



In December 1955, Percy W. Brown, a longtime summer resident, gave to the town most of his real estate, comprising some 485 acres, to be maintained as a town forest, public park and recreational area, which includes Pelham Lake and Dam, most of Adams mountain, and the Mill Pond in the village.

THE LAND

The town of Rowe lies roughly in the middle of the Appalachian Mountain chain, a geological feature which extends at least from Alabama to Newfoundland. The rocks of the Appalachians have been folded, faulted, heated, squeezed, and injected with molten granite, which can be seen in the rock formations along the many park hiking trails.

The Adams and Todd Mountain range was often called "The South Mountain," but Adams Mountain was presumably named for the landowner, John Adams. This mountain rises to an altitude of 2140 feet, the highest point in Rowe.

THE LAKE

The beautiful lake in the center of Rowe, that so many of us boat, fish or swim in was almost lost in 1925.

In 1925 the dam on Pelham Lake, owned and operated by the Mineral Products Company through the Foliated Talc mine, was condemned. This meant the opening of the dam gates that regulated the lake's water flow, without this dam there is no lake. The town voted to try and save the dam but were unable to raise the necessary funds needed.

In 1927 Percy Brown acquired the Foliated Talc property and began improvements, the rebuilding of the Mill Pond Dam and Pelham Lake dam, thus restoring the lake - all to the great good fortune of the Town of Rowe.

Percy Brown, restored and bestowed this wonderful resource to the people of Rowe with the following care instructions:

Shall forever be kept for and as a town forest and park and for public recreation purposes, shall forever be kept in their natural wild state and as a sanctuary for wild beasts and birds, that the use of firearms, trapping and hunting, not including fishing, shall forever be prohibited upon or within the same.

Rules & Regulations

The use of the entire park is restricted to Rowe residents, taxpayers and their guests. The park is open daily from dawn till dusk year round. Hunting, trapping and the use of weapons is prohibited in posted areas. Glass containers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the beach area. Camping is not permitted except in designated areas within the park property. Swimming is restricted to the area enclosed by life lines that are provided for that purpose. Those swimming in any other area, do so at their own risk. No fishing will be allowed within the swimming area or within 100 feet of the life lines. The lifeguard on duty has control of the beach and swimming area and as such has the right and duty to enforce all rules deemed necessary to insure the safety of the people using the beach and swimming areas. Any dog or other animal shall be under the direct control of its owner at all times by a leash. No animal shall be left unsupervised. No dog or other animal is allowed on the beach at any time. Fires are allowed only in the fireplaces provided for

that purpose, all fires must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the picnic area. Ice shanties shall be removed within 7 days of installation. All snowmobilers must obey MGL Chap 90B, *Motorboats and Other Vessels*, 22 through 35, Code of Massachusetts Regulations 323 CMR 3.00 *The Use of Recreational Vehicles and Snow Vehicles* pertaining to snowmobiling on public and private property, and must adhere to all rules pertaining to snowmobiling in state parks. Snowmobiles are not allowed to leave the groomed surfaces of the land trails at anytime. All persons using the park must observe all regulations set by the Park Commission and comply with all requests and/or orders made or given by the Commissioners, employees, lifeguard or any other person in charge of the respective area. These regulations are subject in whole or in part to changes, additions or deletions at anytime as deemed necessary by the Commissioners.



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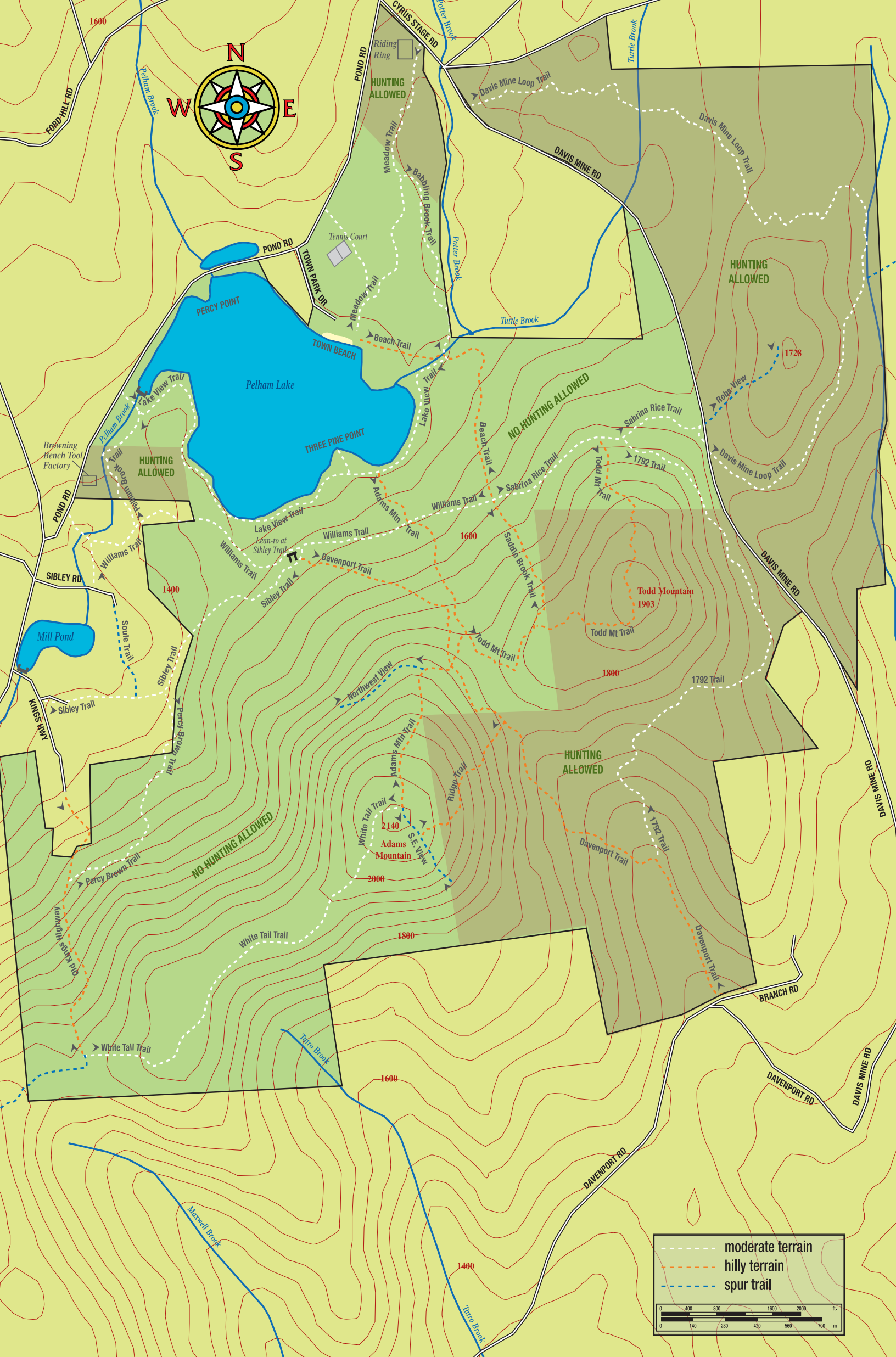


Pelham Lake Park



Est. 1955

Donated by Percy Brown



Thank you for visiting and enjoying Pelham Lake Park, come back again.

~The Park Commission