

**Penfield** is a wonderful town to hike, bike, and canoe, but many people are not aware of the wide variety of opportunities that are available. The **PENFIELD TRAILS COMMITTEE** has produced this brochure to help familiarize Penfield residents with Town resources to satisfy the urge to exercise and explore nature. Please observe all posted regulations, take water and first aid equipment along, and **have fun!**

**1 Harris Whalen Park Trail** Penfield Town Park  
Location: Access from Park - across from Wegman's entrance on Rt. 441, trail head and parking near water tower at top of hill  
Hiking Time: 1/2 hour on woodland area, may use intersecting trails for longer hike  
Difficulty: Paths well made, some low hills  
Length: Less than 1 mile, option to extend using several intersecting trails  
Features: Hiking, x-country-skiing, good spring birding, many wild flowers in May

**2 Veteran's Memorial Park Trail** Penfield Town Park  
Location: Geographic center of town, access from Atlantic Ave. and Jackson Rd., parking available (trail map available at Penfield Recreation)  
Hiking Time: 1/2 hour or more  
Difficulty: Easy paths, majority of path is paved  
Length: Less than one mile, but can use intersecting trails for longer hike  
Features: Hiking, x-country-skiing, May wild flowers, good spring birding, exercise stations and jogging, mature wooded area with stream and meadow like portions of trails, Hipp Brook, pond next to Donald Mack Rock Garden

(\*all of these trails intersect Irondequoit Creek at some point)

**3 Philbrick Park Trail\*** Penfield Town Park  
Location: Off Rt. 441 in Park along Irondequoit Creek, trail begins at the "Trail" sign, parking available  
Hiking Time: 1 hour approximately, a turn around trail  
Difficulty: Generally simple narrow footpaths, and steep, slippery, and rocky path in some areas  
Length: Approximately 1 1/2 miles  
Features: Hiking, used by fishermen along creek, several waterfalls, quiet meadow on Island, remains of old mills on banks of the creek are visible while hiking

**4 Ellison Park Trails\*** Monroe County Park  
Location: Western edge of town along Irondequoit Creek on south side of Blossom Rd., east of Spruce Shelter, parking available (trail map available at Monroe County Parks and Penfield Recreation)  
Hiking Time: 2 hours  
Difficulty: Paths through moderate & steep areas  
Length: Approximately 1 mile  
Features: Hiking, x-country skiing, path along stream, gully south to Penfield Rd., overlooks Manitou Lake, canoeing to Bay, Dog Park

**5 Abraham Lincoln Park Trail** Monroe County Park  
Location: West end of Smith Road, off Empire Blvd., park in cul-de-sac on Smith Rd., walk down Road to Bay (trail map available at Monroe County and Penfield Recreation)  
Hiking Time: 1 hour plus  
Difficulty: Steep hills, slippery  
Length: 2 miles  
Features: Hiking, nature study, Bay canoeing, mature trees, quiet coves, good spring birding along north meadow and trail connects to the YMCA trail

**6 Thousand Acre Swamp** The Nature Conservancy  
 ~Privately Owned Nature Preserve~  
Location: Jackson Rd. between Atlantic Ave. and Plank Rd.  
Difficulty: Easy trails, may be wet  
Length: Variable, trail guides at kiosk  
Features: Hiking, nature study  
Restrictions: No bikes, dogs, horses, or motorized vehicles; picking of plant material prohibited  
 For more information, please call 425-9561

**7 Wild Iris Path** Genesee Land Trust  
 ~Privately Owned Nature Preserve~  
Location: West end of Coachman Dr. and Brougham Dr.  
Hiking Time: Under 1 hour  
Difficulty: Easy trails, may be wet  
Features: Nature study, shrubs

**8 Rifle Range Trail** Monroe County Park  
 ~Lucien Morin Park~  
Location: South side of Empire Blvd. just east of Irondequoit Creek  
Hiking Time: 2 hours  
Difficulty: Hills and narrow trail, slippery when wet  
Length: Up to 2 miles  
Features: Remains of rifle target pits and views of Irondequoit Flowlands

**9 Honey Creek Trail\***  
Location: West end of Motts Ln. or Five Mile Line Rd. opposite Grand-Vie Senior Living Community  
Hiking Time: 1/2 hour or more  
Difficulty: Easy paths, one hill to Philbrick Park  
Length: 1/2 mile  
Features: Trail connects the Penfield Four-Corners to Philbrick Park

**10 Irondequoit Creek Panorama Plaza Trail\*** Penfield Town Park  
 ~Multi-Use Trail~  
Location: Behind Tops Market at Panorama Plaza, look for trailhead kiosk  
Hiking Time: 1 hour approximately, a turn around trail  
Difficulty: Easy paths (stonedust) - wheelchair accessible, bikes welcome on multi-use section of trail  
Length: 1 miles  
Features: Trail begins confluence of Allens Creek and Irondequoit Creek, runs along Irondequoit Creek and passes under Rt. 441 to connect to Philbrick Park

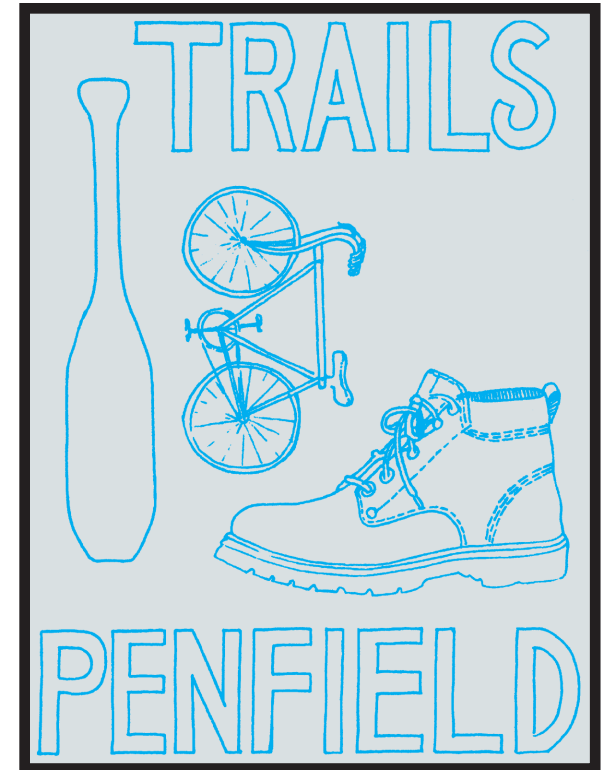
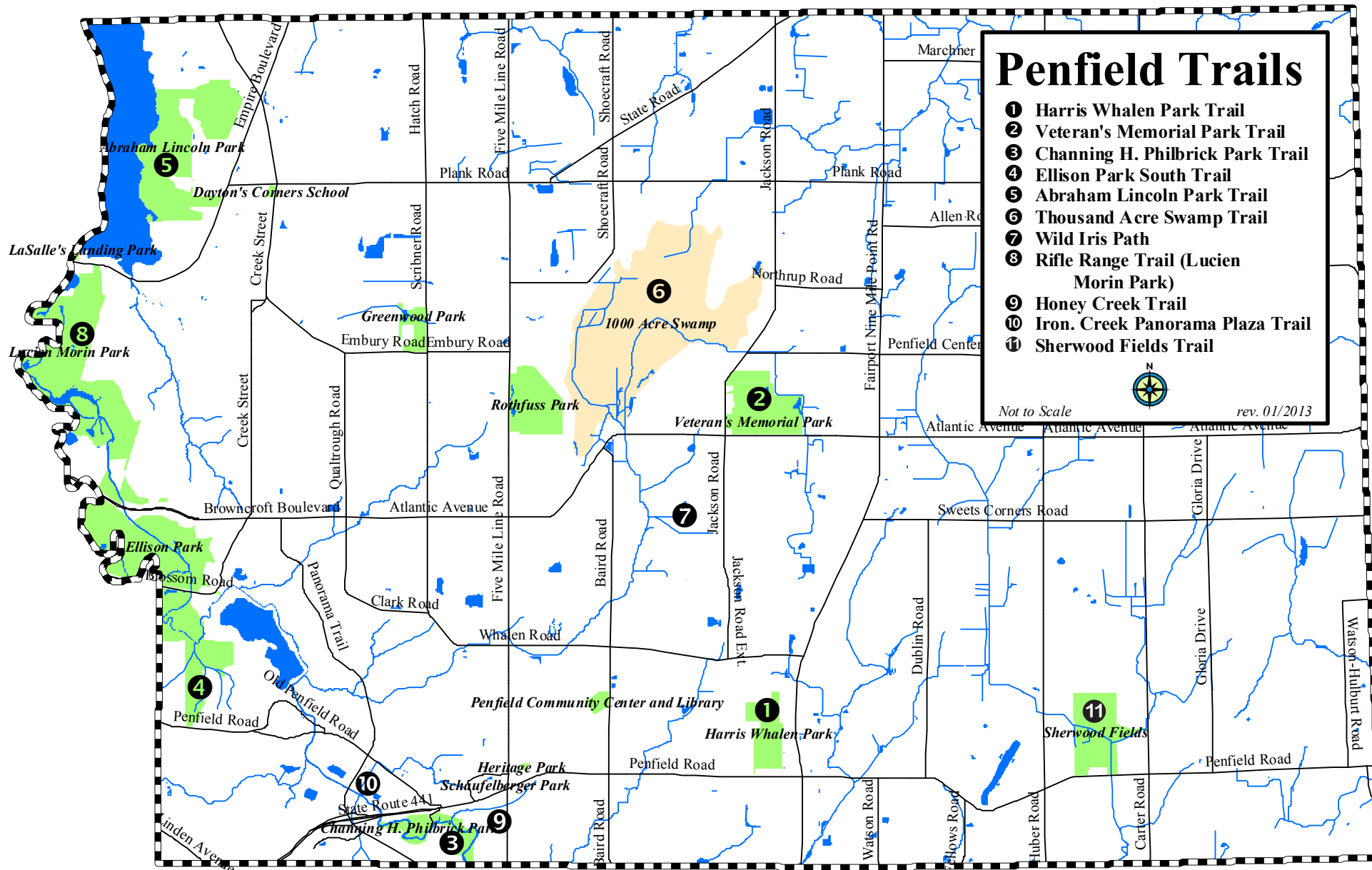
**11 Sherwood Fields** Penfield Town Park  
Location: 2514 Penfield Rd., next to East Penfield Fire Hall (entrance is off fire hall driveway)  
Hiking Time: 1 hour plus  
Difficulty: Easy (primary trails handicap accessible, made of crushed stone and re-purposed millings from Monroe County and town road projects)  
Length: Up to 2 miles  
Features: Pathways that are fallow field thickets and shrubs; the Don Cranson Bridge crosses Commission Ditch

- NO LITTER, DUMPING, FIRES OR CAMPING
- PROTECT TREES, PLANTS AND CROPS
- COLLECT ONLY WITH A CAMERA
- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES
- DOGS MUST BE LEASHED
- HIKE AT YOUR OWN RISK
- STAY ON THE TRAIL

*The Penfield Trails Committee is a volunteer committee of the Town of Penfield. Free hikes are offered on one Saturday each month. If you have comments or suggestions regarding this publication or Town of Penfield parks, trails, or programs, please call Penfield Recreation at 340-8655 Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or e-mail recreation@penfield.org, or visit our website at www.penfieldrec.org. Volunteers Welcome! For more information on Monroe County Parks, please visit www.monroecounty.gov or call 753-7275.*

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# INFORMATION GUIDE



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Be Active, Be Well, Enjoy Life!

Discover our trails by checking out our Wegmans *Passport to Family Wellness* - available for pick-up at the Penfield Recreation Office