

# STONE VALLEY

Stone Valley Cooperative Area, located in the town of Parishville, offers a unique opportunity for outdoor skiing, nature historical exploration. Several private land parcels in the northern section of the area are respect property that are owned.

A spectacular stretch of about five miles between the Raquette River and the Raquette River Tub. Here there are waterfalls, gorges, and overhanging cliffs, and a variety of plants and animals.

The river is high, it thunders down the canyon with awesome power. At times of low water, the river channel is completely different. There are many opportunities for fishing and the play of the river. However, be alert for rapids rising water.

Reached by the trail is an unusual variety of woodlands and tree life. Birds, plants and animals in a riverine environment.

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County Planning Office

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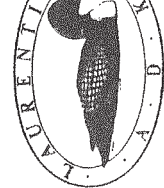


## STONE VALLEY POINTS OF INTEREST

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2. County Parking
3. Cathedral Grove Brook
4. Lucy's Hole (the
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6. The Tub
7. The Narrows
8. Southern Trailhead
9. Tannery Ruins
10. O'Malley Brook

For your own safety please register at the beginning and end of your trip.

Please help to keep the trails open  
If you pack it in --- please pack it out



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FOOT TRAILS  
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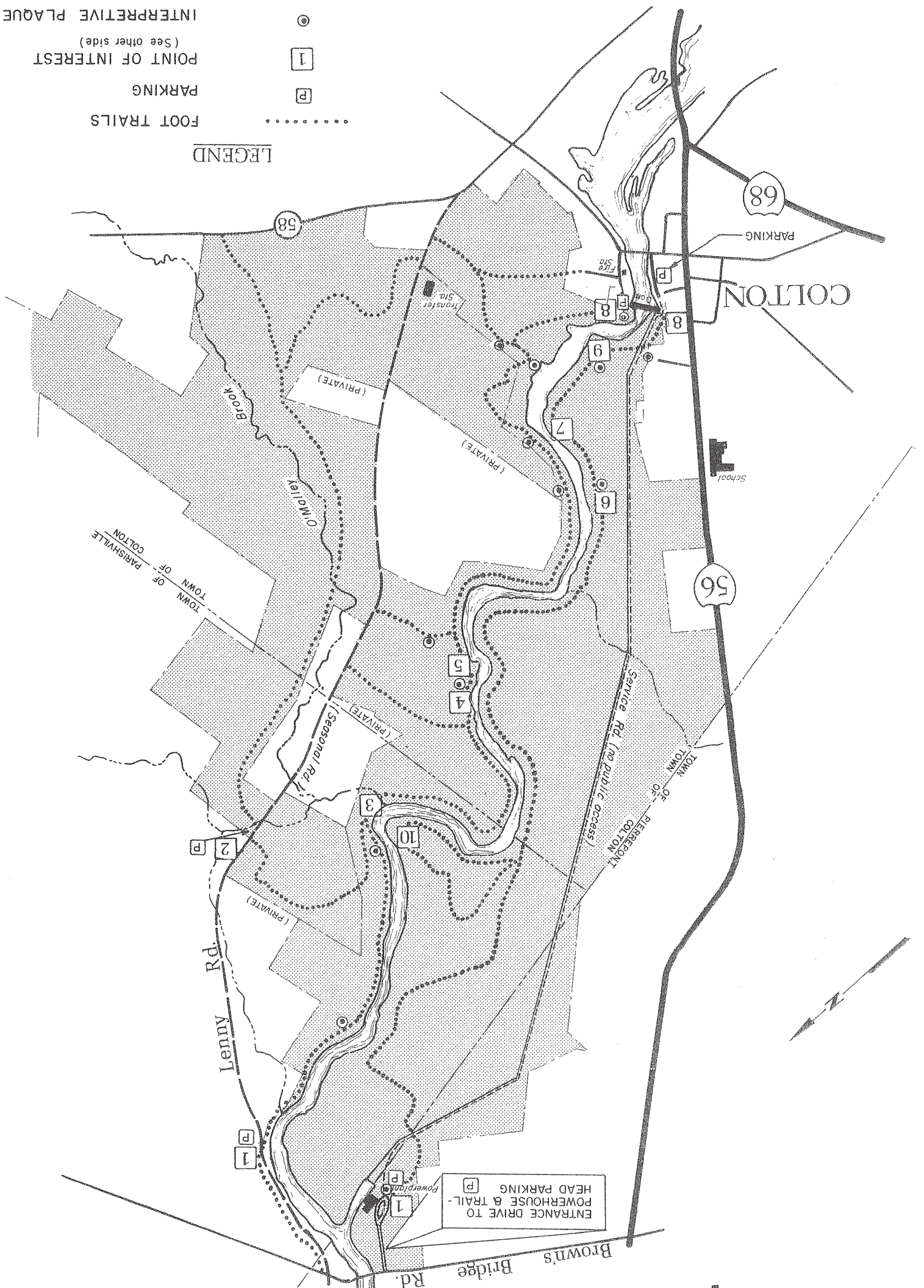
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# STONE VALLEY

The Stone Valley Cooperative owes the pleasure to LEWIS 1920-1999 whose energy and many of us together to build and this special place for the growing Lew, we dedicate this to Marvel and take care.

**STONE VALLEY** Cooperative is located in the towns of Ticonderoga and Lake Placid, offers an unusual skiing, cross-country skiing, historical exploration. There are land parcels in the Eastern Adirondacks, so please respect the

A particular stretch of **STONE VALLEY** is located one mile between the hamlet of Ticonderoga and Lake Placid. Dramatic rapids in this stretch of the river flow over waterfalls creating white water rapids, and overhanging cliffs, and

When the water is high, it thunders through this stretch of the river, some power, and is dangerous. When the water is low, the river presents a completely different environment. During low-water periods, the river releases from the dam, creating a powerful rising water, creating white water rapids. Stay on the trail.

This brochure was prepared by the Adirondack Park State Office, St. Lawrence County, New York, and Reliant Energy.

The Stone Valley trail system also offers a unique variety of topography, woodlands, and tree plantations. Many different types of birds, plants, and wildlife can be viewed along this diverse trail system, which is over 12 miles long.

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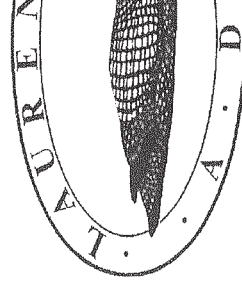
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**Please help keep the trail clean--  
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# Stone Valley Cooperative Recreation Area

Foot Trails

Point of Interest  
(See numbered list)

Parking

Reliant, St. Law. Co. &  
Town of Cotton Lands



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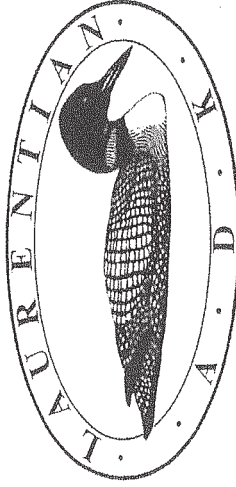
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## Leave No Trace

### Stick to Trails and Camp Overnight

- Beware, even during low-water periods, unexpected releases from the dam can create dangerous situations.
- Walk and ride on designated trails.
- Do not step on flowers or small trees.
- Respect private property - stay on designated trails.
- Camp only on existing or designated sites.
- Do not build trenches or build structures.

### Know Before You Go

- Be prepared! Bring food, water, a first aid kit, and a map.
- Use maps to plan where you're going.
- Course and won't get lost.
- Bring a leash for your pet and plan to keep it on.
- Learn about the areas you plan to visit.

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### Trash Your Trash

- Pack it in, Pack it out. Put litter-except for food, in garbage bags and carry them out.
- Use bathrooms or outhouses. If none, use a small hole 6-8 inches deep and 4-6 inches wide.
- Use a plastic bag to pack out your waste.
- Keep water clean. Do not put soap or chemicals in lakes or streams.

### Leave It As You Find It

- Leave plants, rocks and historical artifacts as you find them.
- Treat living plants with respect. Cutting plants may kill them.

### Be Careful with Fire

- Use a camp stove for cooking.
- If you want a campfire, use only dead and downed wood.
- A campfire isn't a garbage can. Do not burn anything but wood.
- Burn all wood to ash - be sure fire is out.

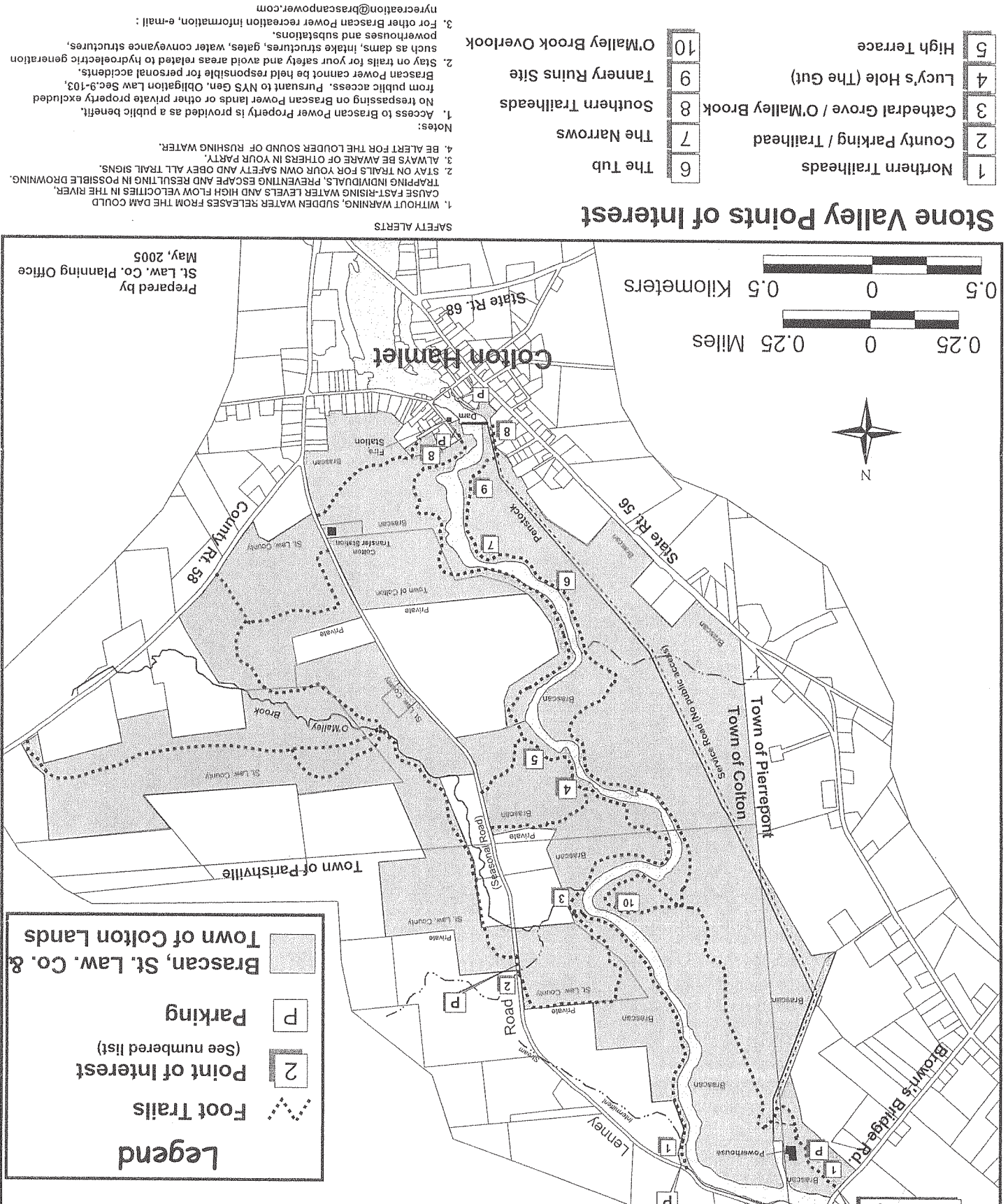
### Keep Wildlife Wild

- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Human food is unhealthy for wildlife.
- Securely store your meals and trash.
- Share Our Trails and Manage Your Trails.
- Be considerate when passing other hikers.
- Keep your pet under control.
- Listen to nature. Avoid loud noises.

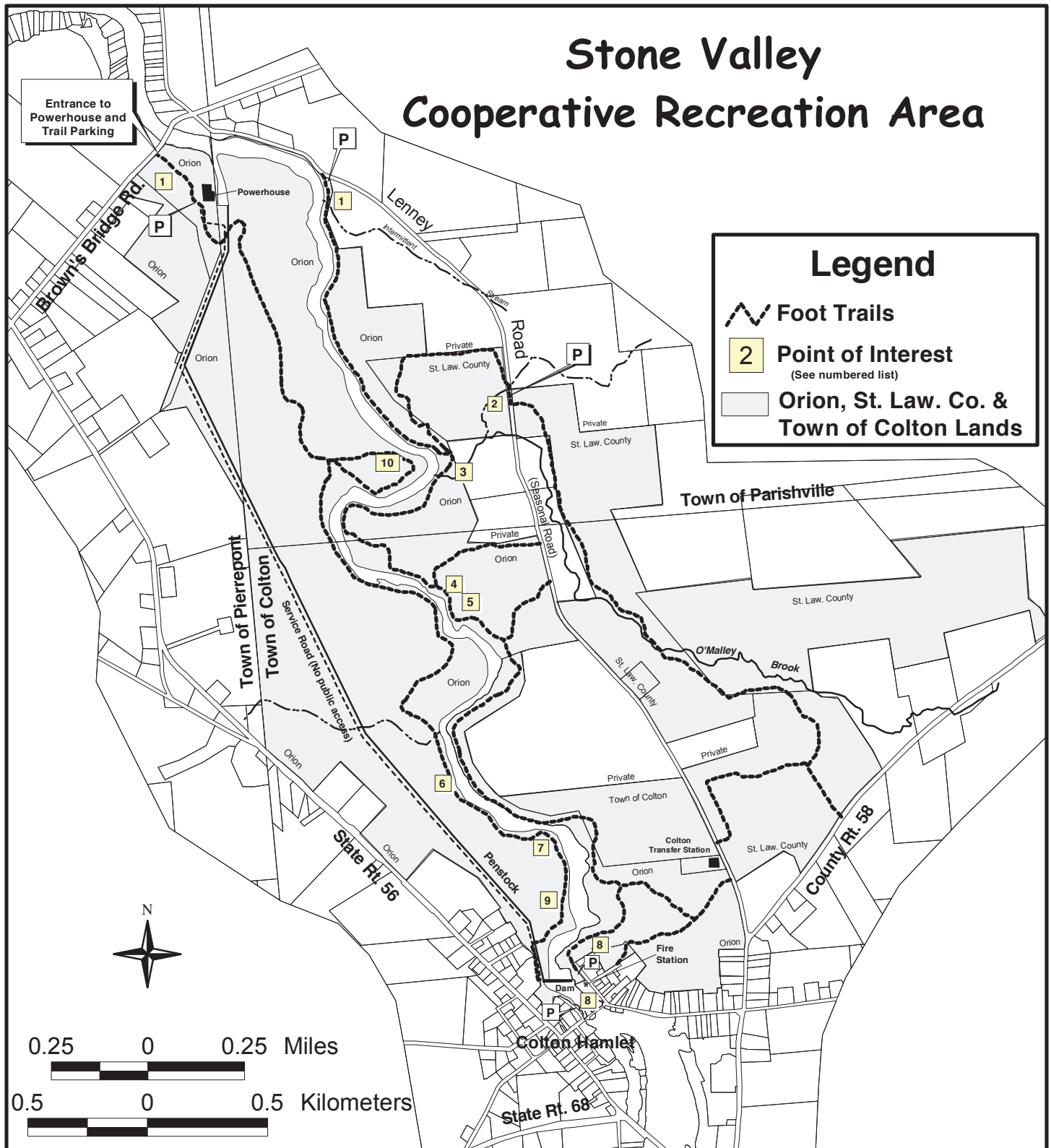


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# TRAIL GUIDE

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## ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY





## INTRODUCTION

St. Lawrence County boasts a number of beautiful trails for public use and enjoyment. They are available for snowmobiling, hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, etc. This guide has been compiled in order to bring these trails to the attention of the public and to facilitate greater use of the lesser known accessible trails found on state and county owned lands. The trails are maintained by the County Forestry Department and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. During the summer months, they are also maintained by the St. Lawrence County Conservation Corps.

The St. Lawrence County Conservation Corps has been in existence for 15 years serving youth ages 14-21. The program is supported through a variety of local, county, state and federal funds and the primary goals of the program are to instill basic employment skills in the participants and to enhance the environment by completing needed projects.

Several people have contributed their time and energy to the Trail Guide. The summer 1990 St. Lawrence County Conservation Corps Coordinator, Michele Bombard, began the project. The Guide was then worked on by a summer 1991 St. Lawrence County Conservation Corps Crew Leader, Clarissa Hunter. It was edited by the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau Staff, St. Lawrence County Forester Joe Kutsko, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Forester Roger Hutchinson and staff.

This trail guide is up to date through the summer of 1991. As new trails are cleared, subsequent editions of this guide will be published. To obtain additional copies of this guide and other valuable outdoor guides, contact the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (386-4546), St. Lawrence County Forestry Department (386-2290), or the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau (379-2377), all located in Canton, NY.

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Foot Trail

The Stone Valley Hiking Trail is located in the town of Colton. This trail crosses Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation land and St. Lawrence County Forests #19, 26, 27, 28, and 33. The trail system covers approximately 9.7 miles which offers a variety of rewarding experiences for hikers.

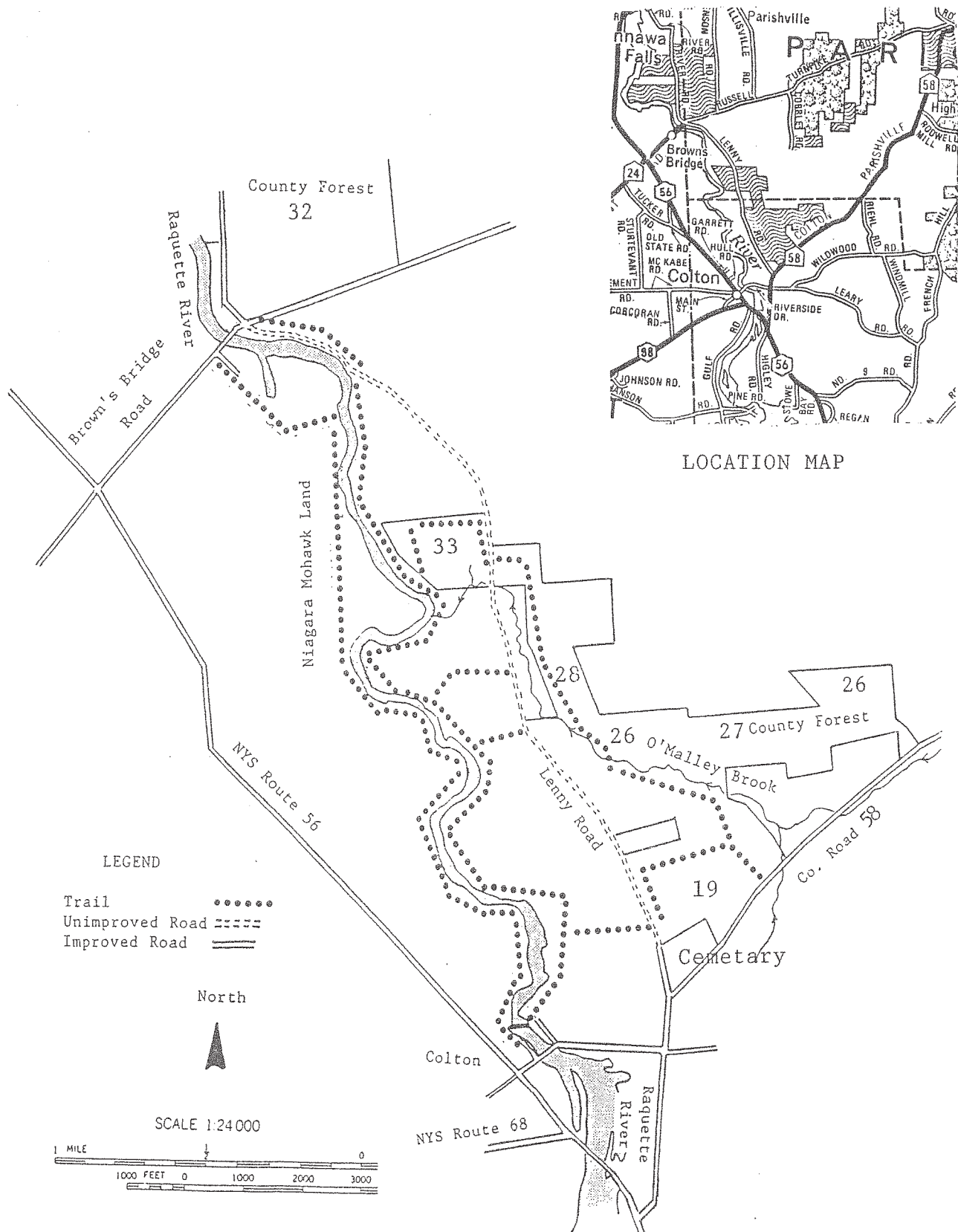
The trail can be entered at several locations. The first two are close to each other as they border either side of the Raquette River. Both trails follow the river and eventually link via a bridge near Colton. Each side runs approximately 3.2 miles.

The trail on the east side of the Raquette River has four trails that connect to the Lenny Road. Two of these form a loop which crosses Lenny Road and runs near O'Malley Brook. This loop can also be accessed from County Road 58 near the brook. Two trails break off of the main trail and head easterly until they connect to the Lenny Road where they end.

To get to the Stone Valley Trails, take New York State Route 56 northwest from Colton toward Potsdam. Turn right on the Brown's Bridge Road and continue until you reach either trail entrance on the right. Another alternative is to begin on either side in the village of Colton.



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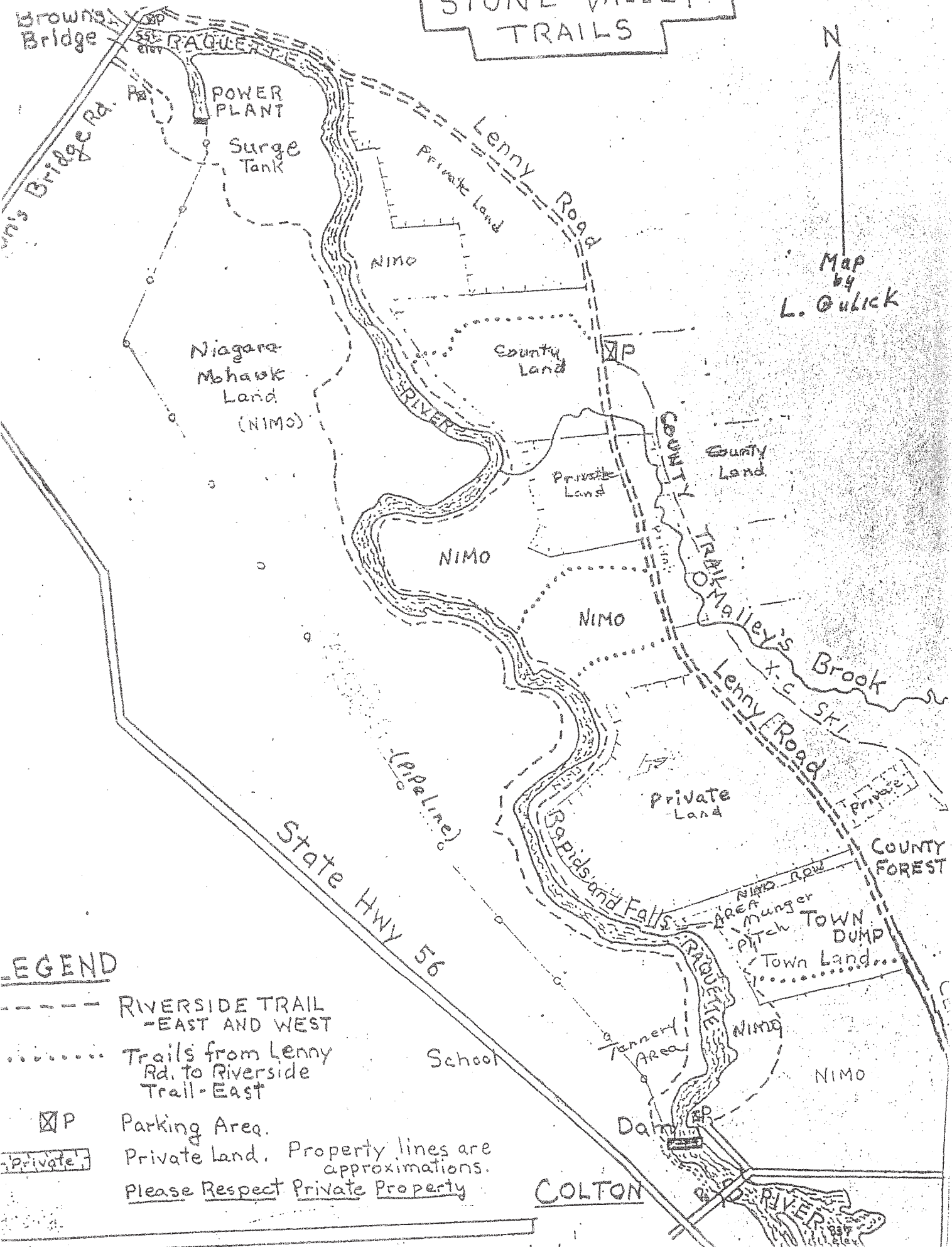


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# STONE VALLEY TRAILS

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Map  
by  
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## LEGEND

- RIVERSIDE TRAIL - EAST AND WEST
- ..... Trails from Lenny Rd. to Riverside Trail - EAST



Parking Area.



Private Land. Property lines are approximations.  
Please Respect Private Property

COLTON



The Stone Valley hiking trails, located in the town of Colton, cross Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation land and St. Lawrence County Forest.

The most scenic and unique sections of the trails are found along the Raquette River, but the whole trail system offers a variety of rewarding experiences for hikers.

The distance along the river, from Brown's Bridge to Colton, is approximately 3.2 miles. The complete trail system covers about 9.7 miles.

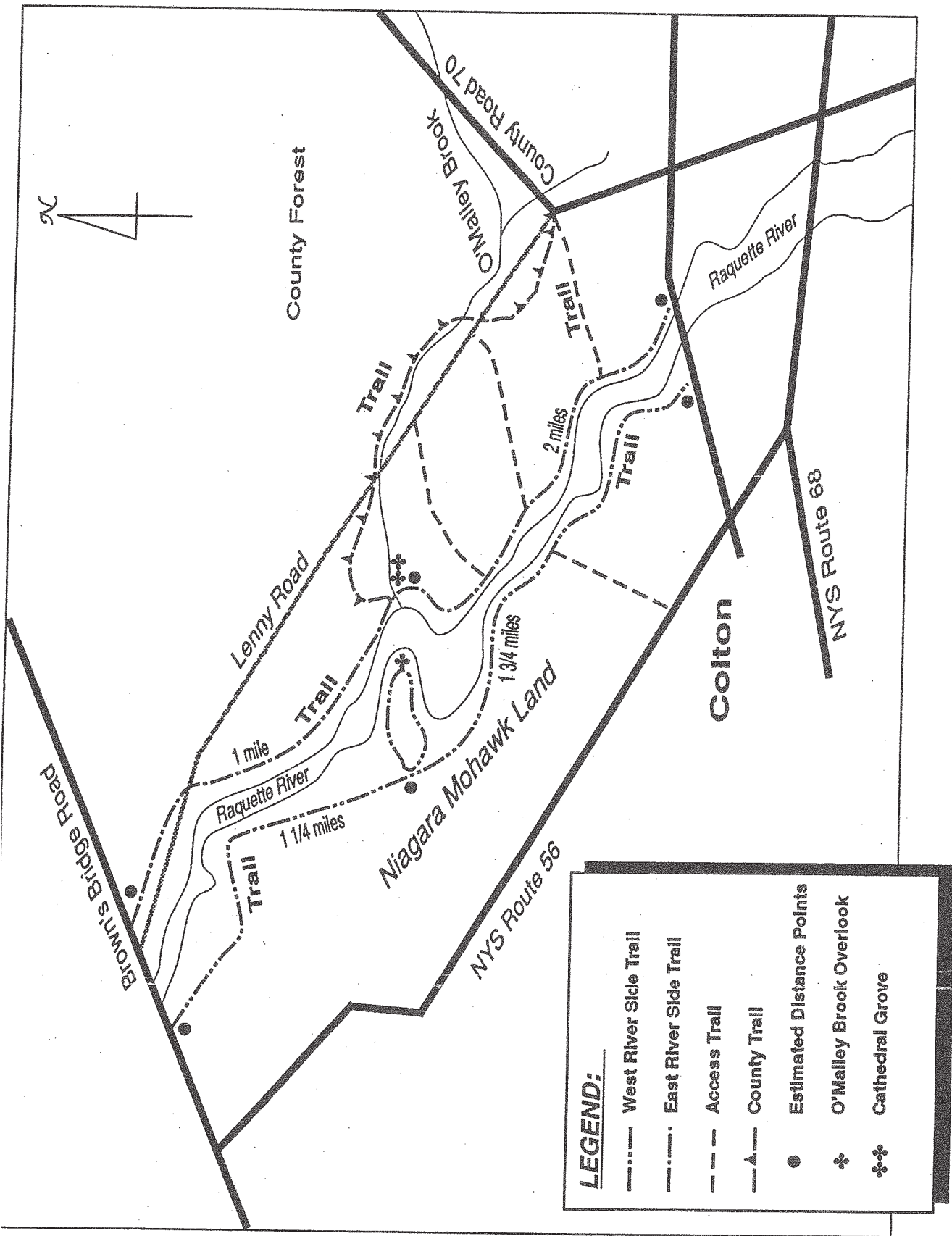
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