

History of the Island Preserve

The 40 acre Island Preserve was donated to GVC in 2004 as part of an innovated project, hybridizing a managed green space with a limited housing development. Previously, the property was under agricultural use since at least 1938.

Management of the Island Preserve

Grasslands - In 2005, 24.2 acres of the Preserve was accepted into the USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). This program lends GVC technical and financial support to establish and maintain native grass stands on the property. These native grasses will provide for excellent bird habitat as well as for other species.

Woodlot - GVC is working to restore the 3.5 acre woodlot on the property. Buckthorn, an aggressive invasive, prevents the regeneration of other plants; decreasing biodiversity. We are slowly removing Buckthorn and replacing them with more desirable species such as Maple and Oak trees. We are also working to make the woodlot safe for visitors by removing Poison Ivy along the trails.

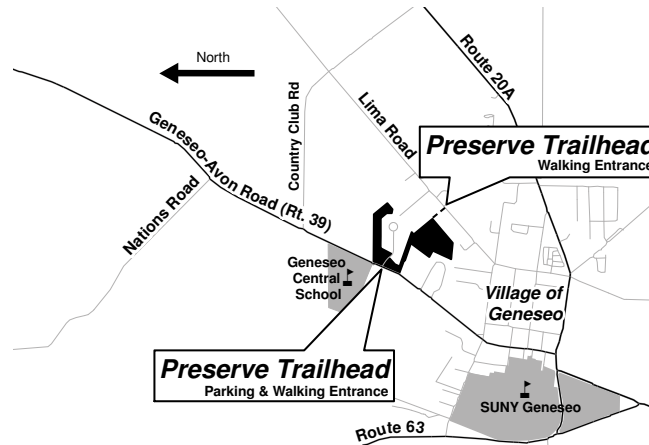
Uses of the Island Preserve

Please enjoy low impact recreation, such as hiking, dog-walking* and bird watching.

Prohibited Activities

Please refrain from hunting/trapping, discharge of firearms, motorized vehicles, bicycles, camping, and dumping/littering.

*Please clean up after your dog(s). Your dog(s) must be leashed or under your control.



Hours

The Island Preserve is open daily between sun-up and sun-down.

Directions

Parking

Head north on Main Street/Route 39. Turn right onto Cavalry Drive (across from the central school), park on the side of the road at the Preserve sign, 8 Cavalry Drive.

Trailheads

At parking, described above, **or** enter at 213 Lima Rd. This entrance is on our neighbor's property; please respect their privacy by heading straight to our sign and back to the Preserve.

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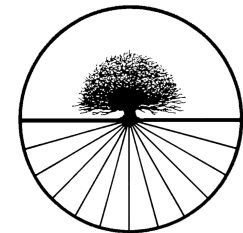


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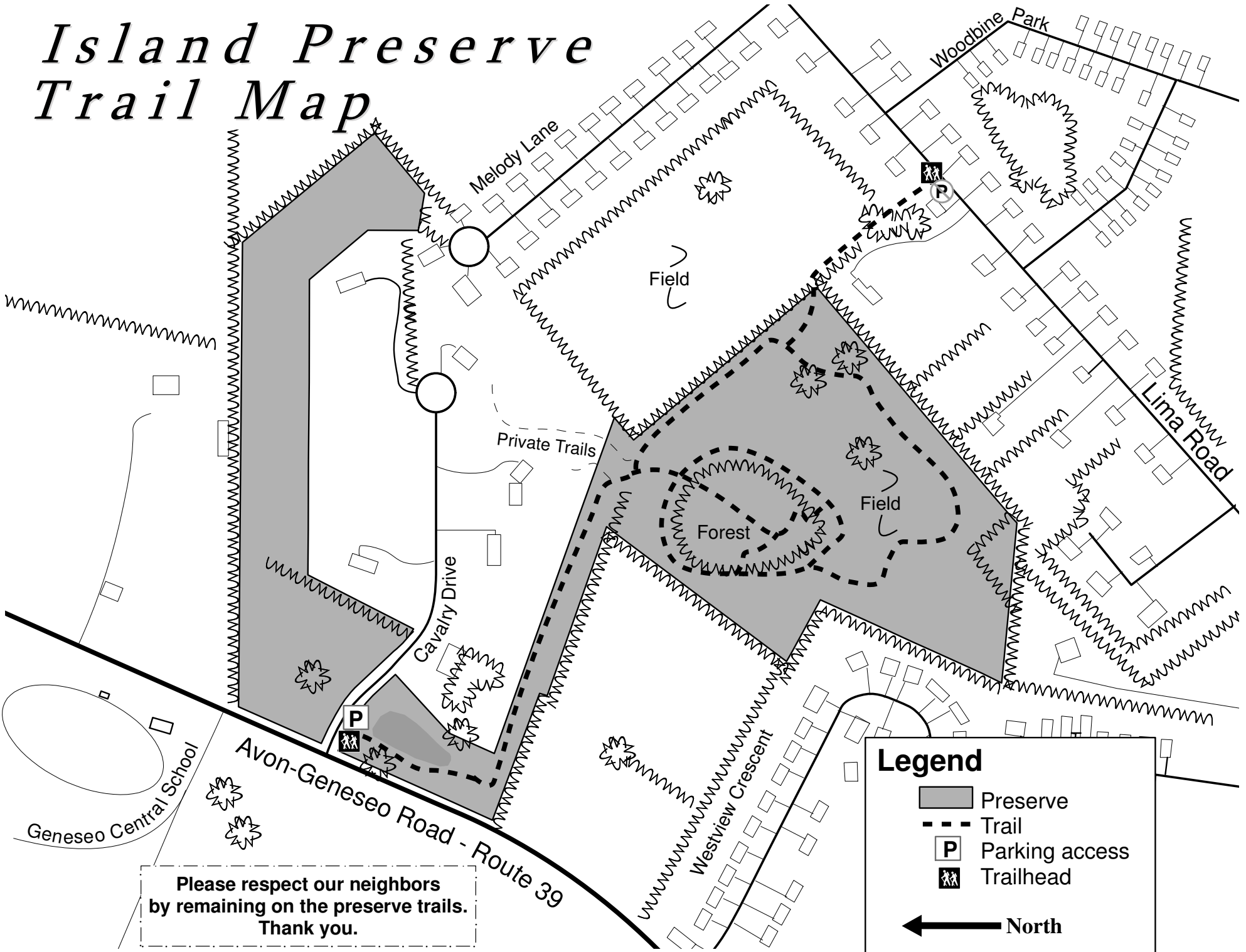
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Island Preserve



"To protect the habitat, open space and farmland of the Genesee Valley region."



Island Preserve Trail Map



Please respect our neighbors
by remaining on the preserve trails.
Thank you.

Legend

- Preserve
- Trail
- P Parking access
- Trailhead
- North