

Hollow Fields

The linked hayfields and forests of the 660+ acre Hollow Fields reserve offer the Berkshires' best view of Yokun Ridge, and abundant bobolinks nesting in the grasslands. Enjoy walking the path through the fields or exploring the trails and wood roads in adjoining forestland, including a 45-acre parcel owned by the Town of Richmond.

Directions: Follow Perry's Peak Road in Richmond for 0.3 miles. Trailhead is signed, on the left. Please do not park directly on Perry's Peak Road in any season.

GPS: 42.4068, -73.3654 (Trailhead parking)



Photo: Gabrielle K. Murphy

WELCOME! WE INVITE YOU TO . . .

ENJOY this property on foot, horseback (except when trails are muddy), 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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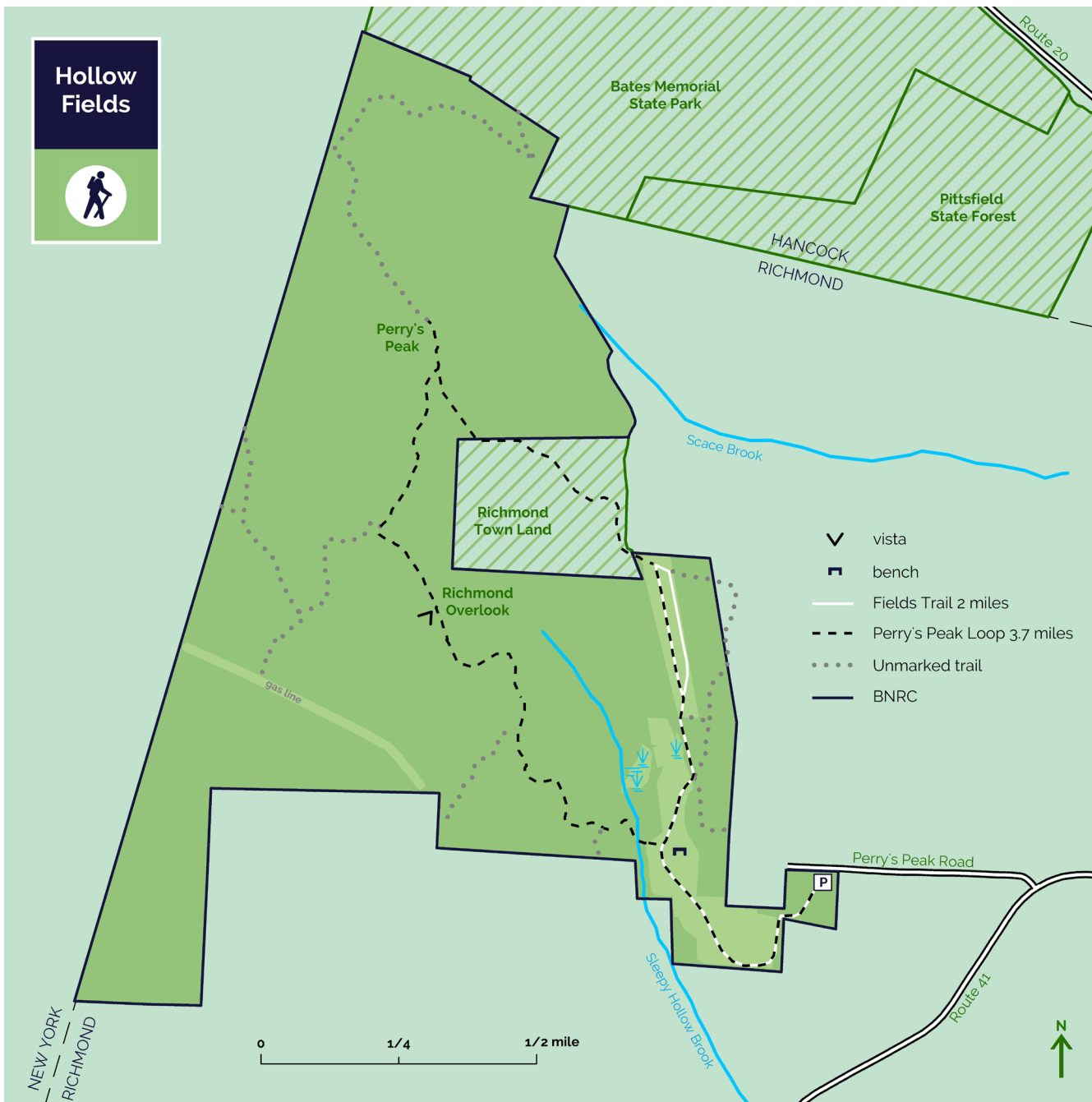
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HOLLOW FIELDS TRAIL MAP



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Fields Trail: 2 miles, round-trip

Difficulty: Moderate (smooth footing, elevation changes)

Perry's Peak Loop: 3.7 miles, round-trip

Difficulty: Moderate (uneven footing, elevation changes)

The Fields Trail is a mowed path that runs downhill from the barn. Without too much effort, a walk up through some of the 40 acres of fields provides a profile view of Yokun Ridge and a bench to enjoy it from. Higher up, there is a view of the crenellated hills of South Berkshire. After the summer haying season, the mowed path can sometimes be difficult to make out. Trail blazes on the bluebird birdhouses mark the trail direction.

Perry's Peak Loop also follows the mowed path from the trailhead. At the first intersection take a left into the woods to hike the loop clockwise toward **Richmond Overlook** (aka Scotty's Lookout) and then to **Perry's Peak**. Hikers take a short spur to get to the forested summit of Perry's Peak. Both loop directions incorporate a steep climb along woods roads and a beautiful mix of forest types; including oak/beech, stands of red pine, and semi-open ridge tops bursting with ferns, old apple trees, and wild berries.

NATURAL HISTORY

The fields host a variety of important and declining wildlife, including bobolinks and Savannah sparrows, which nest only in grasslands. Milkweed, a food source and habitat for monarch butterflies, is abundant in the fields. The scrub and young forest offer breeding sites for indigo bunting and eastern towhee. The forest stands include northern hardwoods, spruce plantations, and some hemlock.