

# Tarrywile Park

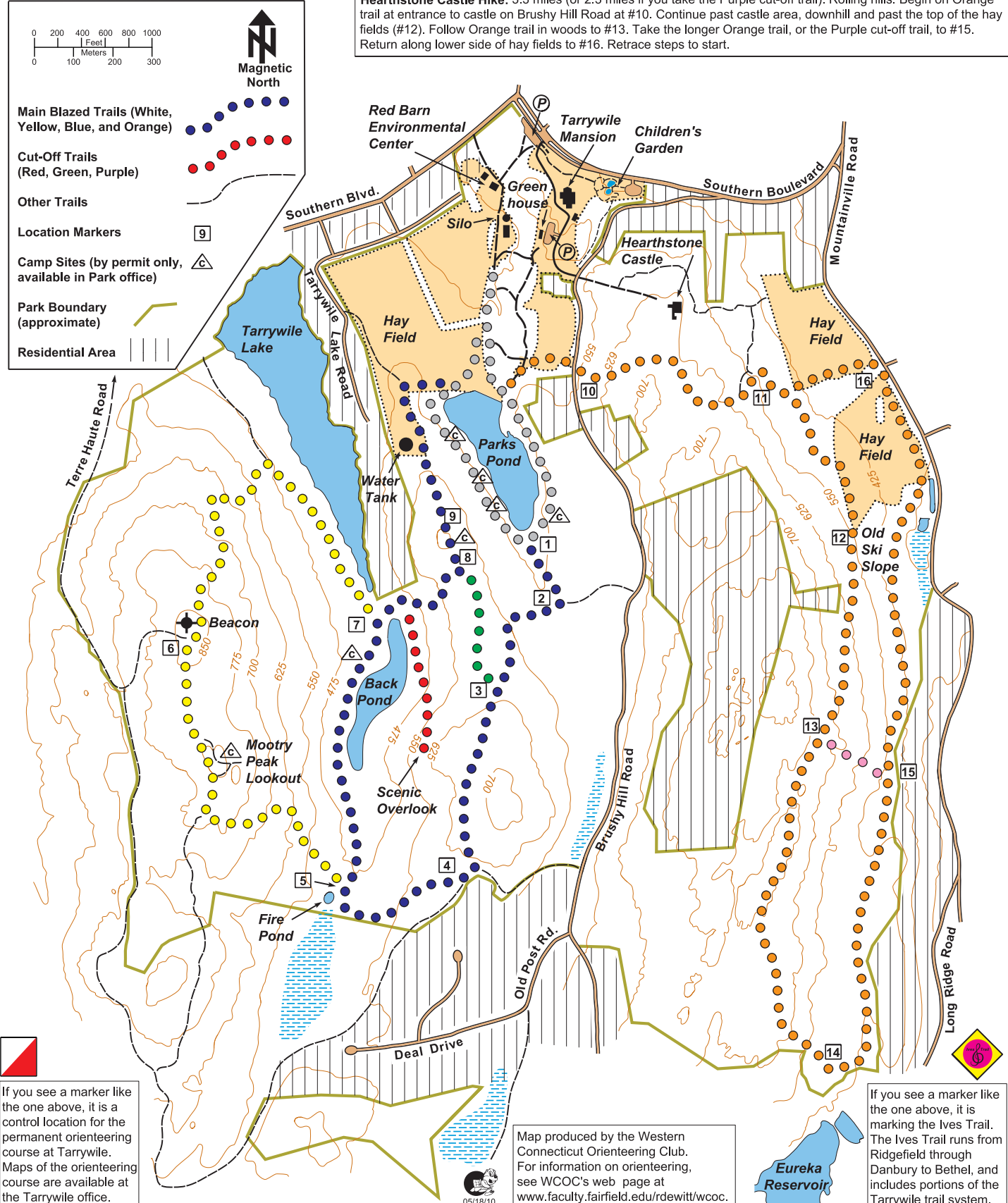
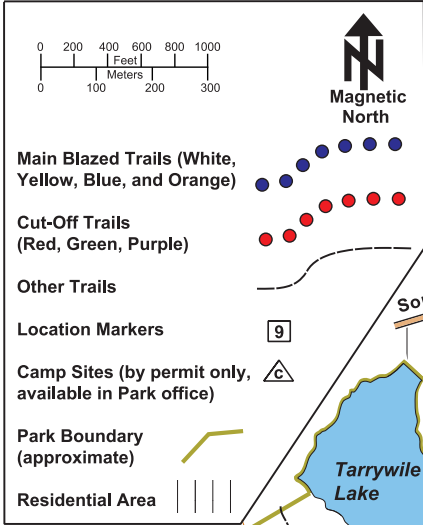
**Suggested Hikes.** Distances are approximate. All hikes are loops that retrace portions at the end.

**Parks Pond Hike:** 1 mile. Easy, flat loop. Follow White trail around Parks Pond and back.

**Parks and Back Pond Hike:** 2.3 miles. Moderate climbs and descents. Pick up the Blue trail in the hay field on the north side of Parks Pond. Follow the Blue trail up past the water tank and down to Back Pond. At the south end of Back Pond, continue on the Blue trail. When you reach the south end of Parks Pond, pick up the White trail and follow it back to the start.

**Mootry Peak Lookout Hike:** 3.2 miles. Steep climbs and descents. Follow description above for Parks and Back Pond Hike, but when you reach the north end of Back Pond, pick up the Yellow trail at #7. Stay on this trail as you climb up to the Beacon and Mootry Peak. Continue on the Yellow trail to #5, then go on the Blue trail to #1, then follow the White trail back to the start.

**Hearthstone Castle Hike:** 3.3 miles (or 2.3 miles if you take the Purple cut-off trail). Rolling hills. Begin on Orange trail at entrance to castle on Brushy Hill Road at #10. Continue past castle area, downhill and past the top of the hay fields (#12). Follow Orange trail in woods to #13. Take the longer Orange trail, or the Purple cut-off trail, to #15. Return along lower side of hay fields to #16. Retrace steps to start.



If you see a marker like the one above, it is a control location for the permanent orienteering course at Tarrywile. Maps of the orienteering course are available at the Tarrywile office.

If you see a marker like the one above, it is marking the Ives Trail. The Ives Trail runs from Ridgefield through Danbury to Bethel, and includes portions of the Tarrywile trail system.

Map produced by the Western Connecticut Orienteering Club. For information on orienteering, see WCO's web page at [www.faculty.fairfield.edu/rdwitt/wcoc](http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/rdwitt/wcoc).