

# Washington Works Nature Trails

Opened to the public on Earth Day 1996

**Description:** Approximately 100 acres  
2.5 miles with 11 trails

**Location:** 7849 DuPont Rd.

West ½ mi. on DuPont Rd (Rt. 892) from intersection with Rt. 50. Look for the sign shown to the left. Parking located at trailhead.

**Permitted Activities:** Run, Walk/Hike, Photography, Birding, Outdoor Ed.

## Restrictions:

- Open Dawn to Dusk
- No bicycles or motorized vehicles
- No alcohol, illegal drugs, or fires
- Do not litter or pick vegetation
- No swimming
- No firearms, hunting or fishing
- Use is restricted to marked trails
- ***Do not enter during high winds***

**Use trails at your  
own risk**



3 Wheelchair accessible gravel trails to Lower Meadow, Meadow Wetland, Pond, Creek, & edge of woods  
Additional trails through Woods, Woodland Wetland, and Upper Meadow  
40+ Tree species identified  
Trail junction signs



Ohio River

Washington Works Nature Trails parking area  
is at the first crossroad after exiting Rt 50 and  
heading west toward the plant.

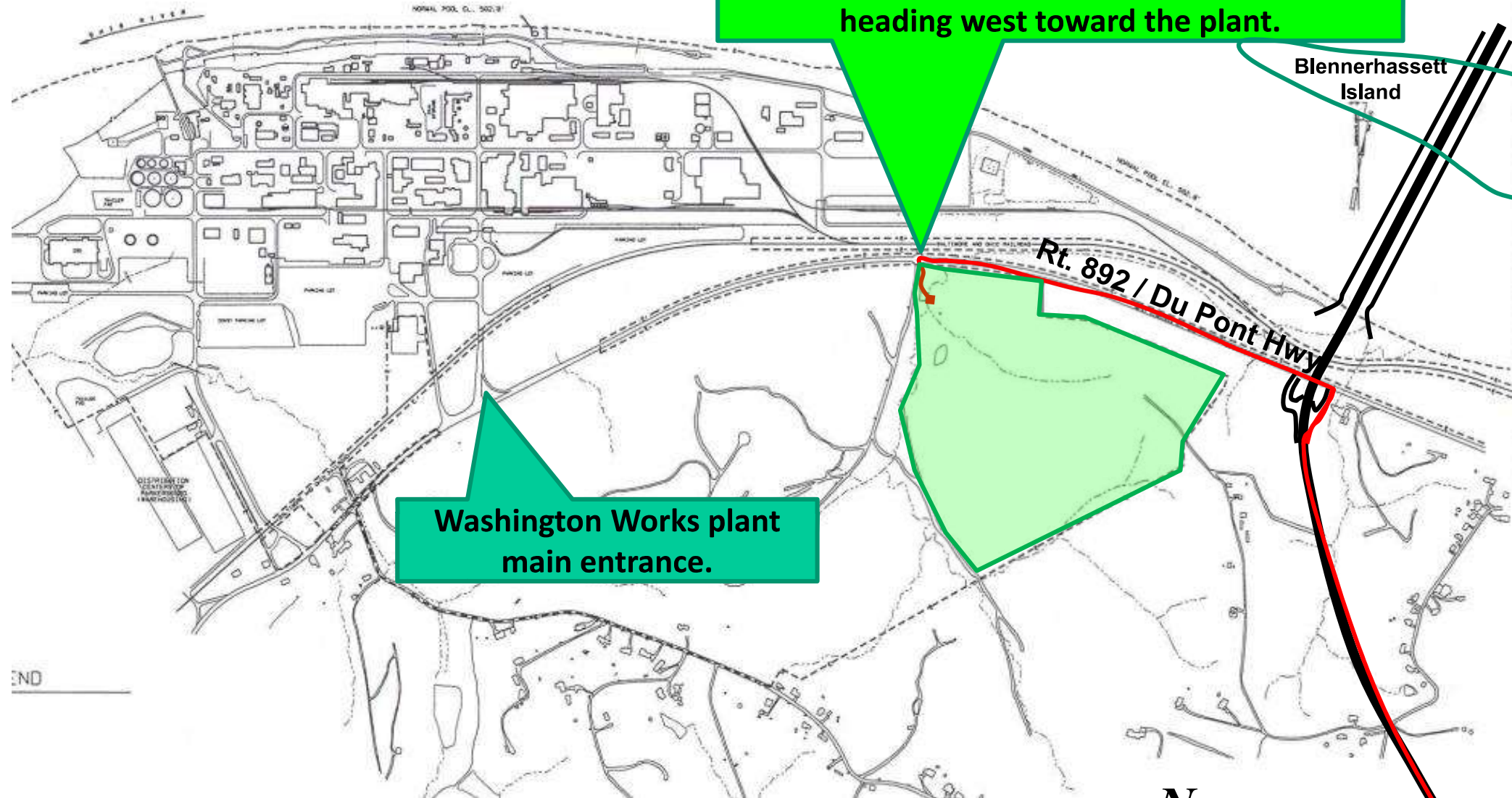
Blennerhassett  
Island

Rt. 892 / Du Pont Hwy

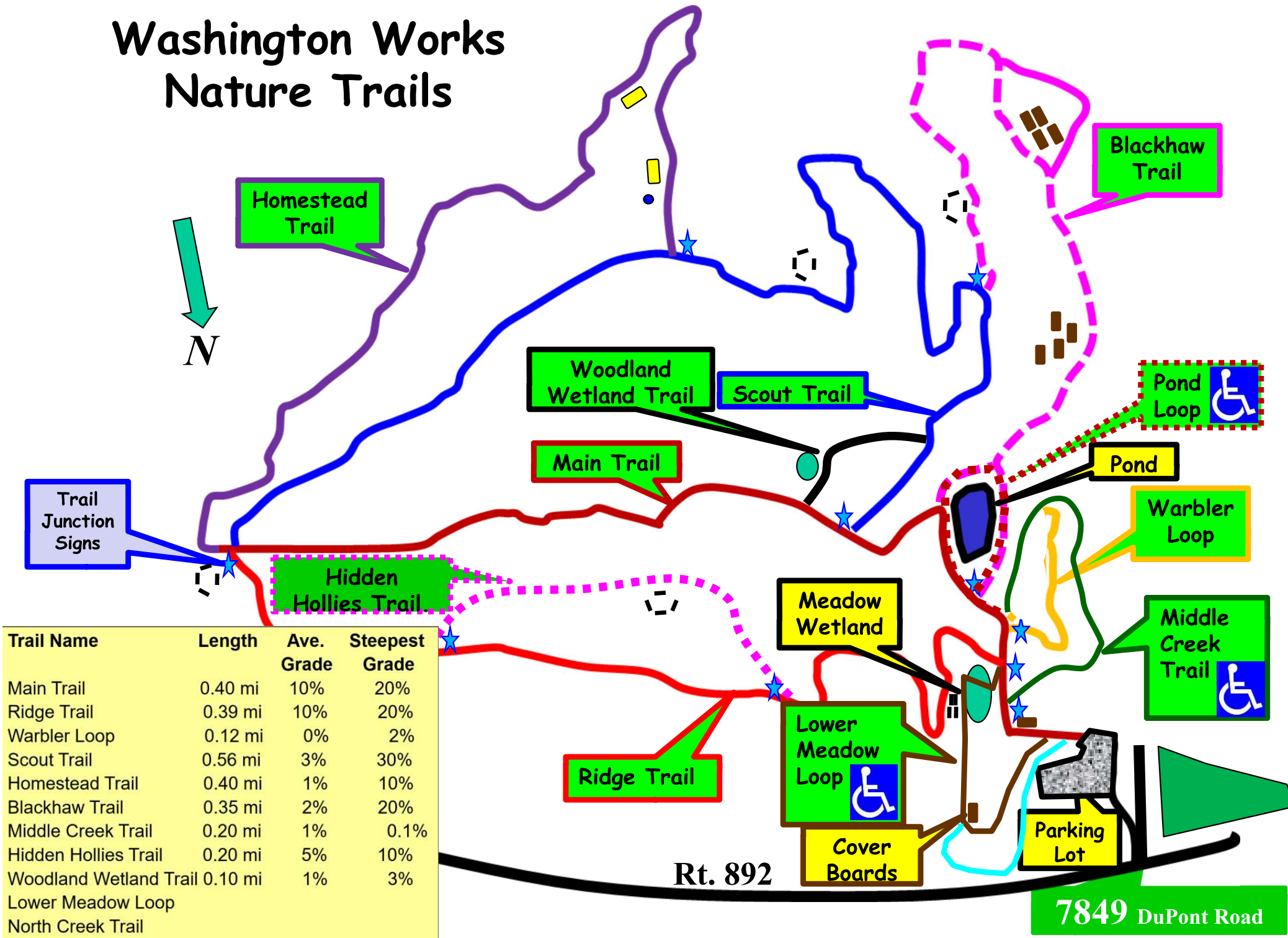
Washington Works plant  
main entrance.



Rt. 50  
from  
Parkersburg

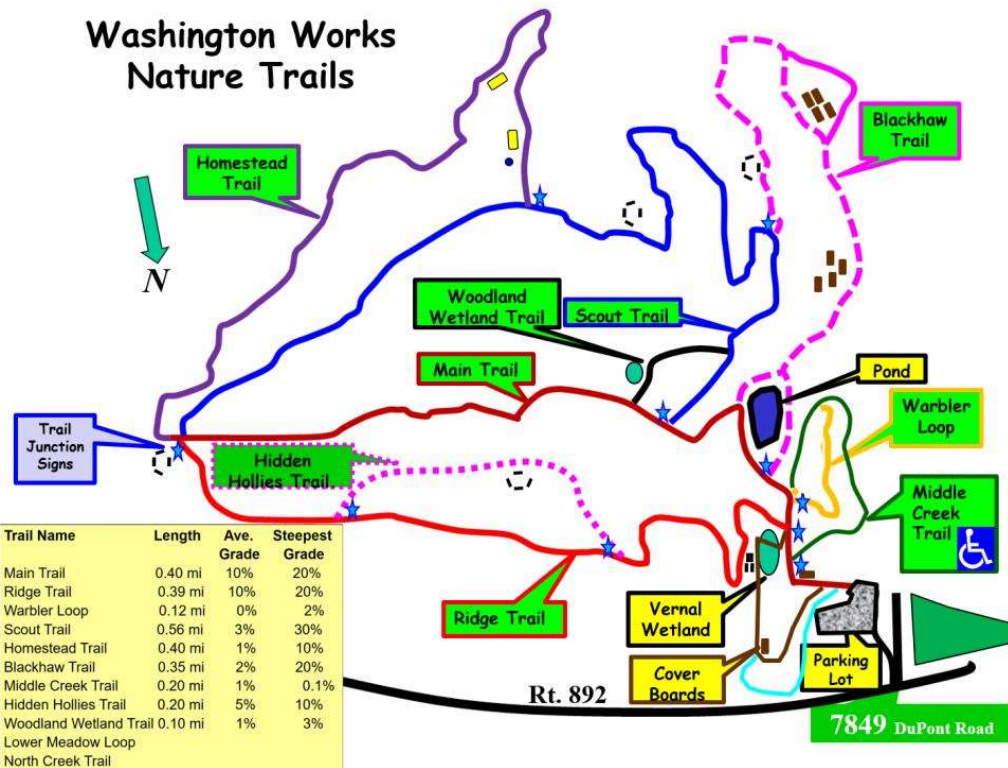


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**Field Trips can be  
self arranged and self-guided**

**Want some help?**

**Arrangements can be made for:**

- Nature Docent helpers
- Coordination with class curriculum needs
- Pre-hike awareness walks with teachers

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***Hope to see you soon !***

## Examples of Diverse Educational Opportunities at the Washington Works Nature Trails

### Nature Studies

- Tree Identification
- Invasives identification & impact
- Diverse Habitats
- Spring & Fall Flower identification
- Insects
- Birds & bird nests
- Reptiles & Amphibians
- Critter Tracks & Scat
- Periodic Studies over time/seasons
- Fungi identification
- Erosion

### Math

- Counting
- Measuring
- Estimating
- Distance
- Time

### Writing

- Descriptive writing
- Story telling
- Event write-up

### Art

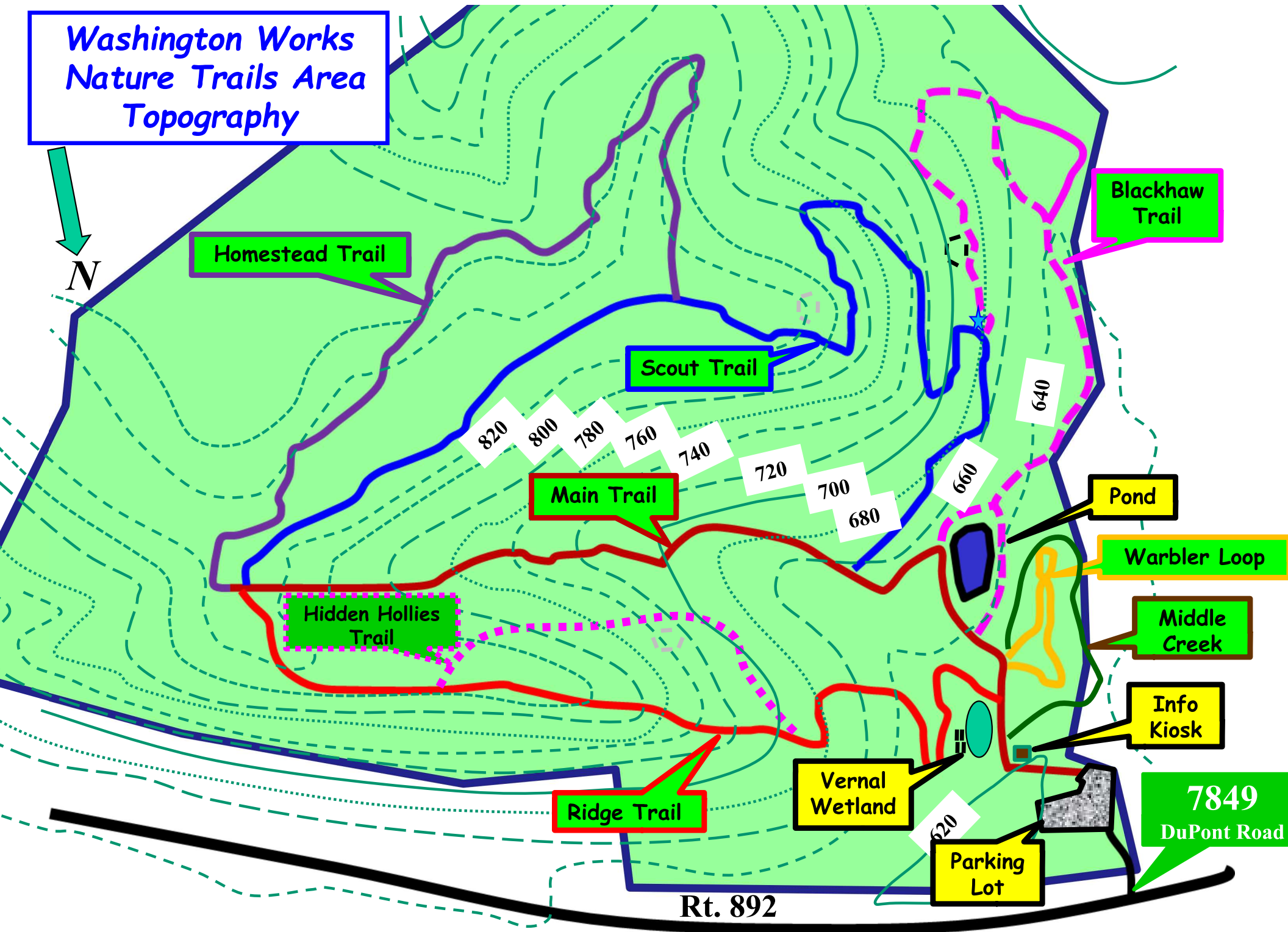
- Photography
- Drawing scenery, flowers, bugs, stumps, rocks, trees, fungi, etc.

### History

- Remnants of Pioneer Homestead, 1880's vintage
- Remnants of Gas Wells



# Washington Works Nature Trails Area Topography





# What habitats are available?

Conifer seedlings have been planted along hardwood perimeters for added diversity

Cavity Nesting boxes throughout site

2.5 miles of hiking trails

Hardwood forest

New Upper Meadow

Old Lower Meadow

Vernal Wetland

Pond

Intermittent Streams

Structured Brush Piles

Woodland Wetland

Pond

MeadowWetland

Mason Bee House

Bat House

Cover Boards

Cover Boards

Owl House

Cover Boards

Wood Duck Box

Trailhead Kiosk

Parking Lot

Rt. 892

