

## Old Mill Trail

The Old Mill Trail is your best way to get at the upper reaches of the Housatonic River. Crane & Co. conserved the land with MassWildlife and collaborated with the Housatonic Valley Association to build the trail. The Housatonic River suffers image problems due to PCB contamination south of Pittsfield, but the East Branch is clean and fastflowing as it descends from Hinsdale. This accessible trail is a treat for trail users of all abilities.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the center of Dalton, take Route 8 south to the Hinsdale line. From the town line, continue 4/10 miles to a left on Old Dalton Road. The trailhead parking is the first, immediate left.

**GPS:** 42.4480, -73.1305 (Trailhead parking)

**ENJOY** this property on foot, skis, or snowshoes. Dogs are welcome. They must be under your immediate control and local leash laws apply. Hunting and fishing are permitted, subject to MA state regulations. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

**PROTECT** the trails, wildlife, and land. Carry out what you bring in, take only photos, and leave everything else just as you found it.

**APPRECIATE** that this land provides a home, food, and shelter to wildlife and protection for clean drinking water. Respect wildlife and keep your distance.

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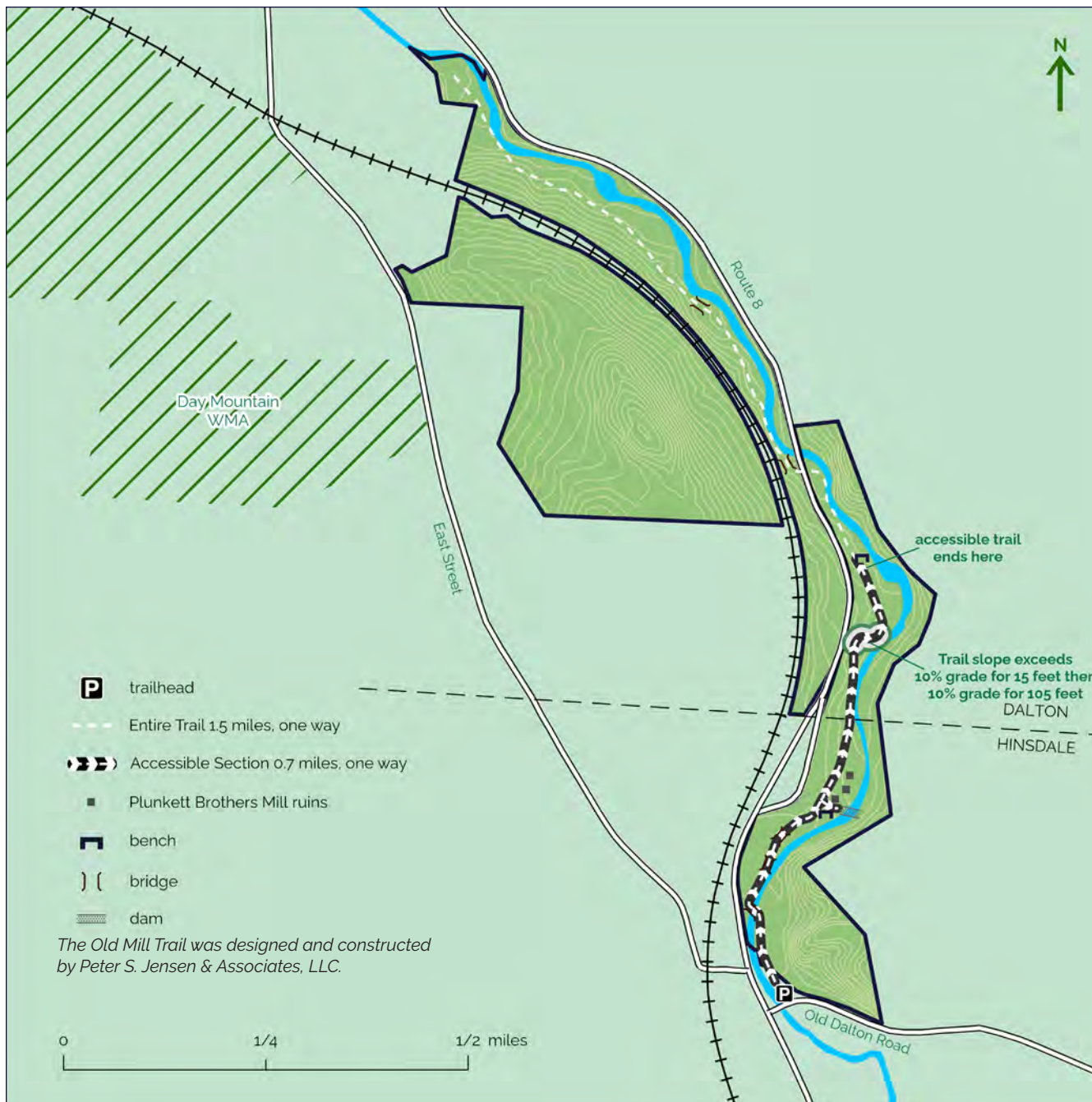


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## OLD MILL TRAIL TRAIL MAP



### Trail Description

**TRAIL DISTANCE:** 1.5 miles, one-way

**ACCESSIBLE TRAIL SECTION:** 0.7 miles

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** gentle grades, smooth footing

The first 0.7 miles of accessible trail follows the river north. The trail continues for another 0.8 miles, crossing Route 8 and following the river downstream at the water's edge. The entire out-and-back trail is 3 miles. Along the way you'll find stone foundations, a breached dam, and penstock remains of a massive mill complex.

**ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION:** The parking lot and portions of the trail meet Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines, and are accessible for wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility devices. Most of the trail is between 48 and 60 inches, though in a few places the width is 36 inches. Most of the trail has a cross slope of 0-2%. At approximately 3/4 mile, there is a 120-foot section of trail that starts at an 11% grade for 15 feet. The following 105 feet is at a 10% grade.



#### Tread Width

Typical: 4-5 ft.  
Min.: 36 in.



#### Grade

Typical: 0-5%  
Max.: 11% for 120 ft.



#### Cross Slope

Typical: 0-2%  
Max.: 5%



#### Surface Type

Firm, crushed stone.  
No obstacles.