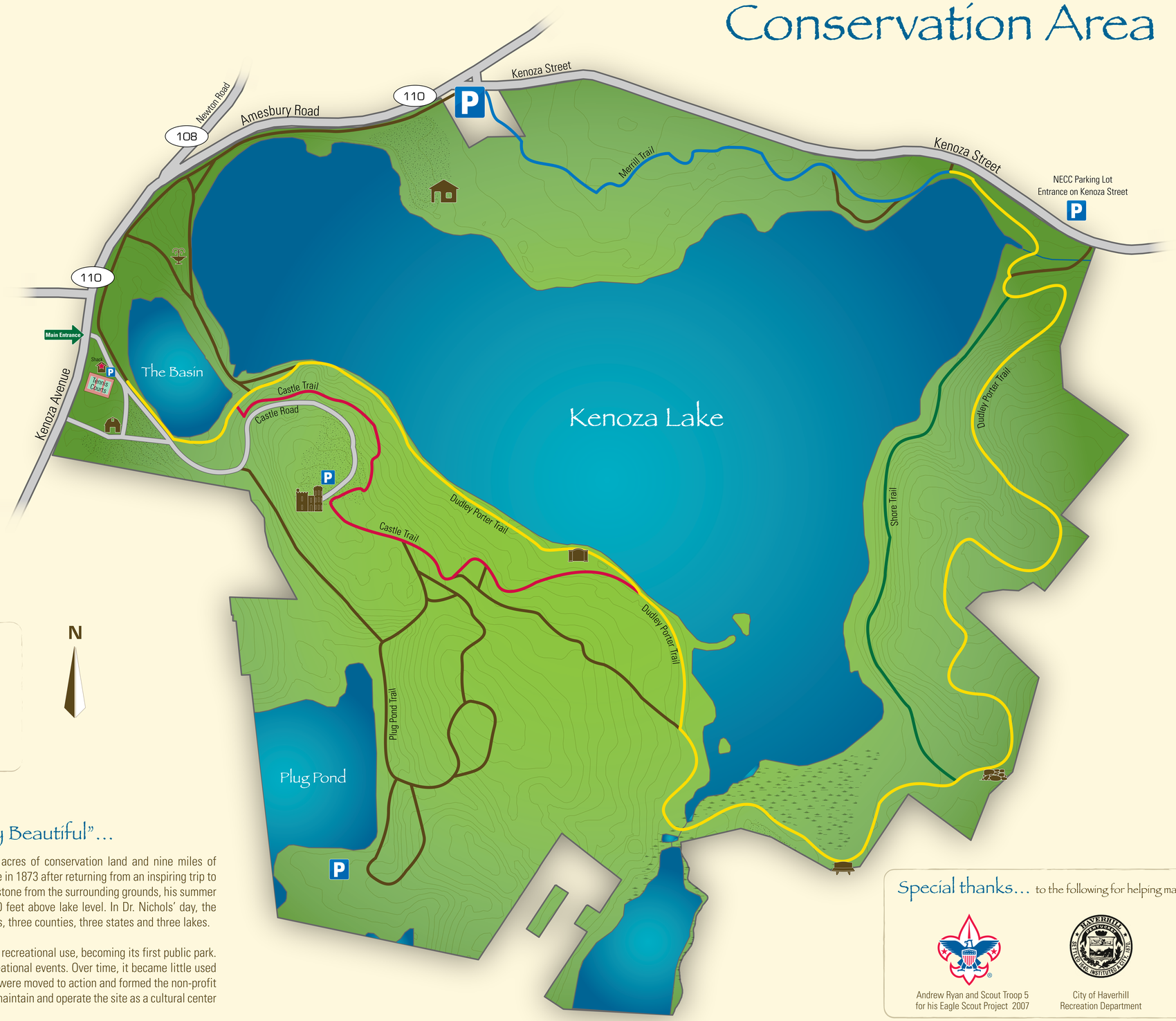
Welcome to Winnekenni Park

Conservation Area

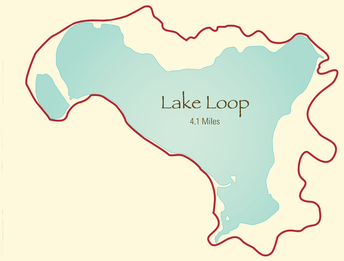


Legend

- Trail
- Road
- Conservation Land
- Private Land
- Contour Lines (20' interval)
- Field
- Marsh
- Route
- Water
- River
- Winnekenni Castle
- Water Treatment Plant
- Dudley Porter Bench
- Carleton Fountain
- Ralph G. Potter Jr. Memorial Cove
- Tyler Shelter Site
- Barn
- You Are Here
- Parking

- Castle Trail (.8 miles)
- Dudley Porter Trail (2.5 miles)
- Merrill Trail (.5 miles)
- Shore Trail (.8 miles)

Recommended Loops



Algonquian Language for "Very Beautiful"...

Winnekenni Castle is surrounded by more than 200 acres of conservation land and nine miles of foot-trails. Dr. James R. Nichols began building the Castle in 1873 after returning from an inspiring trip to England and Scotland. Completed in 1875 and built from stone from the surrounding grounds, his summer home covers about 3500 ft^2 and rises approximately 250 feet above lake level. In Dr. Nichols' day, the uppermost level of the Castle boasted a view of 17 towns, three counties, three states and three lakes.

In 1895, the property was sold to the City of Haverhill for recreational use, becoming its first public park. Until about 1920, the Castle was host to social and recreational events. Over time, it became little used and eventually was boarded up. In 1968, several citizens were moved to action and formed the non-profit Winnekenni Foundation, Inc. to renovate the Castle, and maintain and operate the site as a cultural center and venue for public and private events.

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