

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Preserve Hours: Dawn till Dusk

- Follow Posted Signage at All Times
- Dogs Must Be on a Leash at All Times
- Pack Out All Trash and Dog Waste
- Stay On Marked Trails
- The Following Are Prohibited:
  - Hunting
  - Excessive Noise
  - Alcohol and Glass Containers
  - Camping and Fires
  - Collecting of Plants, Animals or Artifacts
  - Overnight Parking
  - Mountain Bikes
  - All-Terrain Vehicles

Horseback riding is permitted at Gnome Hollow. Stay on marked trails and do not ride in the preserve in wet conditions.

## IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Gnome Hollow, a 132-acre preserve, is primarily a deciduous hardwood forest. It also contains a small former Christmas tree farm. The property has a mix of native hardwoods, including mature oak and black birch, hickory, and emerging sugar maple. These dense stands of forest are important habitat for migrating songbirds and large mammals, such as black bear and bobcat. The mix of evergreens and hardwoods also makes for suitable owl habitat.

Several large vernal pools, which flood in spring then drain in summer, are found throughout the forest. These temporary pools are important habitat for amphibians, which can breed in them without having fish eat their eggs. The vernal pools are also important recharge areas for the aquifer. Groundwater seeps into the forest floor in these pool areas, and then gradually flows through the bedrock to streams, wetlands, and the Paulinskill River. Protection of the forest helps to protect the Paulinskill Watershed.

Gnome Hollow Preserve and its trail connect with Frelinghuysen Forest Preserve, owned by Frelinghuysen Township. The Gnome Hollow trail can also be followed back down to Stillwater Road, about a mile west of the parking area, to a small connector trail that leads through state-owned lands to the Paulinskill Valley Trail. See map for details.

ADDRESS FOR PARKING LOT:  
2039 Stillwater Rd, Frelinghuysen NJ 07825\*

\*address across the street from parking lot

GPS COORDINATES:  
40.9996, -74.8934



Gnome illustration by Jennifer Ramirez, 2019

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

## ABOUT US

Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a private, non-profit local land trust, founded in 1992, that preserves natural areas within the Appalachian Valley and Ridge Region of northwestern New Jersey for the benefit of people and wildlife. We protect forests, meadows, farmland and watercourses, and practice sound ecological management of the land we've protected. Many of our preserves are open to the public, so that people may commune with nature. RVC acquires both land and conservation easements. We also assist in the stewardship of public land and advise landowners as to their conservation options. RVC is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.

- Has protected over 3,500 acres of ecologically important open space and local farmland
- Assists communities, counties, and the state carry out their open space and farmland preservation programs
- Helps landowners find ways to preserve their land
- Offers nature education and other events on its preserves, to help people understand the value of protecting open space
- Works with local schools to provide experiential learning about conservation



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# GNOME HOLLOW PRESERVE

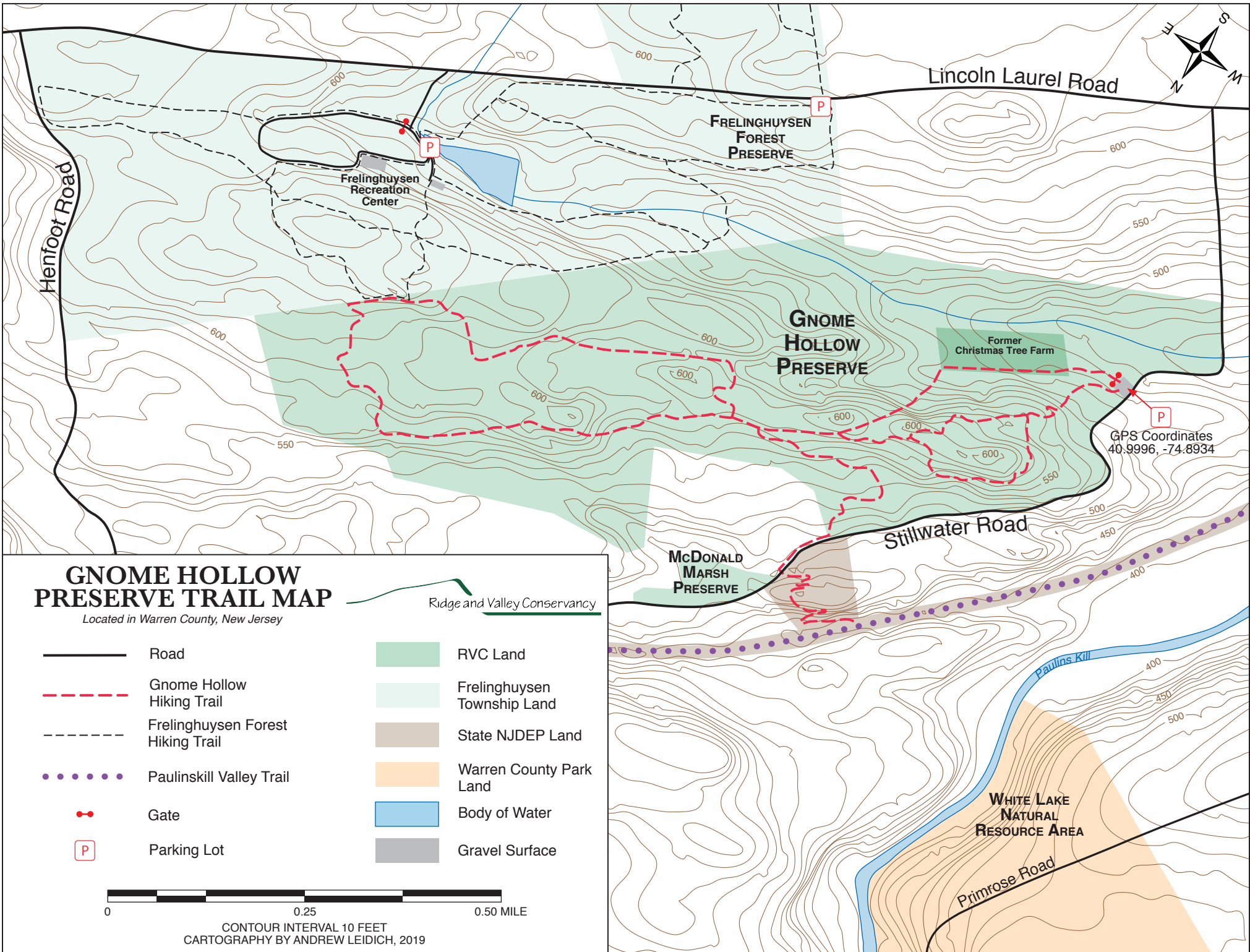
## TRAIL MAP



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# GNOME HOLLOW PRESERVE TRAIL MAP

Located in Warren County, New Jersey

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- |  |                                   |  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Road                              |  | RVC Land                    |
|  | GNOME HOLLOW Hiking Trail         |  | Frelinghuysen Township Land |
|  | Frelinghuysen Forest Hiking Trail |  | State NJDEP Land            |
|  | Paulinskill Valley Trail          |  | Warren County Park Land     |
|  | Gate                              |  | Body of Water               |
|  | Parking Lot                       |  | Gravel Surface              |



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
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