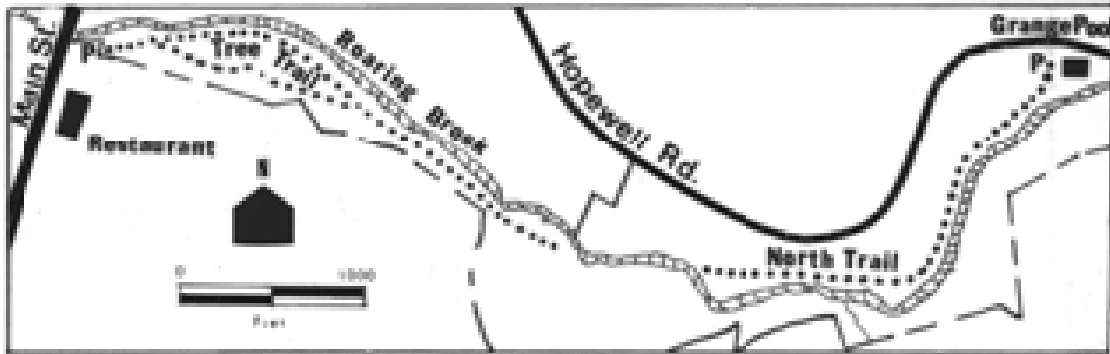


Cotton Hollow Preserve



NORTH TRAIL

Park at the Grange Pool on Hopewell Road. The trail enters along the fence on the west side of the pool. Cotton Hollow, encompassing 83 acres, is a rare example of a once heavily developed industrial area that has reverted to a natural state. It is a testament to nature's healing power. The only signs remaining of the many mills which once operated there along Roaring Brook are a few tumbled down stone dams and foundations. The ruin of one of the mills is visible across Roaring Brook from the Tree Trail, but is on private property.

The North Trail, though only a mile long round trip, is steep and tricky in places and would be rated moderately difficult.

PLEASE NOTE: The North Trail and Tree Trail are not connected. Please turn around and retrace your steps when you reach the end. Stay on marked trails. Do not climb on walls, boulders or cliffs. To do so can be very dangerous.

TREE TRAIL

Park in South Glastonbury at the trailhead behind the restaurant just south of the Roaring Brook bridge on Main Street. Space is limited to 3 or 4 cars.

It is hard to imagine that the area crossed by this trail was once a busy recreational park, popular with trolley passengers from Hartford. It now contains an amazing variety of massive trees, many identified with labels. No doubt the moist and sheltered conditions here favor robust growth and minimize storm damage.

The Tree Trail is mostly level and easy walking: total distance about one mile round trip.