

BICENTENNIAL POND RECREATION AREA

AT SCHOOLHOUSE BROOK PARK

Bicentennial Pond was constructed in the mid-1970's and dedicated in 1976 for the Nation's Bicentennial. It is the Town's first and only outdoor swimming area, used by over 1,000 swimmers each summer.

 **Swimming** - Permitted in roped areas during the Summer months when a lifeguard is on duty.

 **Fishing** - The CT Department of Energy and Environmental stocks the pond annually. All CT laws and regulations must be followed.

 **Accessibility** - Byron's Trail is a .07 mile universally accessible loop constructed in 2017 with funds from the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program Grant. The trail was built in accordance with the National Parks Service accessibility guidelines. Please note that sections of trail may be steeper and longer than typical ADA ramps.

 **Scenic Overlook** - Experience views of The Pond from atop the wooded hillside.

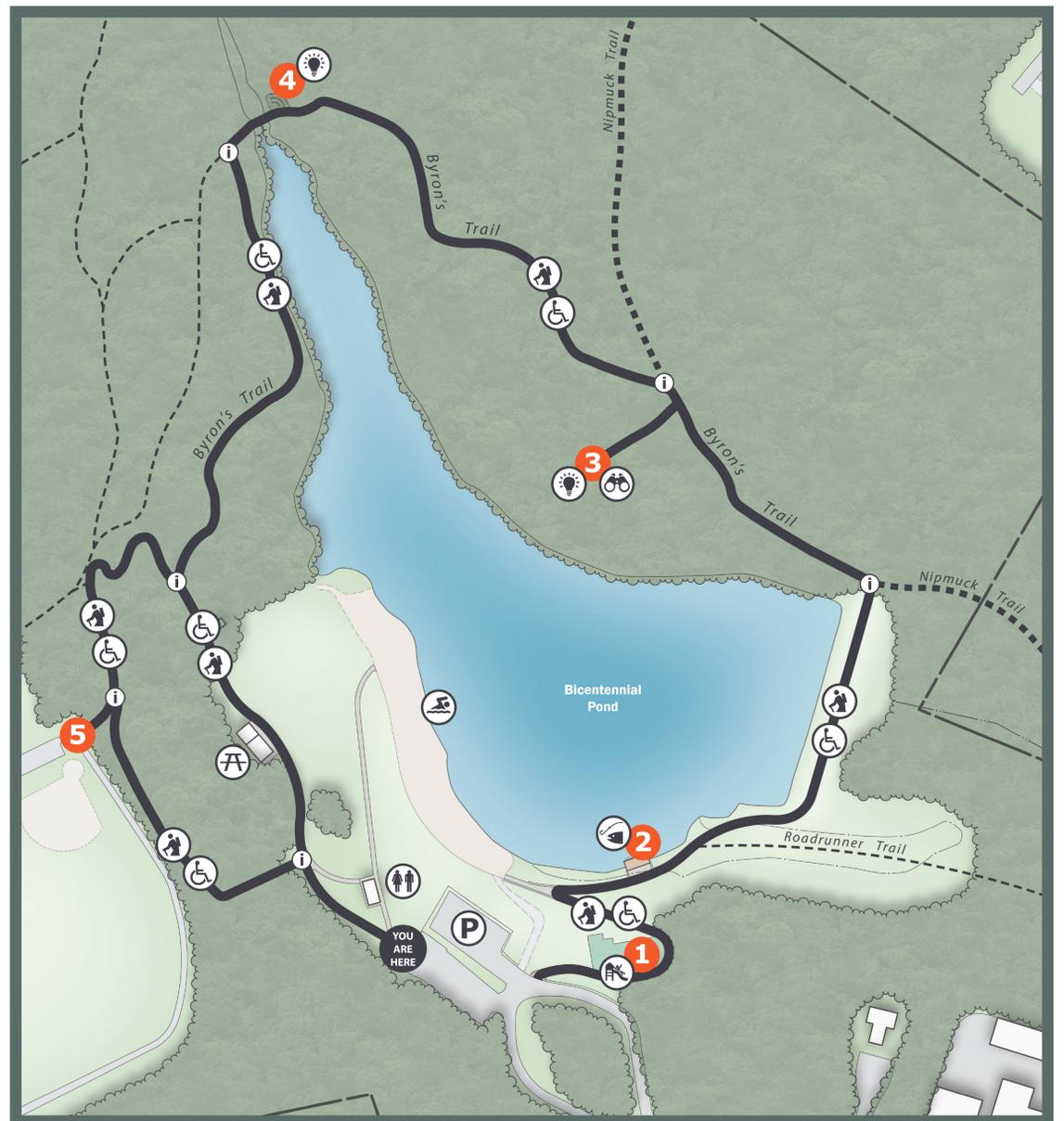
 **Hiking** - Hike over 8.5 miles of trails in Schoolhouse Brook Park, including the CT blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail, which continues on to the Massachusetts border.

 **Picnic** - Picnic pavilion may be rented for group events.

 **Outdoor Classroom** - Educational areas have been created along the trail to foster natural learning opportunities.

 **Playground** - Fully accessible with poured-in-place resilient rubber surface.

- Open from dawn to dusk
- Consumption of alcohol, fires outside of designated areas, smoking, motorized vehicles & removal of plants prohibited.
- Pets on leash only.
- A full listing of permitted and prohibited activities is available from the parks and recreation department

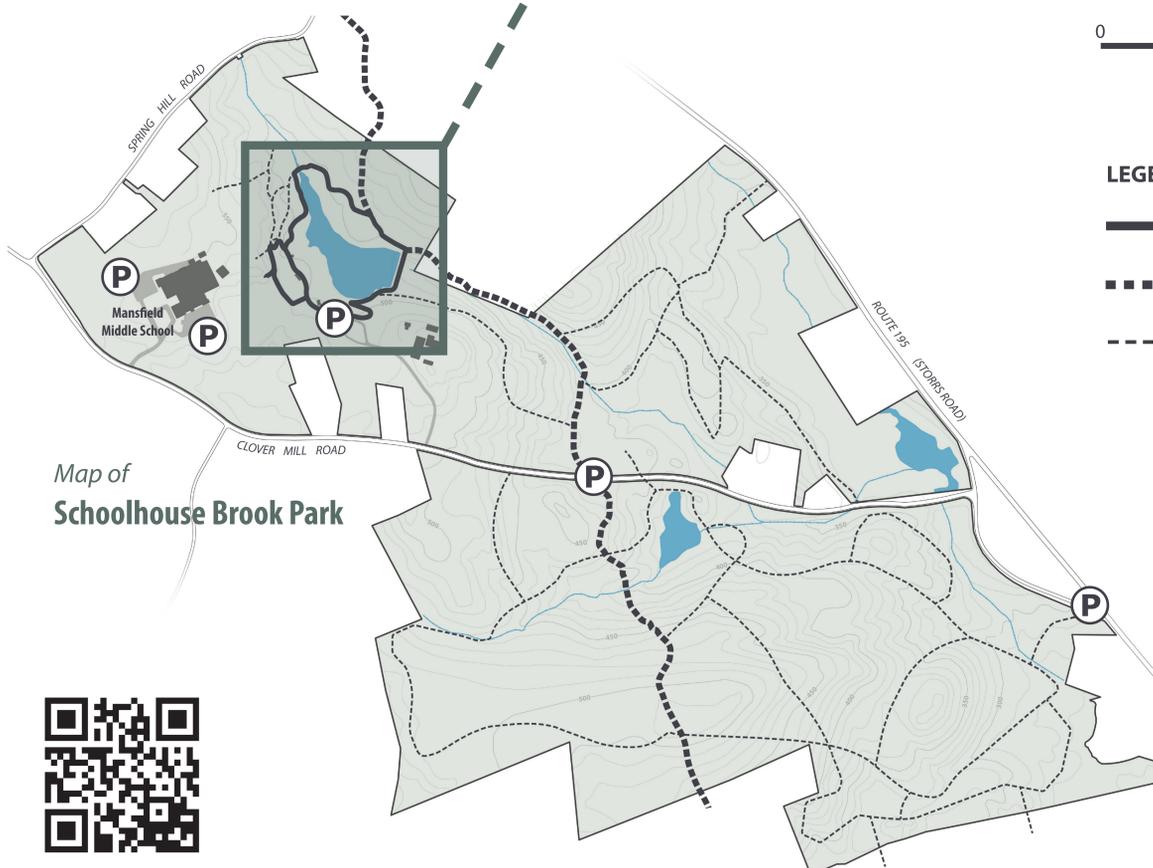


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LEGEND:

-  Byron's Trail
-  Nipmuck Trail
-  Hiking Trails
-  1 Playground
-  2 Fishing Pier
-  3 Scenic Overlook
-  4 Stream Classroom
-  5 Middle School Access
-  Public Restrooms
-  P Parking
-  i Trail Sign



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