

The History of Bourne Farm

Bourne Farm is not a place where important events happened or famous people lived; and it is not a place of outstanding architectural distinction. But it is are survivor of an endangered species, an eighteenth century farm of modest size in an area that is rapidly being swallowed up by half-acre lots and condominiums.

The 35.73 acre Bourne Farm fronts on Old Main Road, Rt.28A, in West Falmouth, Massachusetts. It has long been told that Bourne Farm was one of the first seven houses in West Falmouth, although this cannot be documented. We do know that Joseph Crowell, born in 1744, who, with his father purchased the lands and pastures now known as Bourne Farm, probably erected the house around 1775. The property was owned by various families through the succeeding years. In 1925 Lester Bourne Sr. and his wife Eulinda Bowman Bourne along with their five children became the last family to own Bourne Farm. Shortly before Mrs. Bourne's death in 1971, she deeded Bourne Farm to her five children.

In 1979, Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc., under the direction of Ermine W. Lovell, founder and president, purchased the farm from the Bourne grand-children for \$400,000. At the end of 1999, Salt Pond purchased 14 acres of land contiguous to Bourne Farm from the Sweeney family. Adding this wooded parcel gave Bourne Farm a total of 49 acres protected for future generations to enjoy.

Today the property is used and appreciated in many ways by its visitors. The public can enjoy a peaceful stroll by the pond or a quiet walk on a wooded trail. Salt Pond holds its Pumpkin Day festival every Columbus Day weekend. The event is widely attended by families and children of all ages. The property is host to various nature classes in the summer months. Local artists and photographers frequently use the property. Also, individuals or organizations can lease Bourne Farm for functions, such as weddings, receptions, family reunions and parties. In the near future we will have the 18th Century Farmhouse available for intimate gatherings.

Please call 508-548-8484 for more information.

Please Join Us!

Please fill out and mail this form today to become a Salt Pond Member or renew your current membership and, if you wish, to make a designated contribution to Bourne Farm, The Knob, Dr. Donald J. Zinn Scholarship Fund and/or to Salt Pond Areas Bird Sanctuaries, Inc. for general purposes.

Membership Contributions

- ☐ Individual \$35
- ☐ Family \$65
- ☐ Sponsor \$100
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- ☐ Dr. Donald J. Zinn Scholarship Fund _____
- ☐ For general purposes _____

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All contributions are deductible under section 170
of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Bourne Farm is available for private functions.

Please call us for more
information on renting the property.

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Bourne Farm Information and Trail Map



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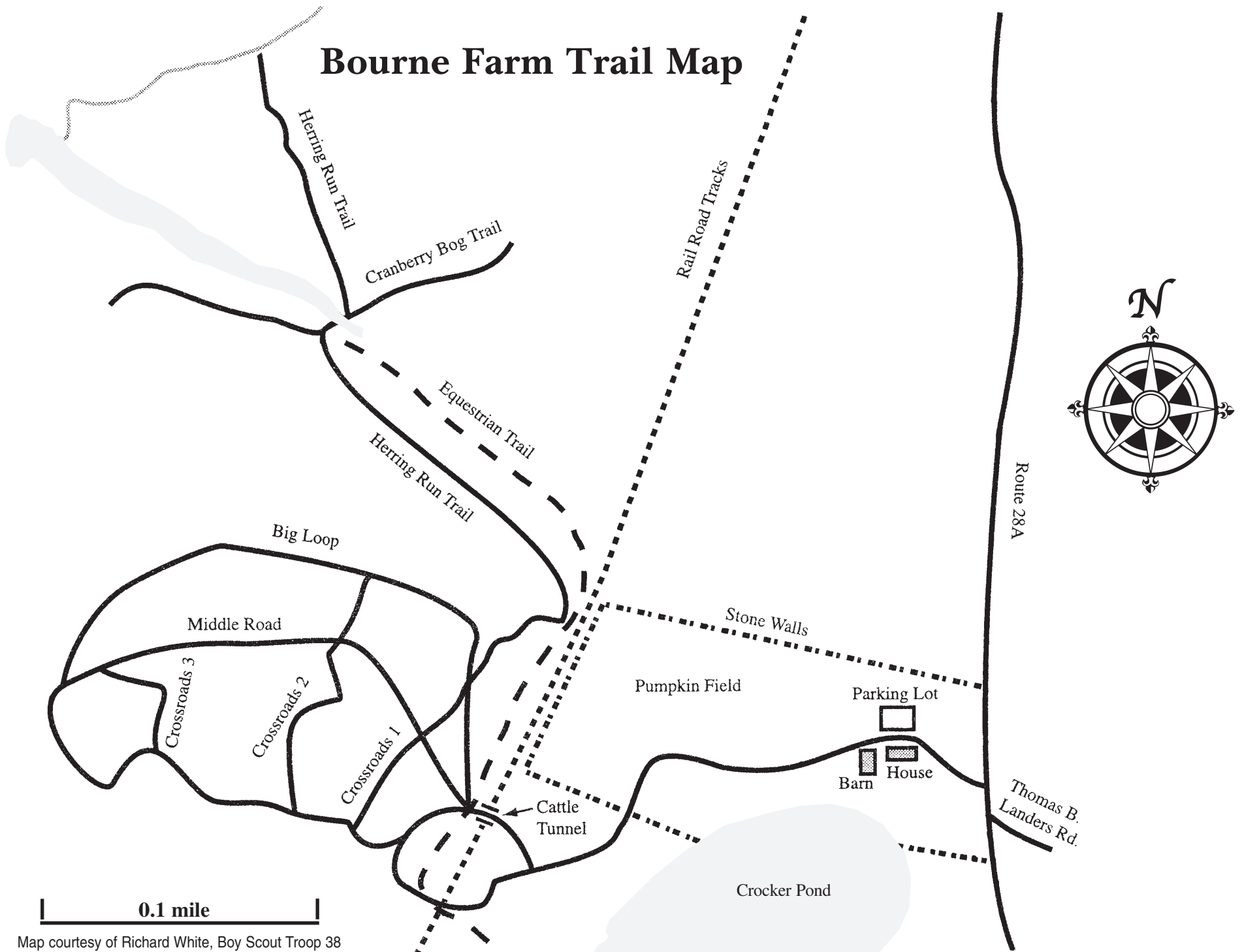
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Bourne Farm Trail Map



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