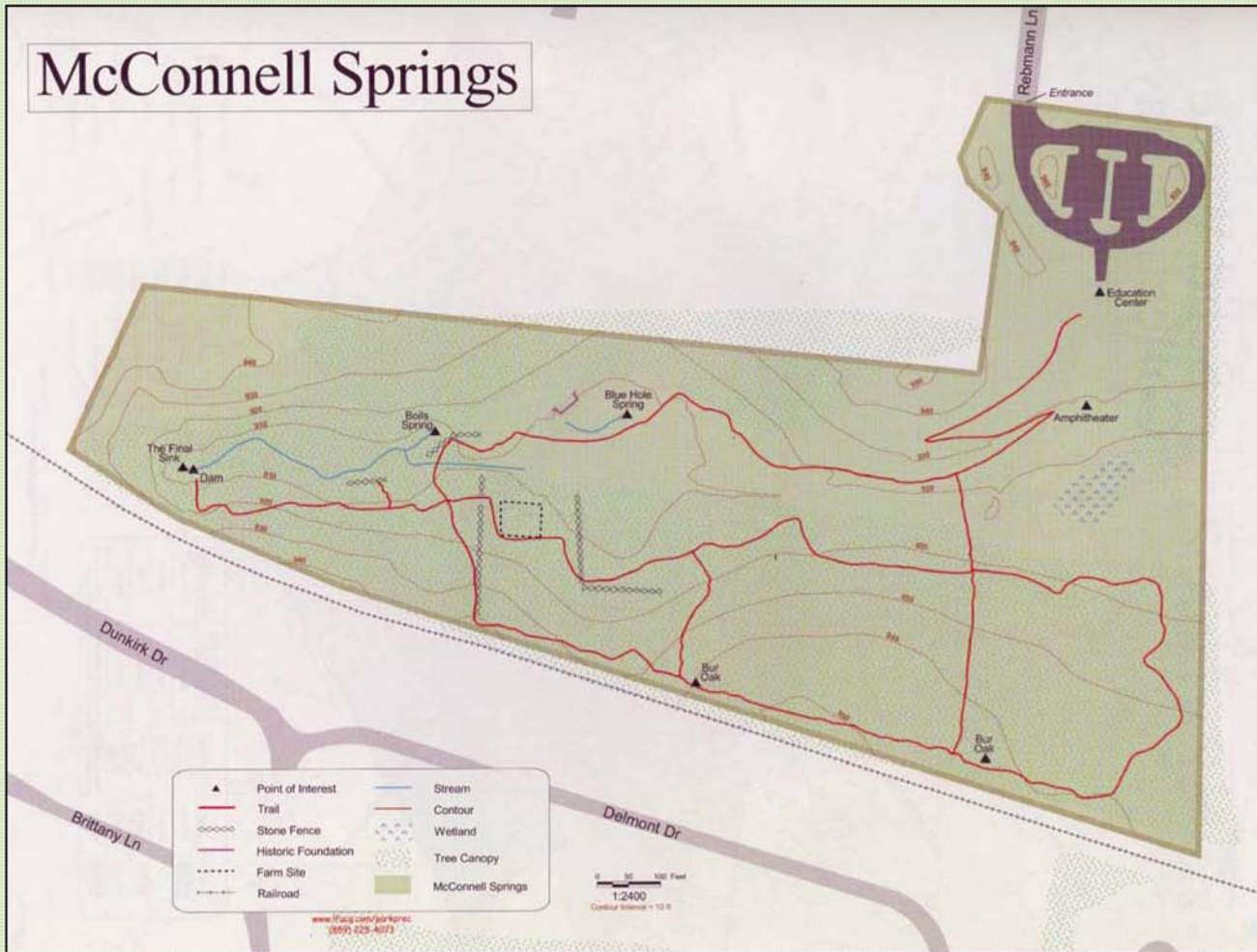


# McConnell Springs



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## McConnell Springs Quest

A campsite, a farm,  
a park, many things,

Start this Quest to learn the  
story of McConnell Springs.

McConnell Springs Quest Information:

Natural & Historical Quest

Physical Difficulty: Easy



Handicap Accessible: Paved/Gravel Path



COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



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## This quest takes approximately 30-45 minutes. Enjoy.

### Clues:

In Massachusetts, April 1775, the Revolutionary War began, imagine troops, Paul Revere, and minutemen.

News of the first battle would reach William McConnell and friends, thus the name of this place, this town, your journey begins.

Start at the large paved parking lot, Under the rock archway is the spot. Look to the left secured to the arch, Read this plaque before you resume to march.

Walk under the shelter for the next clue, Find the McConnell Springs Park signs in view. Take the paved path that will turn and twist, Note the tree markers that are easily missed.

The markers note trees that the pioneers would have seen, Native species flaunting colors of red, purple, and green.

Stay on the paved path, your next clue is soon insight, Take a left turn, there is no right.

March along the paved path and search for remnants of rock, Used during the late 1800's for horses, pigs, and other livestock.

Stones quarried and fences constructed on site many years before, Now carefully preserved and maintained for all to adore.

Continue on the paved path and keep your eyes peeled, Keep trekking along until large grey stones are revealed.

These stones were once a dairy barn's foundation, Where the Cahill's and cattle worked hard with no time to vacation.

Take time and read what the sign on the right has to say, Then once you have finished do not delay.

As you keep along on the path do not fear, You'll find no trolls dwelling under here.

Look to your left, the "Boils" spring you will see, Water emerging from under the ground, could it be?

Yes, it's true and after it's rained, The surface will bubble, thus the name is explained.

Continue the path, but look under your feet, With each step you take gravel you meet.

As you cross the boardwalk take a look around, The "Blue Hole" to your left is fed from the ground. It's likely that Native Americans and settlers once stood in this place, Admiring the deep, cool, blue water and the beauty of this space.

Continue on the paved path, take a seat if you like, But it's only a short, brief walk until the end of the hike.

Turns, twists, could it be déjà vu? No, retrace your steps from the previous clues.

Continue on the paved path where the shelter awaits, Find the large grey rock with the name Isabel Yates.

Find the McConnell Springs Park logo, Take a "rubbing" of it so everyone will know,

You completed the McConnell Springs Park Quest, Congratulations, and please be our guest!

Enter our center if the hours are right, We have a small prize that is sure to

excite!