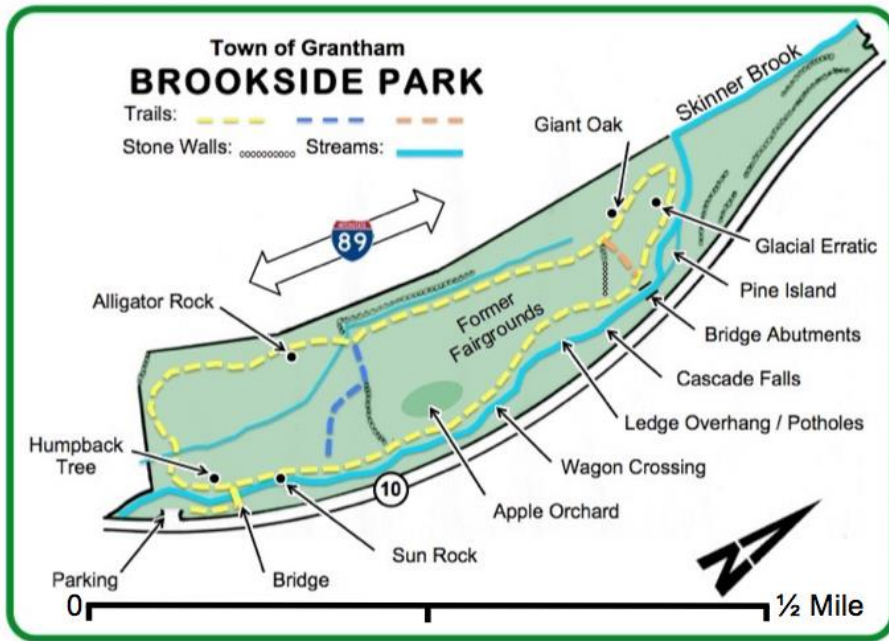


BROOKSIDE PARK



Brookside Park

The parking entrance to Brookside Park is located on Route 10, 0.3 miles north of I-89 Exit 13. The park was a gift to Grantham in 1984 of Eastman's and Olde Farms developers Emil Hanslin and his son Tony. The Grantham Conservation Commission purchased adjacent land in 2019 that increased the total area of the park to twenty acres. This new parcel used to contain the Grantham Fairgrounds. Sponsored jointly by the Blue Mountain Grange and the Grantham Fair Association beginning in the late 40s, local "Grangers" competed for prizes in horse pulling, best livestock, vegetable, fruit, canned goods, flowers and dairy products.

When the Town purchased the additional land, access to the park's trails had been cut off for years – a result of a bridge over Skinner Brook having been washed away by a surge of spring snowmelt. With support from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, the Commission constructed a handicapped-accessible bridge and trail across and along a short section of Skinner Brook. Trails that were re-established and continue through the park are interspersed with signs briefly explaining various features of interest. Each sign also displays a QR code one can scan with a smartphone to gain additional information about specific features.



Grantham Fairgrounds, 1951



Brookside Park Bridge over Skinner Brook



Old bridge abutments at Skinner Brook



Alligator Rock