

About Opacum Land Trust

the winter snow. You may notice the ancient rock shelter that lies near the west intersection of the Blue and Yellow Trails. This refuge was used by Native Americans hundreds of years ago.



Ancient Rock Shelter

Part of the Yellow Trail follows the watercourse draining Opacum Pond. While walking, look for chewed trees and other signs of beaver. You may catch a glimpse of ducks or even the great blue



View from Perry's Point



Dragonflies, predators of the pond

and beaver are just some of the creatures you have an opportunity see here.

Opacum Woods was donated to Opacum Land Trust in June of 2003 by Robert Moss & Brendon Properties. A conservation easement is held by the Mass. Department of Conservation & Recreation. Opacum Woods is adjacent to the 30 acre Herve and Mary Jane Gaumond Memorial Sanctuary, donated to Opacum by the Gaumond Family in 2002.



Opacum Land Trust is a regional, all-volunteer organization formed in 2000 to conserve natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. These non-renewable resources include:

- Historic and prehistoric sites
- Fertile farmland
- Lush green forests
- River corridors
- Wetlands and watersheds
- Vernal pools
- Scenic vistas
- Habitat for endangered animals and plants

Our aim is to preserve the New England charm and rural character of our communities, promote proactive conservation, and to create greenways and wildlife corridors.

Your membership is vital to our success. To become a member, or for information about upcoming events and conservation projects, visit us online at www.opacumlt.org or call 508-347-9144.



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OPACUM WOODS

Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Welcome to Opacum Woods, a permanently protected conservation area owned and stewarded by the Opacum Land Trust. There are about four miles of hiking trails on this 266-acre property, named after the colors with which they are marked: Blue, Red, Yellow and Green. The walking trails at Opacum Woods traverse a variety of habitats as well as some interesting historical features.

The Blue Trail skirts the edge of Opacum Pond. While on this trail, you will experience cool, dark hemlock woods where you can listen for the ethereal notes of the wood thrush in summer or look for the tracks of resident wildlife in

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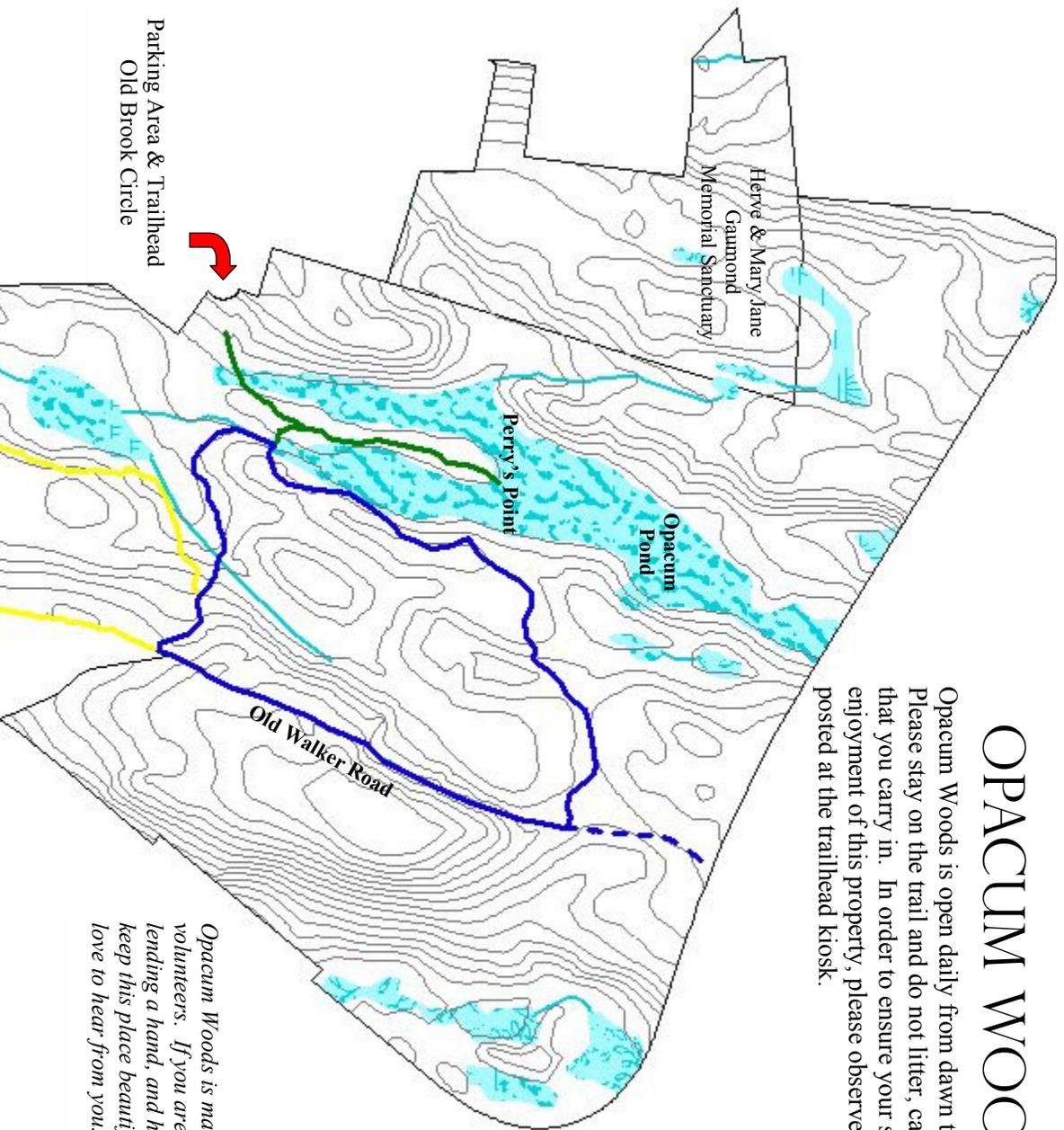
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Opacum Woods is open daily from dawn to dusk. Please stay on the trail and do not litter, carry out all that you carry in. In order to ensure your safety and enjoyment of this property, please observe the rules posted at the trailhead kiosk.

Opacum Woods is maintained by volunteers. If you are interested in lending a hand, and helping to keep this place beautiful, we would love to hear from you.



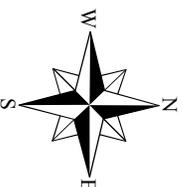
Parking Area & Trailhead
Old Brook Circle



From Parking Area on Old Brook Circle
To Blue Trail ... 0.13 mi.
To Perry's Point, via Green Trail ... 0.25 mi.

Trail Distances:

- Blue Trail ... 1.02 mi.
- Yellow Trail ... 1.22 mi.
- Red Trail ... 0.31 mi.



Please Note:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed.
Parking is not permitted along Forest Lane.

Be aware that hunting, in legal season, is permitted on this property. Visitors should wear blaze orange. State hunting regulations can be reviewed at www.masswildlife.org

*On the cover: Marbled Salamander, Ambystoma opacum, the namesake of Opacum Land Trust.
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