



RIVER TO RIDGETOP NORTH PRESERVES

Trails are marked with solid color blazes, except Moore Trail. Mileage is for segment length of trail of that color. Distances are estimates. Multi-use allowed on all white, purple, fuchsia and yellow trails, except PY.

- PRESERVE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- DRIVEWAY/ WOODS ROAD
- INFORMATION/MAP
- BENCH
- ENTRANCE
- PARKING

Johnston Preserve	Jewett Preserve	Pleasant Valley Preserve
WHITE TRAIL 0.6 miles	WHITE TRAIL 1.8 miles	BLUE TRAIL 0.5 mile
FUCHSIA TRAIL 2.6 miles	RED TRAIL 2.3 mile	RED TRAIL 0.4 mile
YELLOW TRAIL 0.6 miles	PURPLE TRAIL 0.5 mile	YELLOW TRAIL 2.7 miles
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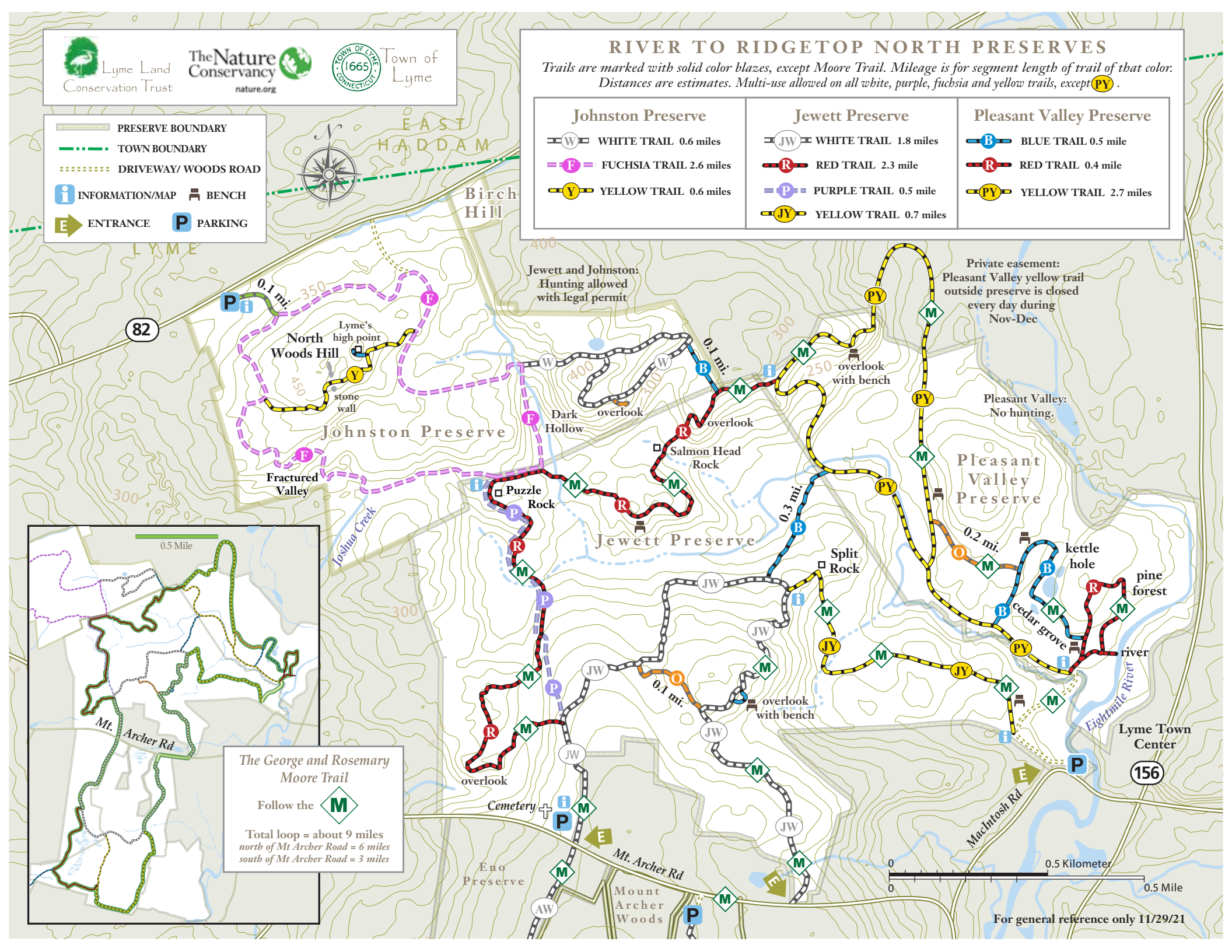
The George and Rosemary Moore Trail

Follow the

Total loop = about 9 miles
north of Mt Archer Road = 6 miles
south of Mt Archer Road = 3 miles



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The Trails

ACCESS: The properties, part of a larger system of trails known as the River to Ridgetop Preserves, are on the north side of Mt. Archer Road. The Pleasant Valley and Jewett Preserves may be accessed from a pull-in parking lot on MacIntosh Rd, about ¼ mile from the intersection of Rte. 156 and Beaver Brook Rd. The Jewett Preserve can also be accessed from the cemetery parking lot on the north side of Mt. Archer Road, about 1.25 miles from the intersection of Mt. Archer Road and Rte. 156 and 1/4 mile from the intersection of Brush Hill and Tantomorantum Roads. One can also park in the Mount Archer Woods parking lot on the south side of Mt. Archer Road. The Johnston Preserve parking lot is on the south side of Rte. 82, about 2 miles from the intersection of Rte. 82 and Rte. 156, and 1.5 miles from Hadlyme 4-corners.

TRAILS: The trails provide moderately easy hiking through fields and mixed hardwood forest including oak, beech, hickory, birch and maple trees. The white, yellow, purple and fuchsia trails are multi-use for equestrian and non-motorized bicycle access, except in Pleasant Valley which has no multi-use trails. In Pleasant Valley, the Eightmile River is featured on a spur off the red trail. The red and blue trails travel through a series of fields with red cedar trees and wildflowers, then through a pine tree grove, and along a kettle hole rim. The yellow trail rewards hikers with a bench and spectacular view after a long walk up a moderate incline. Jewett Preserve red trail and Johnston Preserve white trail travel along ridges with climbs to breathtaking seasonal overlooks. The yellow trail in Johnston Preserve traverses North Woods Hill, the highest point in Lyme. **The George and Rosemary Moore Trail**, named to honor the Moores' years of service towards land preservation, uses existing trails to provide a 9-mile scenic loop in the contiguous preserves of the River to Ridgetop complex. The portion north of Mt. Archer Road is 6 miles long. **PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN THE TRAILS.**

Carry clippers and a small bag for trash.

Do: Cut back plants that are encroaching on the path.

Do: Cut saplings low to the ground or leave waist high. Do not leave trip hazards or spikes for people to fall on.

Do: Remove branches and sticks on the path.

Do: Leave the leaves on the trails to prevent erosion.

FEATURES: From river to ridgetop, the preserved properties protect valuable watershed land. The majority of the three properties protects the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed, with the western edge in the Joshua Creek watershed. The wetland headwaters from the highest point in Lyme in Johnston Preserve flow southeast to join streams in the preserved lands. Along the way, the water nourishes and is filtered by the land until it joins the pristine waters of the Eightmile River in Pleasant Valley Preserve. With a variety of habitats, the preserves are part of a valuable wildlife corridor of about 1,700 acres in combination with surrounding properties. This corridor supports many bird and wildlife species, some of concern because of habitat loss elsewhere. There are fascinating geologic features, from deep hollows to ridges, with dramatic outcroppings of rock and ledge. Stone walls and red cedar groves attest to past agricultural activity.

HUNTING is allowed on Jewett and Johnston Preserves with a written permit signed by the Open Space Coordinator of the Town of Lyme. The northern section of the Pleasant Valley yellow trail is on a private easement and closed during November and December for hunting. 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 to the Town of Lyme, make a notation for allocation to the Open Space Maintenance Fund on your check. To make a donation or to become a member of the Lyme Land Trust, please visit lymelandtrust.org.

For additional maps, visit lymelandtrust.org. Report any problems during your visit by using the Trail Condition Form:

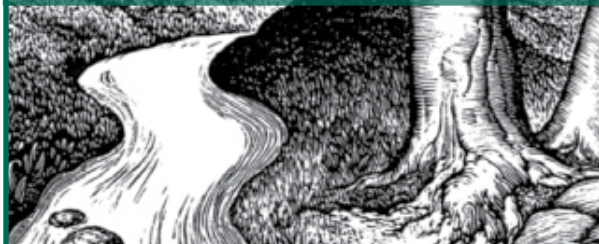


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TRAILS OF LYME RIVER TO RIDGETOP NORTH

Jewett Preserve
Johnston Preserve
Pleasant Valley Preserve



In 1992, Catherine and Elizabeth Fehrer, daughters of painter Oscar Fehrer, donated 235 acres to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the Pleasant Valley Preserve. It was named after the area made famous by Lyme impressionist painters. The Preserve is managed by the Lyme Land Trust. It is bordered by a 105-acre conservation easement donated to TNC on private property. A portion of the Pleasant Valley yellow trail is on this land. The adjacent Jewett Preserve was created in October 2004 when the Town of Lyme and TNC acquired the 434 acres from the Jewett family with financial assistance provided by private donors, and the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Protection Program. In 2018, the 250-acre Johnston Preserve was bought from the Johnston family by the Town of Lyme with funding from the Town's open space fund, the CT DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program, and TNC.

The preserves are open sunrise to dusk.

Be considerate of other hikers and wildlife in the preserve. Leave it as you found it.

Do not disturb stone structures.

No motorized vehicles or fires allowed.