

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

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## 2011 Trails Maintenance Report Westmore Town Forest Paul Moffat Trail and Gjessing Bogwalk

### Project Goals:

- Replace deteriorated Gjessing Bogwalk with new cedar plank walkway,
- Conduct routine maintenance of Paul Moffat Trail and Back Loop Trail, as needed,
- Standardize trail marking system with complete revision of paint blazes and installation of new signs, posts and wayfinding maps.

### Work Completed:

- 2 weeks crew labor- July 25-29; Sept 12-16
- Hauled 200 8-foot 2x8 cedar planks to work site from adjacent property/landing site
- Disassembled and removed old walkway
- Constructed and installed 26 8-foot plank boardwalk segments, including a 6x8-foot landing area
- Replaced 12 plank bog bridges leading to Gjessing boardwalk
- Cleared entire trail network of brush and blowdowns
- Installed 4 trail adjustments/sidehill segments totaling 405-feet
- Constructed one 12-foot timber bog bridge on Back Loop Trail
- Installed 21 step stones in wet area
- Completely revised blue paint blaze system using fresh blazes and 'blaze out' brown paint to conceal old/obsolete blazes
- Installed 4 new 4x4 sign posts at waypoints
- Constructed and installed new trail signs, register box, and 2 map boards
- Mapped entire trail network with GPS and drafted new visitor map
- Revised Guide to Westmore Town Forest and posted at trailhead kiosk

### Future Recommendations:

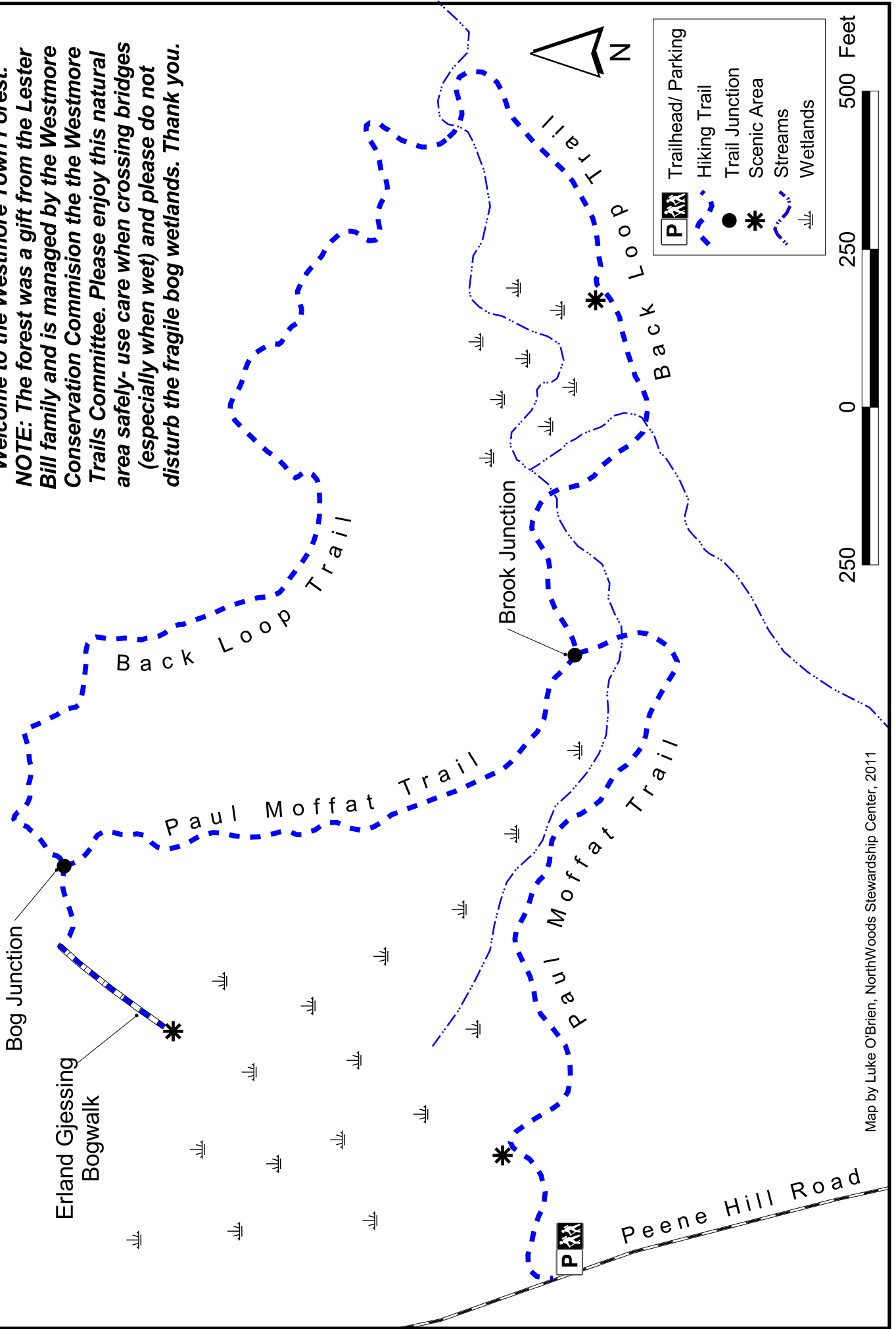
- Many older timber bridges are slippery and require replacement and/or some form of tread grip/railing system
- Step stones should, over time, be used to replace bridges, where possible



# Westmore Town Forest Trails System

Westmore, Vermont

Welcome to the Westmore Town Forest.  
**NOTE: The forest was a gift from the Lester Bill family and is managed by the Westmore Conservation Commission the the Westmore Trails Committee. Please enjoy this natural area safely- use care when crossing bridges (especially when wet) and please do not disturb the fragile bog wetlands. Thank you.**



	Trailhead/ Parking
	Hiking Trail
	Trail Junction
	Scenic Area
	Streams
	Wetlands

