

Agenda

Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024

Call to Order

Public Comment

A Shot for Life – Lacrosse Fundraiser, No Date

Barnum Foundation for Life – Softball Tournament, 06/07/2024

Warren Jaques – Past Tree Warden

Robert Velthuisen – Park Maps

Trumbull Cricket Club – Fields/Maintenance

Acceptance of Minutes

Correspondence

Old Business

New Business

Superintendent's Report

Division Report

Any other business that might rightly come before the Commission

Adjournment

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Clerk, Abigail Relkin at awhitmoyer@trumbullvfc.com

RECREATION REPORT

February 2024

With approximately 750 participants in the various basketball leagues, including our adaptive program, the regular basketball season for grades 4-12 will start winding down in late February, with playoffs starting in early March. The K-3 Basketball Leagues have a few weekends left and will be finishing up mid-March.

Registration for Trumbull Parks & Recreation Summer Programs begins March 1st. We expect all camps and swim lessons to sell out. We will once again hold Junior Camp at TECEC! We have been given access to two classrooms and outdoor space as well as sharing the large indoor space around the school's summer schedule. Our other sites will be at Daniels Farm School and Jane Ryan Elementary in addition to the Indian Ledge Barn. We are NOW HIRING for lifeguards, gate monitors, and camp counselors. Applicants must apply through HR by using the online portal found on the town website.

Other:

- Office closed February 19 and March 29, 2024.
- Leap Day children's concert & craft 10am February 29 @ Indian Ledge Barn

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Parks and Recreation Superintendent Report January/February 2024

In Autumn of 2023, Parks and DPW buildings and procedures were inspected and evaluated by OSHA. Although we have not yet received the official report, we have over the past month, begun remediation, training and drafting procedures and policies to meet compliance standards.

January brought two precipitation events that required plowing, shoveling and distribution of ice melt products. Otherwise, Parks staff continue to work on winter projects.

Specific work during the past month includes:

- Snow and ice mitigation following frozen precipitation on January 7 and 16.
- Consistent maintenance of pool infrastructure.
- Pruning apple orchard at Upper Woods Estate.
- Installation of new guard rails in ball field parking area at Unity Park
- Installation of new community garden fence in progress.
- Removal of holiday decorations on town buildings
- Cleanup of shop work and storage areas including Maintenance Building, Parks Building and Berkshire Garage.
- Replacement of partitions in Town Hall restrooms.
- Painting of Town Hall restrooms in progress.



Town of Trumbull
Parks and Recreation
Ranger Division

Parks and Recreation Commission
Ranger Division January 2024 Report

Commissioners,

This report is a summary of the Ranger Division activities for the January 2024. January was a wet and cold month with a mixture of snow, rain and icy conditions. Parks had to be closed due to these conditions so visitation to the parks was light. Rangers took 17 incident reports in January, which six of them were for dogs off leash and were spread throughout the parks. In each case the owner complied. Rangers assisted TPD with found property at Unity, a call from the call box at Tashua Knolls pool and assistance with lost motor vehicle keys at Twin Brooks. There were two instances of usage of model rocketry, both at Indian Ledge. In one instance a rocket was stuck in a tree and the owners were found climbing the tree to retrieve it. In both instances the owners were advised of the park ordinances and complied. On patrol, rangers observed broken gate locks, fences and trees that were reported to the parks department for repair.

There were 14 parking violations issued, 8 written parking warnings and 1 written infraction Warning.

Parking Violations by park	Written Parking Warnings
Twin Brooks 10	06
Old Mine 04	01
Indian Ledge 00	01
Island Brook 00	00
Unity 00	00
Beach 00	00
Nothnagle 00	00
Tashua Knolls 00	00
Rails to Trails 00	00

There were 0 permitted events in January.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven Chapman, Chief Park Ranger

Trumbull Parks Trail Mapping: Twin Brooks and Beach Memorial Parks

02/09/2024

Robert Velthuisen

Maps have a purpose

All maps are imprecise, but some are useful

Trail maps serve

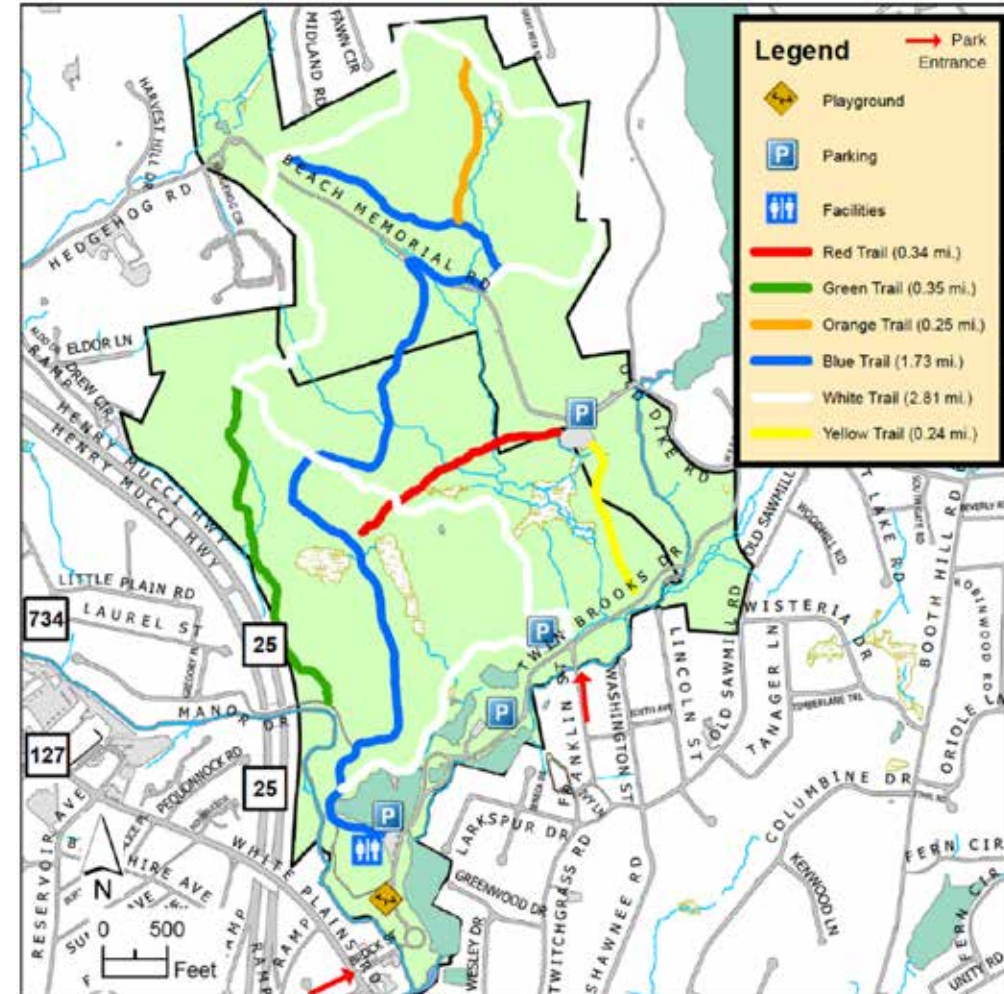
1. Users: navigation, planning
2. Trail owners: maintenance, planning.

Trail maps require:


- Focus on trails and landmarks
- Accuracy with respect to navigation
- Ability to mark changes such as re-routing, obstructions, hazards

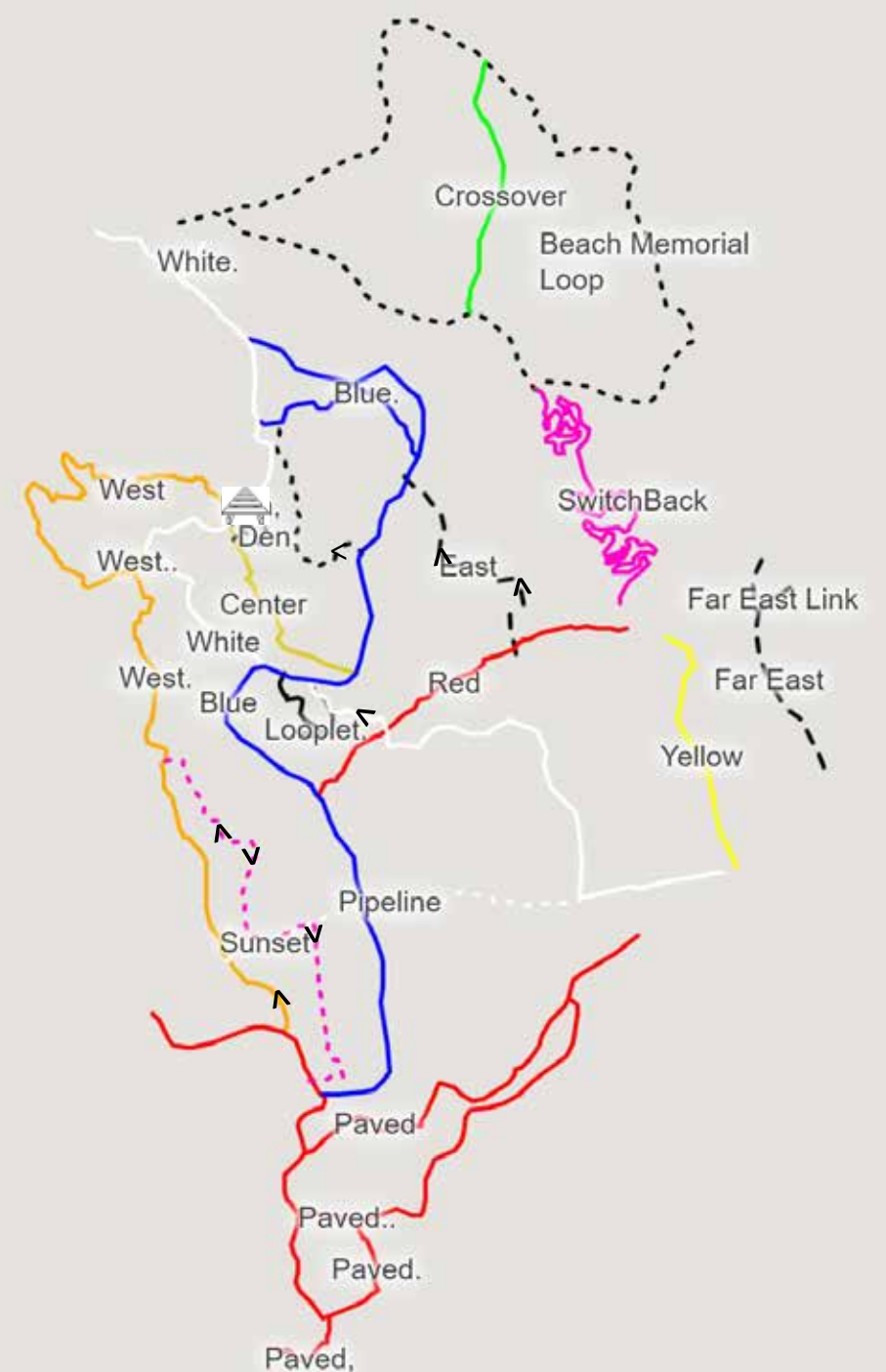
current town map

- More information outside the park than in it
- Boundary between Beach and Twin Brooks is confusing
- Incomplete: missing (parts of) trails, bridges, landmarks
- Errors: colors do not match blazes; overlap between Blue and White is wrong; Blue doesn't start at the SW parking lot
- It is a route map rather than a trail map (some of blue is a road)
- The map is static
- Other information on the flyer is out-of-date (swimming, ice skating, sledding)



Edited Tracks (w.i.p.)

- Most trails have been mapped and named
- The paved trails in the SW are updated
- Steep inclines (^) and the bridge  are included (note: bridge needs repair)
- Colors do not always match blazes
- Some trails and paths were excluded



Next steps

- Agree on trails and their colors, and commit to blazing. Consider landmarking.
- Create a public map, preferably in a publicly available space (google maps?)
- Retire older maps
- Properly maintain the trails.

