

Natural Communities

The open fields and meadows are home to monarch butterflies, which use this area as a breeding ground because it contains large amounts of milkweed. These spaces provide habitat for grassland-nesting birds, like meadowlarks and bobolinks. CLC mows the property to promote grassland bird habitat.

In the forest, you can see a number of different species like raptors (such as eagles and hawks), songbirds, and large mammals like deer.

The property's tidal wetlands include two rare natural communities - Freshwater Natural Marshes and Freshwater Intertidal Mudflats. The marshes and mudflats are home to rare plants, like estuary beggar tick and heart-leafed plantain.

Site History

In the early 1600s, prior to European settlement, Mahican Indians lived and hunted in the woods along the Hudson River. In 1661, the land was purchased from the Mahicans by a Dutch settler and used for farming. From 1892 - 1937, there was an active brickyard along the Yellow Trail.

Project History

In 1992, the Open Space Institute (OSI), in collaboration with CLC, purchased the original 400 acres of Greenport Conservation Area. In 2013, OSI conveyed the property to CLC. The "Access for All" trail was made possible by a grant from the Hudson River Foundation and funded by the Athens Generating Company in conjunction with Scenic Hudson. CLC thanks grantors Lila Acheson and DeWitt Wallace Fund for the Hudson Highlands, the Wellspring Foundation, the Iroquois Gas Transmission System Land Preservation and Enhancement Program, Hudson River Foundation, and Hudson River Valley Greenway for their support. We also thank the Greenagers, a Great Barrington-based nonprofit, for partnering to provide youth with natural-resources based work experience maintaining the trails.



Getting There

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The Columbia Land Conservancy works with the community to conserve the farmland, forests, wildlife habitat, and rural character of Columbia County, strengthening connections between people and the land.

All donations to are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Public Conservation Area Trail Guide & Map



Access for All Trail

1.5 miles, 45 minutes

This wheelchair-accessible trail begins at the Joslen Boulevard parking lot and allows visitors of all abilities to view the beautiful landscapes of the Hudson River Valley.

Blue/Stockport-Greenport Trail

2.62 miles, 75 minutes

This trail begins at conclusion of the Access for All trail. It traverses forested slopes, crossing several streams and passing above a hidden backwater of the Hudson before breaking out into the open meadows of Harrier Hill with its wide Hudson River views.

Yellow Trail

1.5 miles, 45 minutes

The trail leads through forests and across streams and includes a spur trail to a high bluff with views of the River's North Bay.

Green Trail

0.3 miles, 20 minutes

The steep Green Trail winds through forested slopes and across seasonal streams.

Red/Town Park Trail

0.5 miles, 30 minutes

The Red Trail rises up a steep hill and crosses a seasonal stream to a scenic overlook of the Hudson River.

Orange Trail

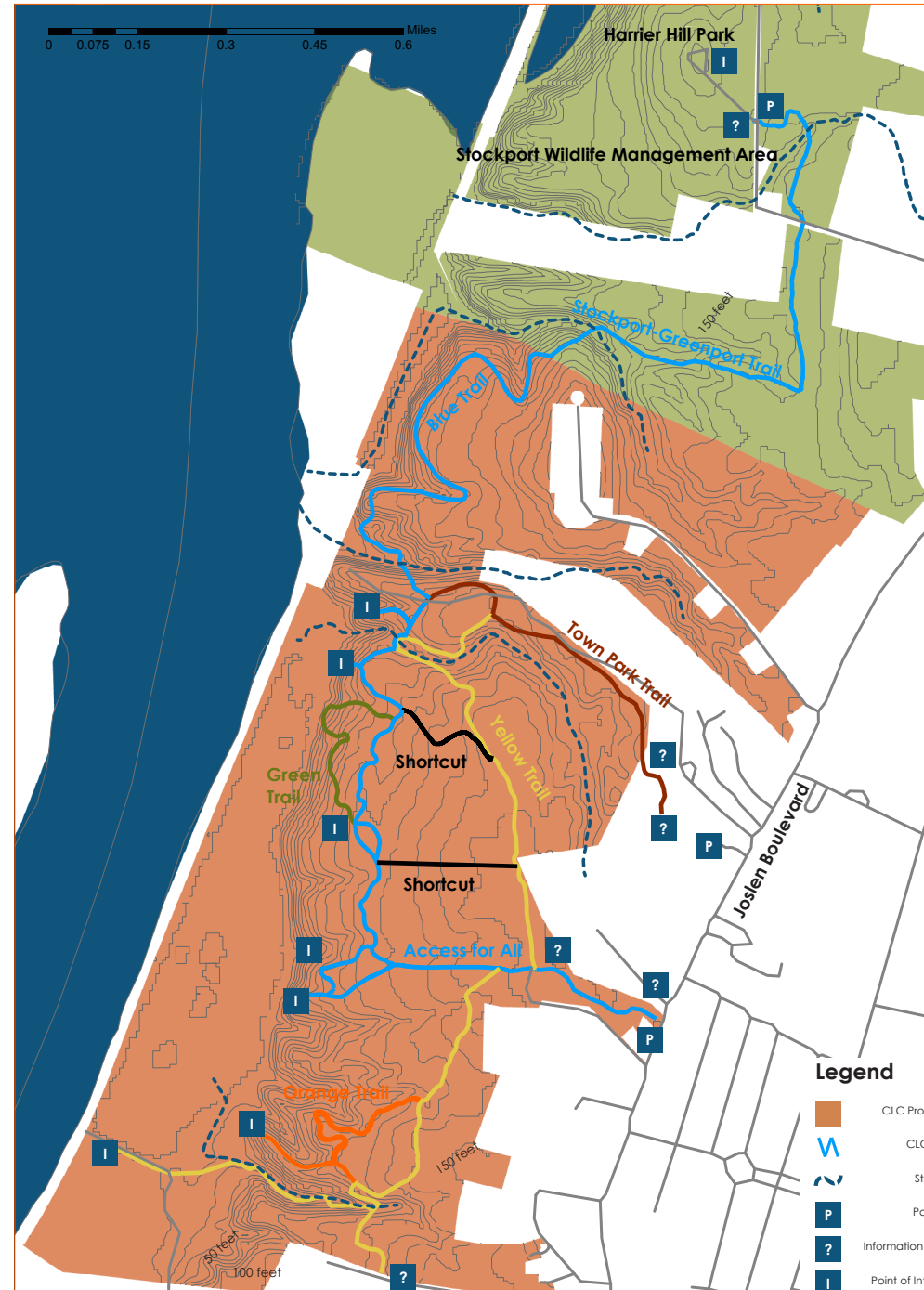
0.75 miles, 30 minutes

This loop crosses the heads of two ravines and includes a long ridgetop spur to a high bluff.

Greenport

Conservation Area
Greenport, New York

737 acres, 7.17 miles of trails, easy to moderate hiking



Enjoy Your Day, Respect the Setting.

- **Hours and fees.** Greenport is open dawn to dusk. Admission is free.
- **Pets.** All dogs must be on a leash and owners must remove dog waste.
- **Trash.** No receptacles are located on-site. Please take your trash with you.
- **Cars and parking.** Park only in the designated parking area.
- **Respect the site and its visitors.** Audio equipment and radio use is allowed with earphones only. Please respect the plants, animals, and artifacts at the site, as they are part of what makes these properties special.
- **Hunting is by permit only, fishing is allowed at other sites.** Call CLC to find out more.

Love it Here? Help Protect this Special Place!

- **Volunteer.** Help with trail maintenance, events, and office tasks.
- **Make a donation.** More than 96% of CLC's budget comes from grants and donations from people like you.