

The Trails

ACCESS: The properties, part of a larger system of trails known as the River to Ridgetop Preserves, are on the south side of Mount Archer Road. The entrance kiosk and parking lot for Mount Archer Woods is on Mt. Archer Road about one mile from the intersection of Mt. Archer Road and Route 156 and 2/3 of a mile from the intersection of Brush Hill and Tantumorum Roads. The Eno Preserve entrance is about 1/4 of a mile west on the south side of Mt. Archer Road. Access to Pickwick's Preserve is from 183 Joshuatown Road. Go about 0.4 mile down the driveway and park at the gate on the right.

Dogs are welcome. Keep them leashed or under close control. Please pick up after your dog.

TRAILS:

There are four trails on the properties: **White** (1.9 mi), **Yellow** (1.2 mi), **Red** (0.8 mi) and **Blue** (0.4 mi). If walked in combination, **White + Yellow** = 2.8 miles. The Blue Trail connects the Red Trail to Joshuatown Road through Pickwick's Preserve. The White Trail connects to trails in the Jewett Preserve north of Mount Archer Road. The trails are well suited to easy hiking and cross-country skiing. The white and yellow trails are multi-use, for equestrian and bicycle access.

The George and Rosemary Moore Trail, named to honor the Moores' years of service towards land preservation in Lyme, uses existing trails to provide a nine-mile scenic loop in the contiguous preserves of the River to Ridgetop complex. It passes through several properties owned and/or managed cooperatively by the Lyme Land Trust, Town of Lyme and The Nature Conservancy. The portion south of Mt. Archer Road is 2.7 miles long.

Czikowsky Hill, owned since 2010 by the Town of Lyme and The Nature Conservancy with a Lyme Land Trust easement, is a wildlife sanctuary with no marked trails—to minimize human disturbance.

FEATURES: All trails cover relatively flat terrain over one of the highest points in Lyme. In spite of the elevation, there are several wet spots and vernal pools. Due to the perched water table, especially near the White Trail, the forest vegetation resembles that more characteristically associated with moist lowlands. Of note are several stands of large tulip poplar trees in the Eno Preserve. On the Yellow and Red Trails the vegetation is more typical of dry hilltops. Stone walls and rock piles indicate that much of the land was originally used for pasture. At the southeastern end of the White Trail, take note of the stone ruins that go back to the early 18th century. These are remnants of houses, barns, sheds and penning areas, as well as pasture stone walls lining the paths of colonial road systems. There is an additional foundation near the intersection of the Yellow and Red Trails. These are significant archaeological sites that can yield important information about our colonial past.

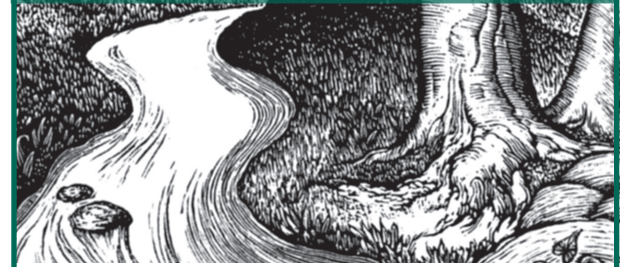
Hunting is allowed on the preserves with a written permit signed by the Open Space Coordinator of the Town of Lyme. Wear bright colors during hunting seasons mid-September until the end of January and mid-April to mid-May. For info, visit lymelandtrust.org

To make a donation or to become a member of the Lyme Land Trust, please visit lymelandtrust.org or call 860-434-5051. To make a donation to the Town of Lyme, make a notation for allocation to the open space fund on of your check.

For additional maps, visit lymelandtrust.org. Report any problems during your visit the Trail Condition Form: www.lymelandtrust.org/trail-condition-form

TRAILS OF LYME RIVER TO RIDGETOP SOUTH

Mount Archer Woods
Chauncey Eno Preserve
& Pickwick's Preserve



Thomas W. Nason, *The Brook*, Florence Griswold Museum; Lyme Historical Society

The 101-acre **Chauncey Eno Preserve**, named for the late former owner of the property and first selectman of Lyme, was acquired by the Lyme Land Trust in 1998 through private donations. **Mount Archer Woods** is a Town of Lyme-owned 275-acre property, purchased in 2003 with private donations and funding from the Town of Lyme, the State of Connecticut and The Nature Conservancy. In 2006, an anonymous donor purchased and donated an easement on the 18-acre **Pickwick's Preserve**, providing access to the trails from Joshuatown Road. The preserve was named for the donor's Shetland sheepdog, an avid hiker of Lyme's woodlands.

The preserves are open sunrise to sunset.

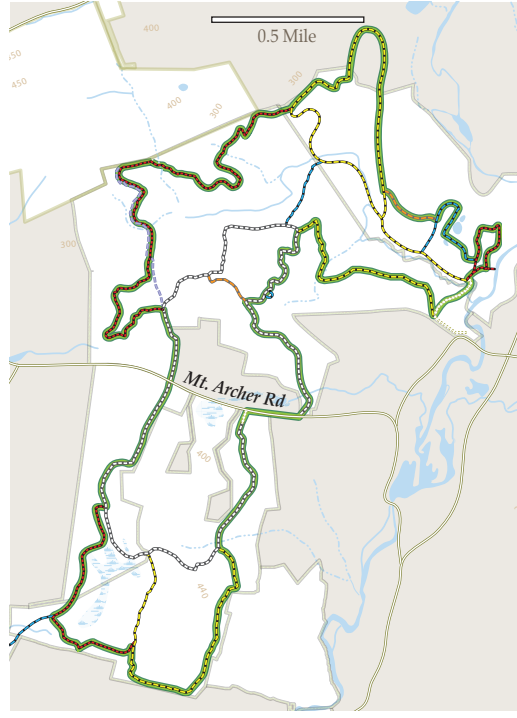
Be considerate of other hikers and wildlife in the preserve. Leave it as you found it. Do not disturb or remove any artifacts.

No motorized vehicles or fires allowed.



The George and Rosemary Moore Trail

M Total loop = about 9 miles
 north of Mt Archer Road = 6 miles;
 south of Mt Archer Road = 2.7 miles

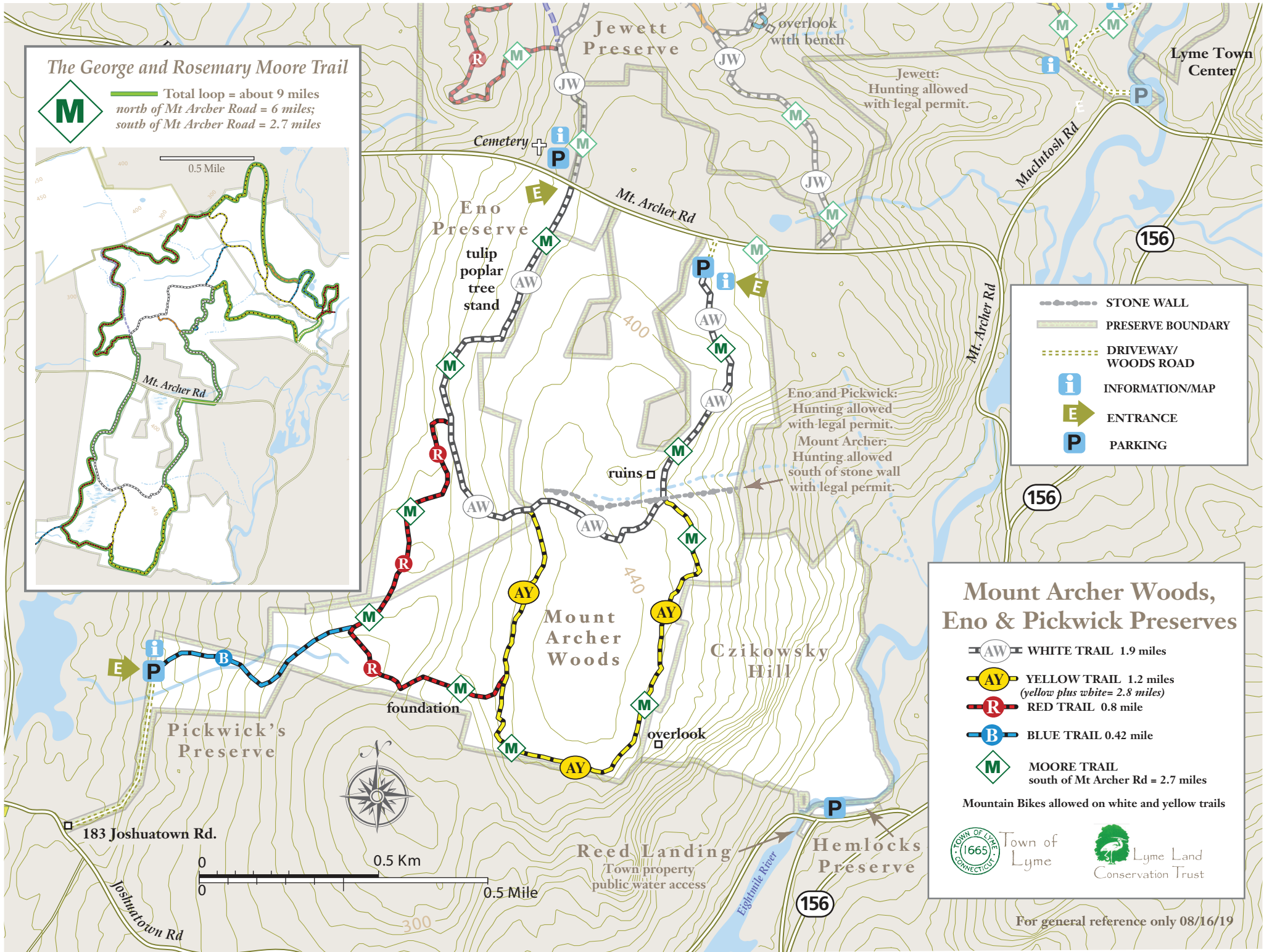


- STONE WALL
- PRESERVE BOUNDARY
- DRIVEWAY/WOODS ROAD
- INFORMATION/MAP
- ENTRANCE
- PARKING

Mount Archer Woods, Eno & Pickwick Preserves

- WHITE TRAIL 1.9 miles
- YELLOW TRAIL 1.2 miles
(yellow plus white = 2.8 miles)
- RED TRAIL 0.8 mile
- BLUE TRAIL 0.42 mile
- MOORE TRAIL south of Mt Archer Rd = 2.7 miles

Mountain Bikes allowed on white and yellow trails



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