

Great Barrington Community Connector

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Connector is a 5 mile route from Thomas & Palmer Brook Reserve to Massachusetts Department of Conservation's (DCR) Fountain Pond State Park in Great Barrington, that includes sidewalk along Stockbridge Road, enabling visitors to connect from trail to town.

Trailhead Parking: Parking is located at Thomas & Palmer Brook Reserve, between 301 and 309 State Road (Route 23), Great Barrington. Across from Koi restaurant. Parking is also available at the northern terminus at Fountain Pond State Park, US-7, Great Barrington.

GPS: 42.1955, -73.3370
(Thomas & Palmer trailhead parking)

About the High Road

The High Road is a long-term initiative of BNRC, made possible by generous donors and land partners. Primarily a recreational route for hikers, The High Road supports and complements many types of outdoor recreation while supporting local businesses that serve visitors and residents. The High Road broadens outdoor access for Berkshire communities by creating expanded trail connections through the region's unique natural resources.

For current route information, visit bnrc.org/thehighroad or scan the QR code.



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Generous support for the creation and stewardship of these trails and conservation of the land has been provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation (DCR), Berkshire South Regional Community Center, and BNRC members.

The Elmwood Trail easement was donated by the Town of Great Barrington and funded in part by the Citizens of Great Barrington through the Community Preservation Act.

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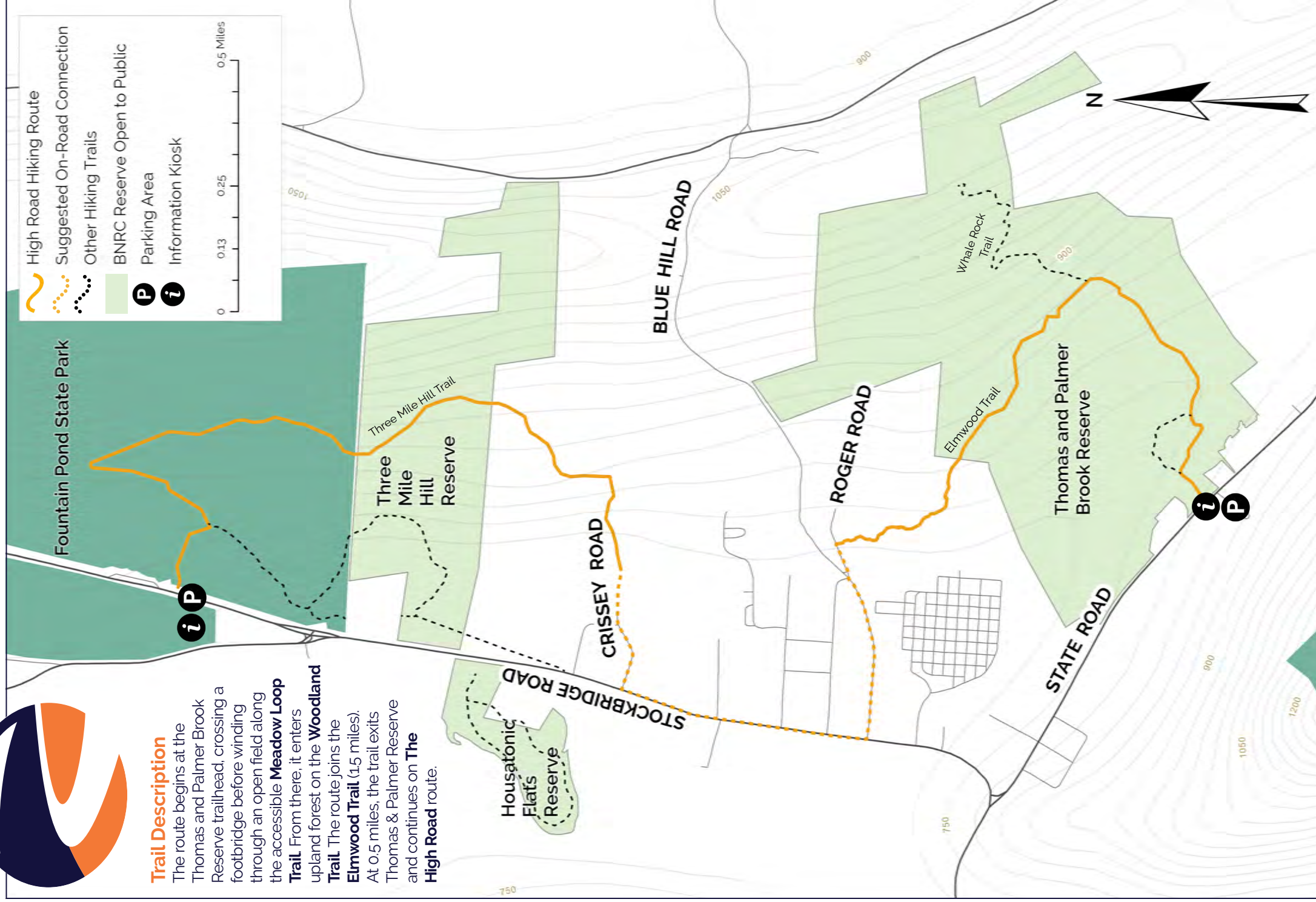


Trail Description

The route begins at the Thomas and Palmer Brook Reserve trailhead, crossing a footbridge before winding through an open field along the accessible **Meadow Loop Trail**. From there, it enters

upland forest on the **Woodland Trail**. The route joins the

Elmwood Trail (1.5 miles). At 0.5 miles, the trail exits Thomas & Palmer Reserve and continues on **The High Road** route.



The High Road's Great Barrington Community Connector:

5 miles, one way. Moderate, uneven footing, elevation changes, mixed trail surfaces

At 0.7 miles, the route joins **Elmwood Trail**.

At 1.6 miles, the trail follows Roger Road to Blue Hill Road, then on to Stockbridge Road, connecting visitors directly to downtown Great Barrington.

At 2.8 miles, the route turns off Stockbridge Road and onto Crissey Road (0.5 mi). After crossing the parking area and field at Berkshire South Regional Community Center (0.25 mi), it reconnects with BNR's **Threemile Hill Trail** and continues into the forest. From there, visitors cross streams and bog bridges along the base of the Threemile Hill ridge before reaching the northern terminus at Mass DCR's **Fountain Pond State Park**.