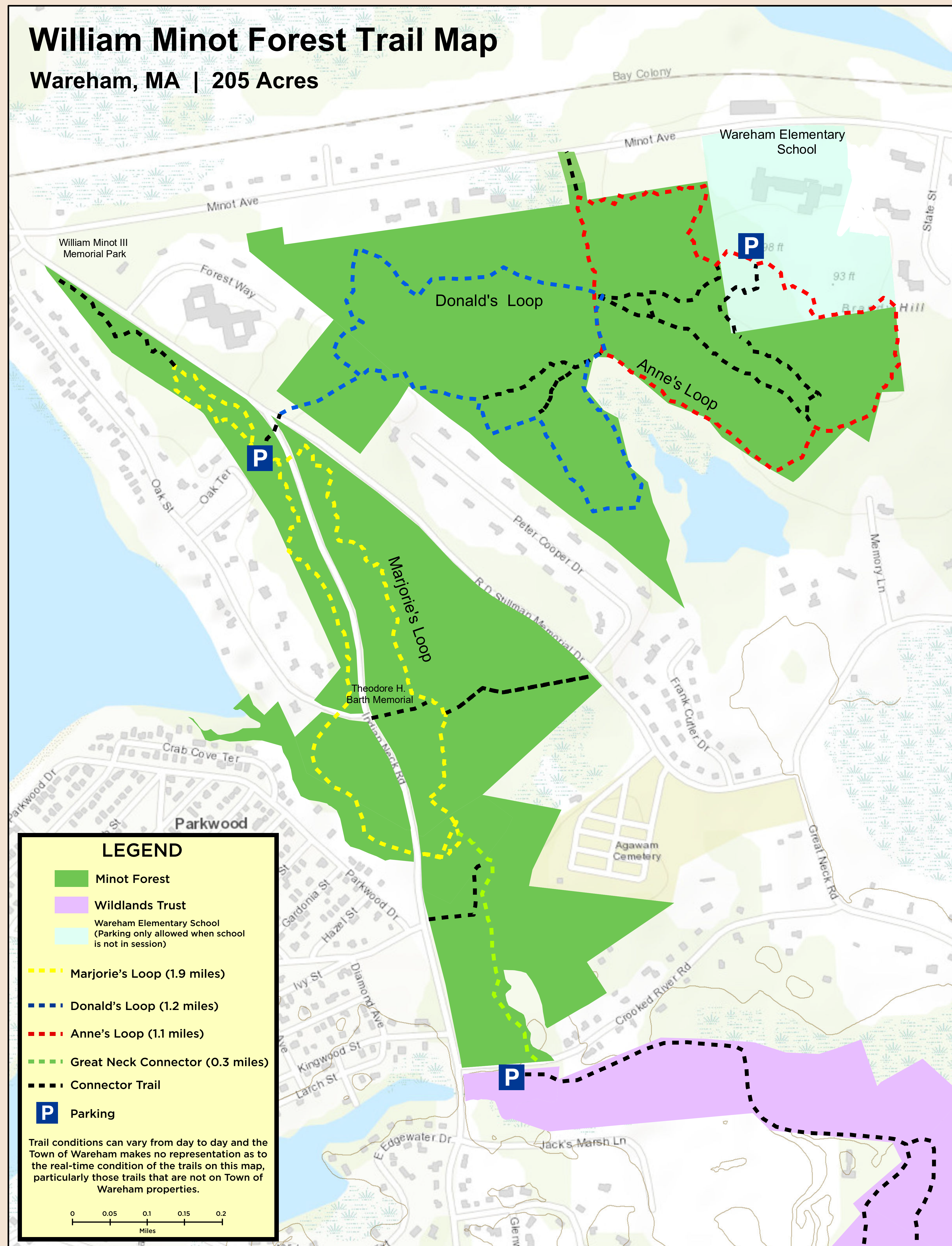
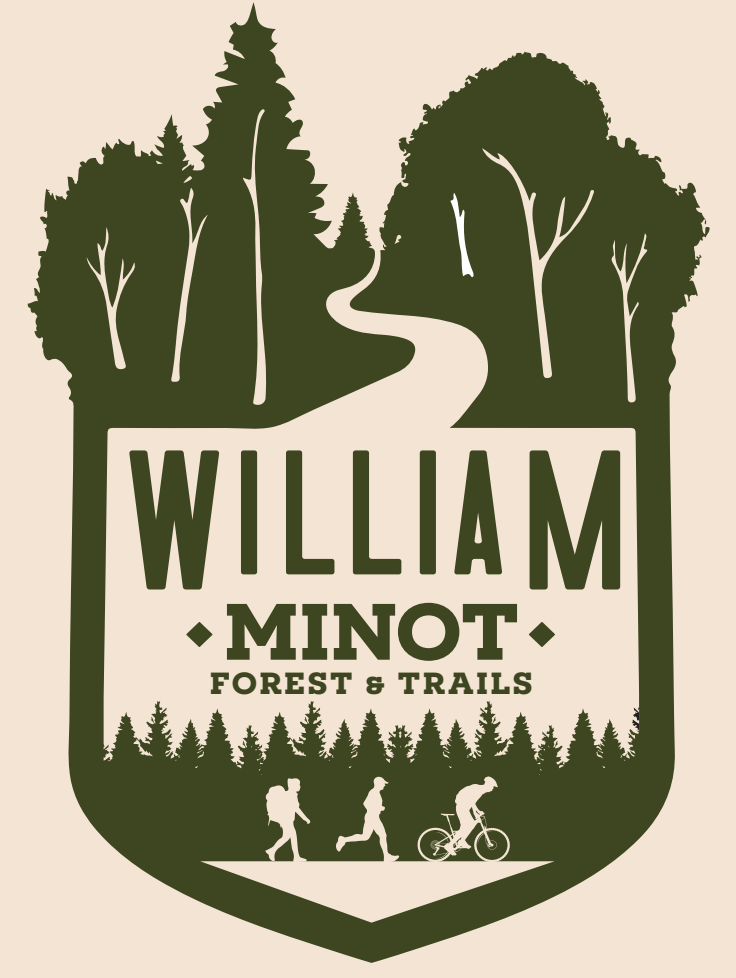


WILLIAM MINOT FOREST TRAIL NETWORK



BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM MINOT III (5/7/1849 – 11/30/1900)

William Minot III was born in West Roxbury, MA, son of William Minot II and Katharine Maria Sedgwick. He attended public schools, graduated from Harvard Law School, was a successful Real Estate attorney and helped to revise building laws for the City of Boston. He married Elizabeth Vredenburg Van Pelt and they had 4 children. Mr. Minot was a cousin of Steven Minot Weld, Jr. and together they bought a large tract of land in the Indian Neck section of Wareham, MA. William Minot III died in 1900, his Estate Trust continued to manage several parcels of land until they were donated to The Town of Wareham for \$1.00 on February 15, 1951. The land was to be used for "the benefit of the inhabitants thereof, for municipal purposes, meaning not for trade, business, commerce, industry or residential purposes, for a period of sixty years." In 1992, Wareham Town Meeting voted to Rededicate Minot Forest, protecting it in perpetuity.

WILLIAM "BILL" MINOT IV (9/29/1942 – 4/5/2013)

William "Bill" Minot IV was born in Boston, MA, son of William Minot V and Jane Widener Minot, both of Wareham. He graduated from the Dexter School for Boys, Milton Academy, received his BA degree from Trinity College and his MBA degree from Harvard Business School. His professional career included a partnership on the NYC Stock Exchange and he was a studio executive at 20th Century Fox and MGM. He also served as an adjunct professor at Boston University School of Communication and was a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. William Minot VI was a founding member of the Wareham YMCA, loved the sea, racket sports and wrote two novels. Mr. Minot was an active dedicated member of the Minot Forest Committee for many years and was well-known for his sense of humor.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The 205-acre William Minot Forest Trails property is a thickly wooded upland habitat varying in terrain. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy many types of delightful multi-use trail experiences catering to all skill levels. Additional unmarked and unmaintained trails wind through much of the forest. The trails meander through a unique habitat consisting of old growth mixed forest with towering white pines throughout. During your journey, you will find cranberry bogs that have returned to nature with acres of young growth woodland area, healthy Pine Barrens, as well as spectacular views of birds and wildlife. The landscape is rich in natural diversity and geology. As you traverse the property, you will encounter many glacial erratics and large boulders dropped randomly as the ice sheet retreated. Some sites provide evidence of granite harvesting that provided a source for building many of Wareham's historical structures.

Please enjoy, tread lightly, and leave no trace!

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

RESPECT THE TRAILS – No Fires, Camping, Motorized Vehicles, Cutting of Trails or Hunting

SHARE THE TRAILS – Trail walkers have right of way, bicyclists must yield to walkers.

BIKING THE TRAILS – Alert hikers and bikers when passing, maintain safe speeds, and do not block trails.

DOG WALKING AND LEASH LAW – All dogs must be non-aggressive, licensed and under leashed control of its handler at all times.

Please clean up after your dog.

STAY ON MARKED TRAILS – Please respect the surrounding environment and landscape, follow only marked trails as shown on maps.

BE PREPARED – Share your adventure with a friend before heading out. Carry water and a snack. Plan around the forecast and be aware of the time. Carry a fully charged phone.

CO-EXIST WITH WILDLIFE – During your adventure you may come across wildlife. Only observe from a distance and don't harass wildlife. Seek an alternate route if necessary and don't disrupt wildlife in their habitat.

LEAVE NO TRACE – The Town of Wareham is a Carry In, Carry Out Community! Take all trash and personal belongings with you.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR TO REPORT A TRAIL HAZARD

EMERGENCY – DIAL 9-1-1 or Wareham Police Department 508-295-1212

REPORT A TRAIL HAZARD – Wareham Department of Natural Resources 508-291-3100 x 3180 or dnr@wareham.ma.us

LAND STEWARDS – William Minot Forest Committee