

# Wappinger Greenway Trail

## Trail System of Natural Beauty and Historic Sites



### Grinnell Library

Grinnell Library, opened on October 21, 1887, was planned and designed in the style of buildings found in Mr. Irving Grinnell's world travels: a Swiss chalet, a "little church" in St. Battenberg in the mountains of Switzerland, and the old houses in Chester, England which became models for the second story overhang. (845-297-3428)



### Mesier Homestead

The house, constructed by Nicholas Brewer in 1741 and sold to Peter Mesier in 1776, and a plot of five acres of land were conveyed to the Village of Wappingers Falls on August 27th 1891 under an agreement that the property should be forever known as Mesier Park. (845-297-8773)



### Reese Park

This 38 acre park and natural area, given to the Town of Wappinger on June 16, 1961 by the Reese family, is being maintained as a conservation area to attract and hold native plants and animals to provide for observation and study of plant-animal communities. (845-297-0720)



### Wappingers Falls Cemetery

Established in 1849, the cemetery has older plots of prominent families outlined with pipe borders mounted on marble or granite posts, a 1924 small chapel of stone masonry construction and since 1971, one hundred acres reserved for veterans.



### Market Street Industrial Park

The former site of the textile manufacturing industry at the heart of the Village's economy these historic loft-type buildings are finding new life through adaptive reuse.



### Fisherman's Park

This small park, created through the joint efforts of the late Hank DiMarco and the NYS DOT, provides scenic views, parking and access to Wappinger Lake for fishing.

### Village Hall

In 1940 the present colonial stone post office was erected under the direction of President Franklin Roosevelt. Inside there are two large murals painted by Mr. Henry Billings, depicting aspects of Village life in the 1780's.



### Ellesdie Chapel

This historical chapel, founded by James Lennox and his sister Mary Lennox Scheafe, is now part of Dutchess County Bowdoin Park. The name of the chapel was derived from the initials of three Lennox siblings.



### Reese Audubon Sanctuary

Reese Sanctuary, owned by Putnam-Highlands Audubon, is a 98 acre nature park which extends along a bluff overlooking the Wappingers Creek Estuary. (845-226-7455)

### Bowdoin Park

This 341 acre park provides scenic views of the Hudson River which complement the open picnic areas, nature trails, native American artifacts, educational programs, playgrounds, pavilions, baseball and soccer fields. (845-298-4600)

### Veterans' Memorial Park Ball Field

This 6 acre park, created at the request of World War II returning soldiers, includes a Little League baseball field, basketball court, playground, access to Wappinger Lake, a multipurpose building and a parking lot.

### Temple Memorial Ball Field

This 6 acre park, dedicated to the memory of James J. Temple who served as Mayor of the Village from 1947-1959, includes a baseball field, play lot, basketball court and parking lot. This park is closest to the Lower Wappinger Creek which is an estuary of the Hudson River.

### Zion Episcopal Church

Congregation established in 1883 by the Rev. George B. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Mesier, whose home is now the Mesier Homestead Museum, gave land for the new church that was completed in 1836.



### First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian church of Wappingers Falls was established back in the 1850's and is celebrating over 150 years in ministry.



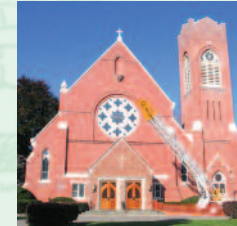
### Bethel Baptist Church

Church building was established in 1830's and has seen major capital improvements since 1982. The current membership presently stands at 400 members.



### St. Mary's Catholic Church

One of the oldest parishes in Dutchess County was founded in 1845, with cornerstone of current building laid in October 1877.



### Scenic Hudson

This 27 acre natural habitat, owned by Scenic Hudson, overlooks the Market Street Industrial Park and is home to many species of birds, plants and animals. (845-473-4440)



### New Hamburg Ball Field

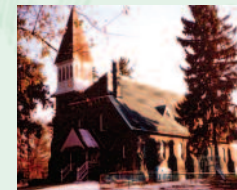
This 3.4 acre local recreation area, believed to be the site at one time of a native American encampment, provides a ball field, basketball court, playground, tennis courts and a sheltered picnic area.

### Canale Memorial Ball Field

This 3 acre park, created as a tribute to deceased trustee, Albert Canale, includes a Little League baseball field and playground equipment and is adjacent to the Village well fields and the Wappinger Rural Cemetery. (Parking must be done with care to preserve the quality of the water in the wells.)

### United Methodist Church

Congregation formed in 1846. Present church built in 1868 on land purchased from Margaret Reese, and dedicated in 1870.



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# Wappinger Greenway Trail

The Wappinger Greenway Trail is a 10.7 mile figure 8 loop of on and off-road trails encircling the lower Wappinger Creek and the Wappinger Lake. The trail links historic, cultural, natural and economic resources of local and regional significance. It is a key segment in the Hudson River Valley Greenway System.

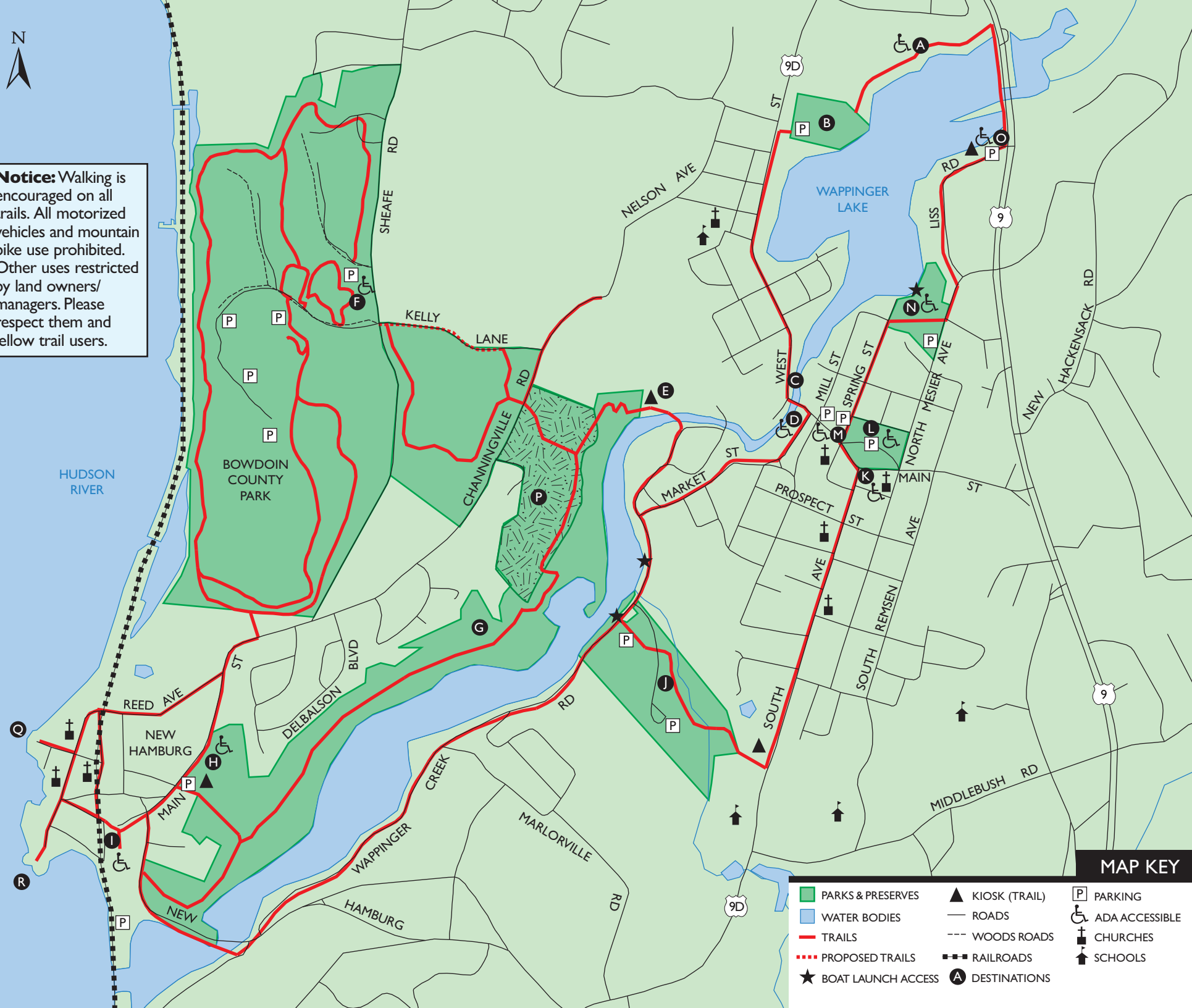
**Notice:** Walking is encouraged on all trails. All motorized vehicles and mountain bike use prohibited. Other uses restricted by land owners/managers. Please respect them and fellow trail users.

## DESTINATIONS OF INTEREST

- A** Wappingers Falls Cemetery
- B** Canale Memorial Ball Field
- C** Galucci Park (*proposed*)
- D** Falls View Park (*proposed*)
- E** Market Street Industrial Park
- F** Bowdoin County Park
- G** Reese Audubon Sanctuary
- H** New Hamburg Ball Field
- I** Metro North Train Station
- J** Reese Park
- K** Wappingers Falls Village Hall
- L** Mesier Homestead
- M** Grinnell Library
- N** Veterans' Memorial Park Ball Field
- O** Fisherman's Park
- P** Scenic Hudson Property
- Q** New Hamburg Yacht Club
- R** White's Marina

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