

HAMMOND MILL PRESERVE

Directions:

- * Heading east on Route 82, turn left (north) onto Hopyard Road.
- * After approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Dolbia Hill Road West.
- * After 200 yards, the preserve parking lot will be on your left.

IMPORTANT: Dolbia Hill Road West is a dead end. The property beyond the preserve parking area, on the opposite side of the bridge across the Eightmile River, is privately owned. Please do not drive or walk across the bridge.

Also, please park only on the left (north) side of Dolbia Hill Road West.

For more information or to report any problems during your visit, see: www.ehlt.org

Trail Facts:

- The preserve lies in a quiet oak/hemlock forest along the banks of the Eightmile River.
- The white trail is 0.1 miles long. It leads past the ruins of the ancient Hammond Mill, and then follows the course of the mill's head race to the remains of the dam to the north. **NOTE: Please do not walk on the remains of the dam; they are unstable.**
- The blue loop trail is 0.2 miles long and circles the preserve's high ground, offering scenic overlooks across the Eightmile River below.

Permitted Activities:

- ◆ Hiking
- ◆ Nature study
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Snowshoeing
- ◆ Birding

No motorized vehicles.

No hunting.



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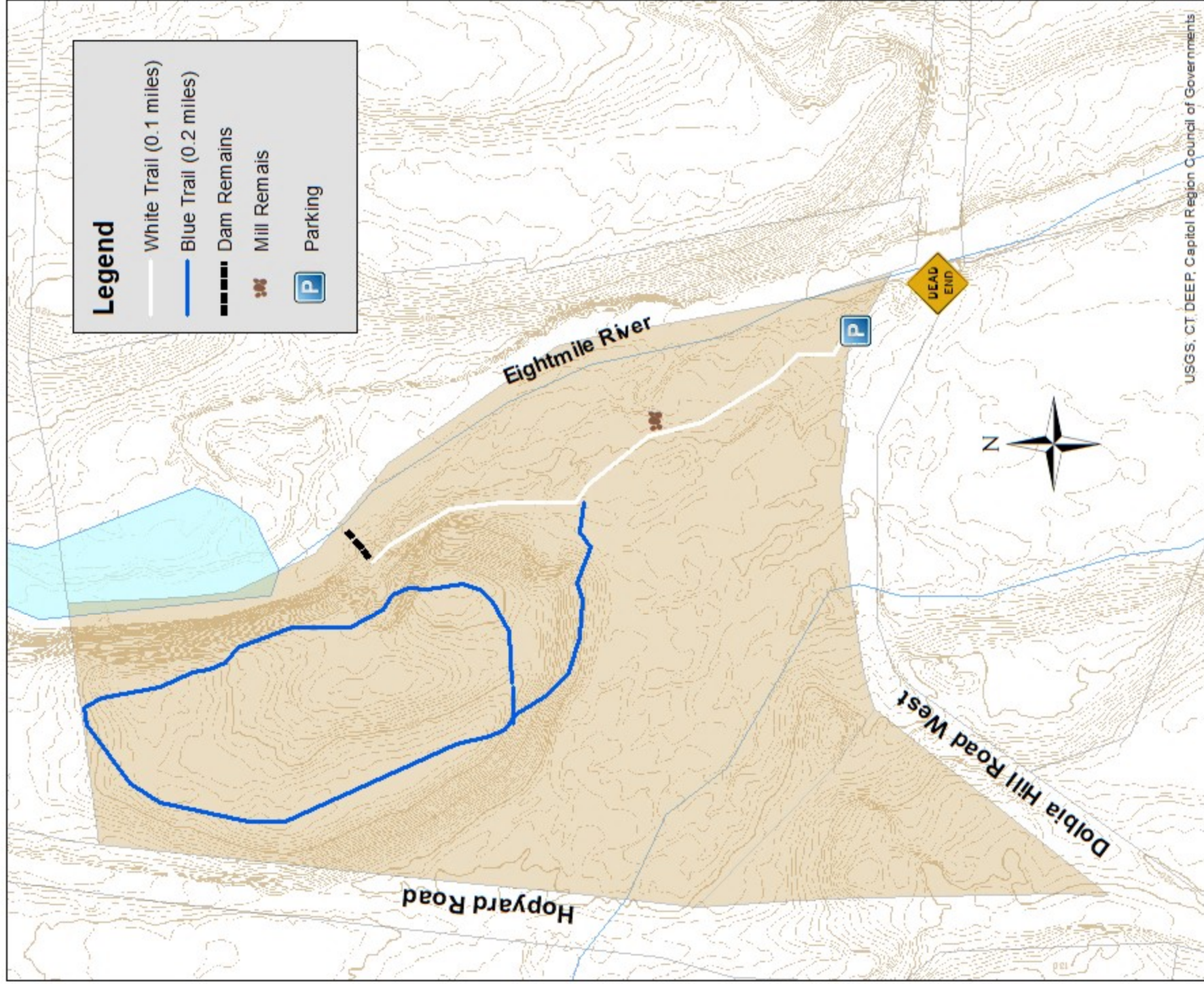
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Hammond Mill Preserve comprises 8.8 acres on the west side of the Eightmile River, south of Devil's Hopyard State Park. The bulk of the property was donated to East Haddam Land Trust in 1980 by Barbara and John Kashanski and became the land trust's first preserve.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the land was owned by Squire John Chapman, who ran two mills on the site, which over time included a grist mill, a sawmill, a fulling mill, a blacksmith shop, and a flaxseed oil press. The stone works still visible include the dam and its sluice, the head race that fed water to the mills, mill foundations, and the tail races that returned water from the mills to the river.



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