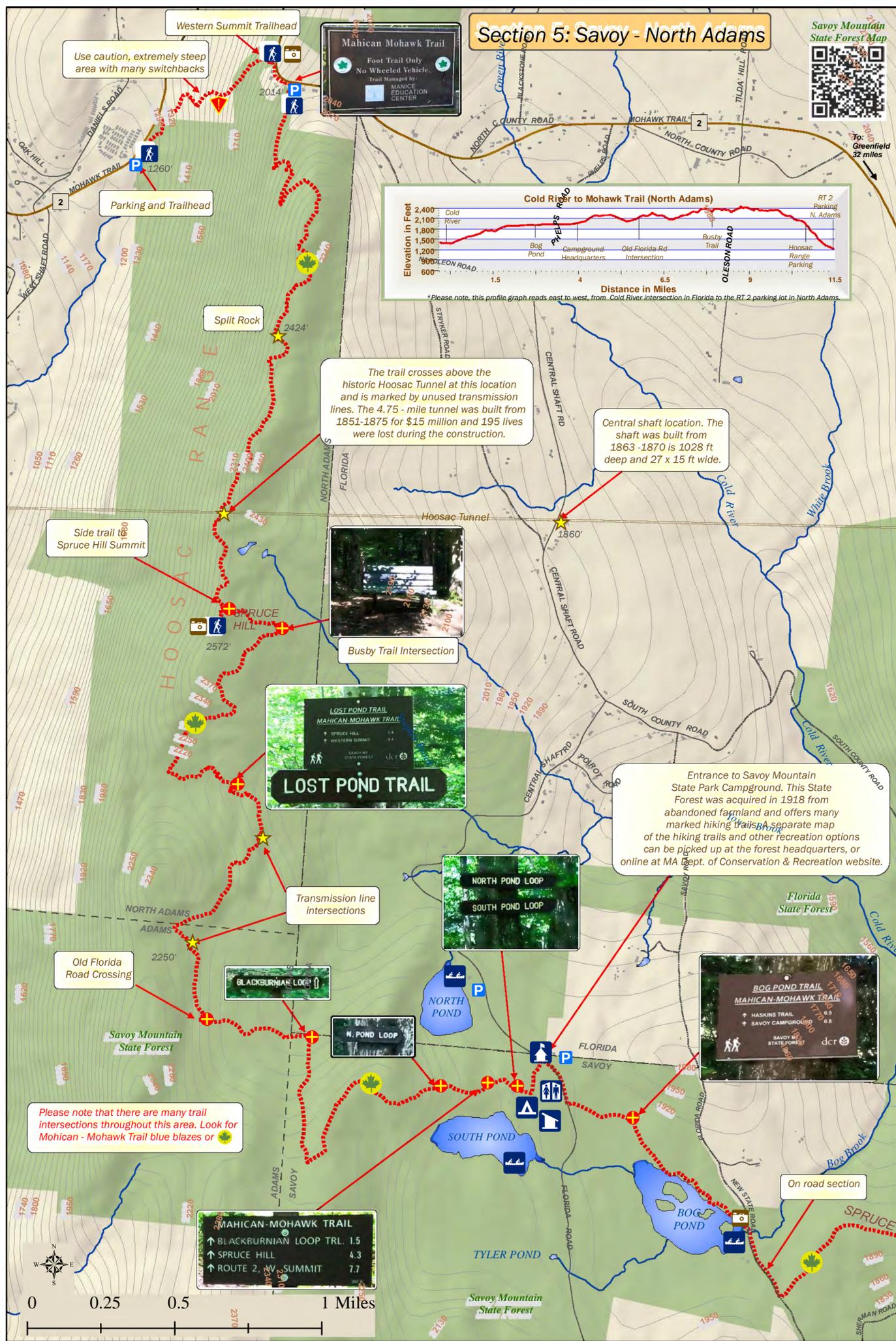
- #### Legend
- Mohican-Mohawk Trail
- Foot Trail
 - Road Section
 - Paddle Section
 - Existing Franklin County Bikeway Route
 - Caution (see map note)
 - Trail Intersection/Information
 - Point of Interest
- Parking
 - Trailhead
 - Boat Launch/Take out
 - Fishing Area
 - Scenic View
 - Dam
 - State Campground
 - Restrooms
 - State Forest
 - Headquarters



Area of Detail, Western Massachusetts.

Sources: Map produced by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department. GIS data sources include MassDOT, MassGIS, FRCOG, DCR and The Franklin Land Trust. Depicted boundaries are approximate and are intended for planning purposes only, not to be used for survey.





Mohican - Mohawk Trail

The Mohican-Mohawk Trail is a planned hiking/walking trail that spans from the Connecticut River in Massachusetts to the Hudson River in New York. It is historically significant because it generally follows the path that was used by Native Americans for centuries to traverse the region. It is ecologically significant because a portion of the trail passes through or near 50% of the Commonwealth's known old growth forests. It is inspirational because it passes through the tallest forests in New England. It offers scenic views that are among the best in the Bay State. At this time, approximately 35 miles of the planned 100-mile trail are open to hikers, and another 10 miles can be paddled as a water trail on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts.

The trail follows the exact Native American route over the top of Todd and Clark Mountains in the Mohawk Trail State Forest in Charlemont. Other parts of the trail follow the general route, which traveled along the Deerfield River, over the Hoosac Mountains, and along the Hoosic River. The vision is to establish a long-distance hiking trail that celebrates this history and links vibrant town centers, stunning views, scenic landscapes and lush forests.



Land Acknowledgment

It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.

History of the Trail

The trail's eastern terminus is at the Connecticut River near Historic Deerfield, Massachusetts. It follows the Native route west along the Deerfield River through Shelburne, Buckland, and Charlemont, Massachusetts. After crossing over the Hoosac Range in Florida and Savoy, it continues along the Hoosic River into North Adams and Williamstown, Massachusetts; Pownal, Vermont; and Hoosick Falls and, Schaghticoke, New York where the Hoosic River joins the Hudson River. The rivers provided indigenous communities with transportation, food and water. It also provided contact between different Nations for political purposes, trade, marriage and warfare.

More information about the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation can be found here:

Updated information about the trail can be found on the DCR website, here:

Though the lands the Trail crosses are the territory of the Mohican people, the Mohawks, an Iroquois-speaking people who lived west of the Hudson also used it. The pioneering white settlers expanded the trail into roads and railroads, joining the forts, farms, mills, villages and towns. The trail later served as a provisioning route for Fort Massachusetts, the mid-18th century garrison in North Adams. Local militia companies used it during the Revolutionary War. Benedict Arnold passed over the trail on his way to Fort Ticonderoga in New York. Later, literary figures including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Henry David Thoreau tramped the trail. Over time, the trail's route was modified for vehicles, eventually resulting in the construction of Route 2, which became known as "The Mohawk Trail."

History of the Trail (con't)

In 1992, a group of Williams College students explored the history and path of the trail, and assessed its reopening and reuse. The location of the historic Mohican-Mohawk Trail is based on David Costello's book, "The Mohawk Trail," which depicts his estimation of the location of the original American Indian trail.

Mohican-Mohawk Trail Partnership

A number of organizations continue to work collaboratively to re-establish the ancient 100-mile Native trail. The significance of the Mohican-Mohawk Trail is the passion of a dedicated group of volunteer trail stewards known as the Mohican-Mohawk Trail Partnership.

The Mohican-Mohawk Trail Partnership has been increasing efforts to consult with the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation (now displaced to Wisconsin) in order to ensure that we are appropriate stewards of their ancestral homelands.

In consultation with representatives of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, the Partnership adopted the modern "Mohican" spelling and began the process to phase out the use of the historic spelling, "Mahican."

Trail Use Etiquette

- Park only in designated areas at the trailheads. Do not park on private property.
- Stay on marked trails. Carry in and carry out all food and garbage.
- Fires prohibited.
- Please respect the rights of private property owners who have generously granted permission for public access to their property.
- Metal detecting or removal of any artifacts is not permitted.

