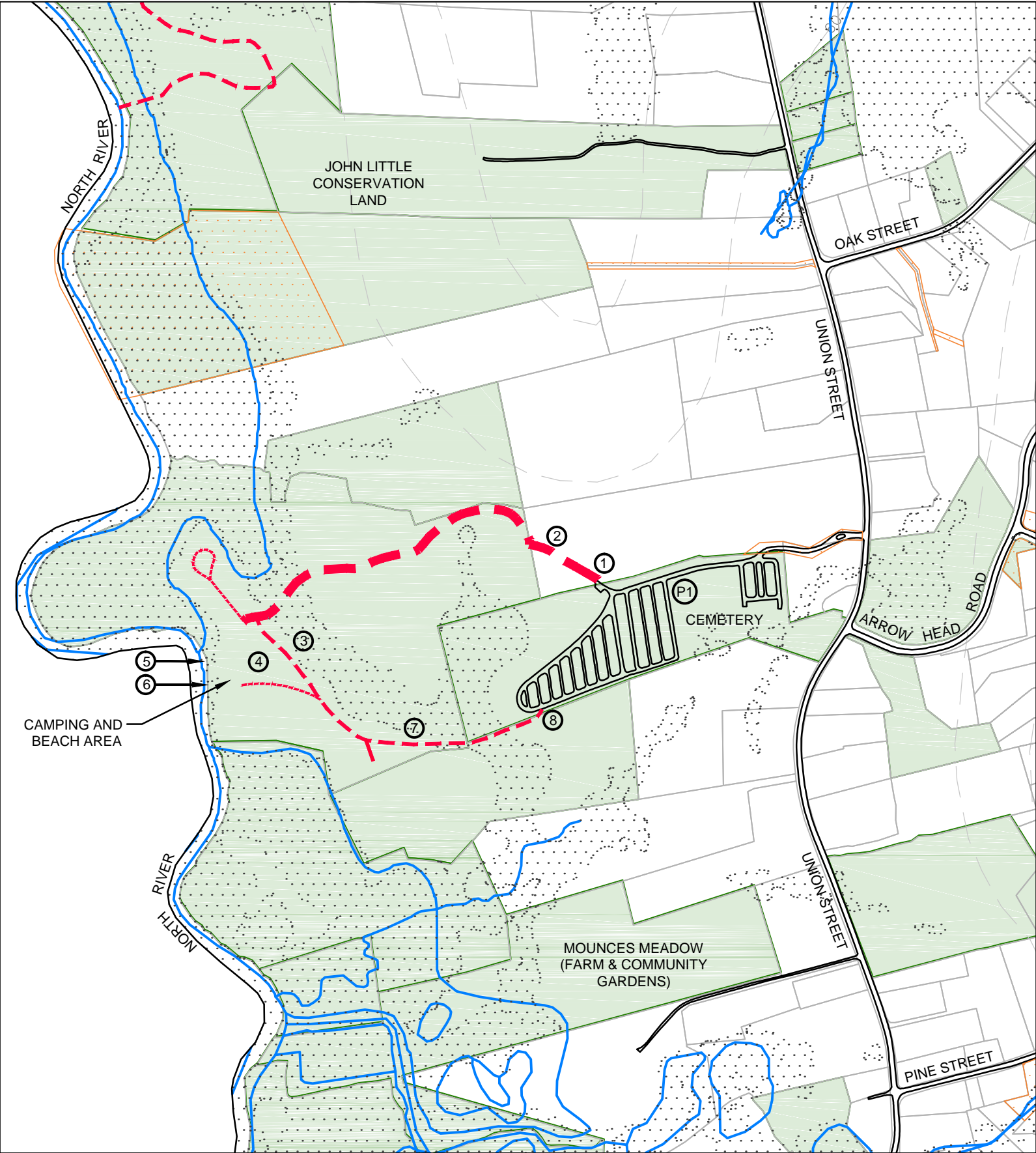


MARSHFIELD RECREATIONAL TRAILS

COUCH BEACH

AT UNION STREET AND ARROW HEAD ROAD



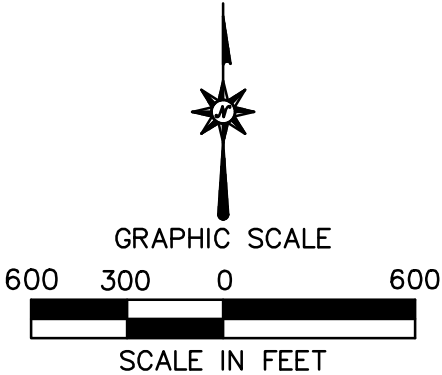
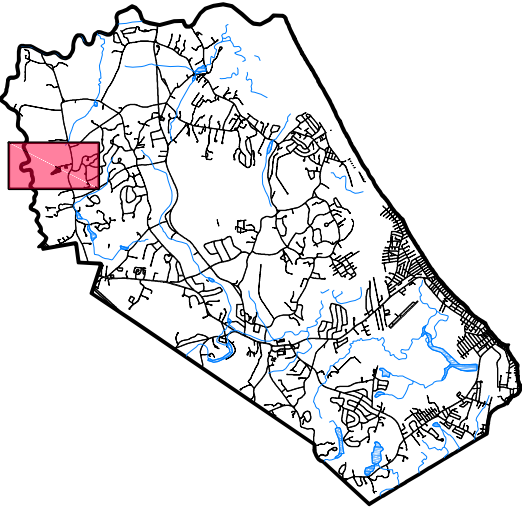
MAP KEY

- ① VEHICLE AND CEMETERY SERVICE ACCESS.
- ② VEHICLE ACCESS TO BEACH/CAMPING AREA. AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ONLY.
- ③ VERNAL POOL - SENSITIVE AREA.
- ④ CAMPING AREA - CAMPING PERMITTED BY PERMISSION OF FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE ONLY.
- ⑤ NORTH BEACH WATER ACCESS.
- ⑥ SOUTH BEACH WATER ACCESS.
- ⑦ FOOT PATH TO COUCH BEACH, RUGGED IN PLACES.
- ⑧ ENTRANCE TO COUCH BEACH FOOT PATH - POORLY MARKED
- P1 COUCH CEMETERY. PARKING AVAILABLE ALONG PAVED PATHWAYS.

LEGEND

- TRAIL CLASS I
NARROW WIDTH, POTENTIAL STEEP AND RUGGED TERRAIN, NONE OR FEW SIGNS
- TRAIL CLASS II
MEDIUM WIDTH, MODERATE GRADE, LIMITED TRAIL MARKING
- TRAIL CLASS III
BROAD WIDTH, EASY GRADE, WELL-MARKED
- ROADWAY
- 30 FT ELEVATION CONTOUR
- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- STREAM/WATERWAY
- WATERBODY
- EASEMENT
- WETLANDS
- OPEN SPACE
- SCHOOL FACILITY
- TRAIL PARKING AND TRAIL MARKER

LOCATION PLAN (TOWN OF MARSHFIELD)



MAP UPDATED: MAY, 2016

BOUNDARY LINES, WETLAND/WATERBODY LIMITS, AND OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THESE MAPS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHILE EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ACCURATELY INVENTORY THE TRAIL SYSTEM AND EXISTING CONDITIONS, ACTUAL CONDITIONS MAY VARY FROM THOSE PRESENTED ON THIS MAP. THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD AND THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CREATION OF THIS MAP TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY ARISING FROM ANY INACCURACIES IN THIS MAP.

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PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

CAMPING (WITH PERMISSION FROM FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE)

HIKING

DOG WALKING

BIKING

HORSEBACK RIDING

NORDIC SKIING

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

SMOKING

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

USE OF FIREARMS AND TRAPPING

USE OF PAINTBALL GUNS

MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY OR SERVICE)

NOTE: Exclusion of an activity from these lists does not imply its prohibition. Activities not on the prohibited list and not permitted under Massachusetts or Federal law are also prohibited. Refer to Town of Marshfield Conservation Commission list of Rules and Regulation for up to date information.

DESCRIPTION

LAND DESCRIPTION:

THESE TRAILS CONNECT THE COUCH CEMETERY WITH THE RECREATION AREA OF COUCH BEACH LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH RIVER. THIS LOCATION IS HEAVILY USED AND EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR FOR THE MARSHFIELD YOUTH. THE SITE IS PERHAPS THE ONLY TOWN-OWNED LAND WHERE CAMPING IS ALLOWED (BY PERMISSION ONLY). IN FACT, NUMEROUS FIRE PITS AND SEATING PROVISIONS SPECKLE THE PINE FOREST FLOOR, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN DENUDED OF UNDERSTORY GROWTH.

PARKING:

PARKING IS PERMITTED ON THE PAVED PATHWAYS OF COUCH CEMETERY.



TRAIL ENTRANCE AT SOUTH SIDE OF CEMETERY



VIEW ALONG COUCH BEACH

MARKINGS AND WAYFINDING:

THERE IS NO SIGNAGE IDENTIFYING THE TRAIL ENTRANCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE CEMETERY AND NO SIGNS DIRECTING CEMETERY VISITORS TO COUCH BEACH. ONCE AT THE BEACH/CAMPING AREAS, LITTLE WAYFINDING IS NECESSARY, AS CLEAR LINE OF SITE MAKES VISIBLE ALL OF THE AREA FEATURES.

DIFFICULTY AND TRAIL LENGTH:

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THE SOUTH TRAIL LEADING TO THE BEACH IS MORE NARROW AND RUGGED THAN THE NORTH TRAIL WHICH IS HEAVILY ERODED, BUT STILL CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING A VEHICLE. THE FOLLOWING TRIP TIMES ARE BASED ON AN EASY HIKING SPEED OF BETWEEN 1.5 AND 2.5 MPH:

- SOUTH TRAIL ENTRANCE AT SOUTHWEST CEMETERY CORNER = .25 MILES OR 10 MILES.
- NORTH TRAIL ENTRANCE AT NORTH CEMETERY CORNER = .3 MILES OR 12 MINUTES.



CONIFEROUS TREE CANOPY



CAMP FIRE PROVISIONS