HOUGHTON FOREST TRAILS

Nestled within the Genesee River Valley and surrounded by the rolling hills of Western New York, the Houghton College forest provides one of the best places for hiking in northern Allegany County. The forest features 4+ miles of trails that are open year-round to students, community members, and the general public. Not only is this living laboratory widely used by Houghton College professors for teaching students about the local ecology, but it also provides a wide array of recreational activities including hiking, trail running, skiing, snowshoeing, and geocaching.

White pine, ash, hemlock, hickory, red and sugar maples may be found throughout the forest, though the most impressive trees are undoubtedly the towering red and white oaks. In addition to the ubiquitous squirrels, the forest plays home to such creatures as deer, chipmunks, fox, skunks, and numerous species of salamanders. Monarch butterflies occasionally breed in the meadow along the back side of the Overlook Trail near the wild apple orchard.

Bird watchers should keep an eye out for hawks (especially broad-winged and red-tailed), woodpeckers, crows, ravens, blue jays, cardinals, and various other songbirds. One particularly noteworthy resident of the Houghton forest is the enormous pileated woodpecker (hint: listen for the jungle-like cackle and look for the distinctive red crest).

View the Houghton trail map online at
www.houghton.edu/houghton-trail-map

HOUGHTON FOREST REGULATIONS

Please help us care for our forest by packing out all your waste and abiding by the following guidelines:

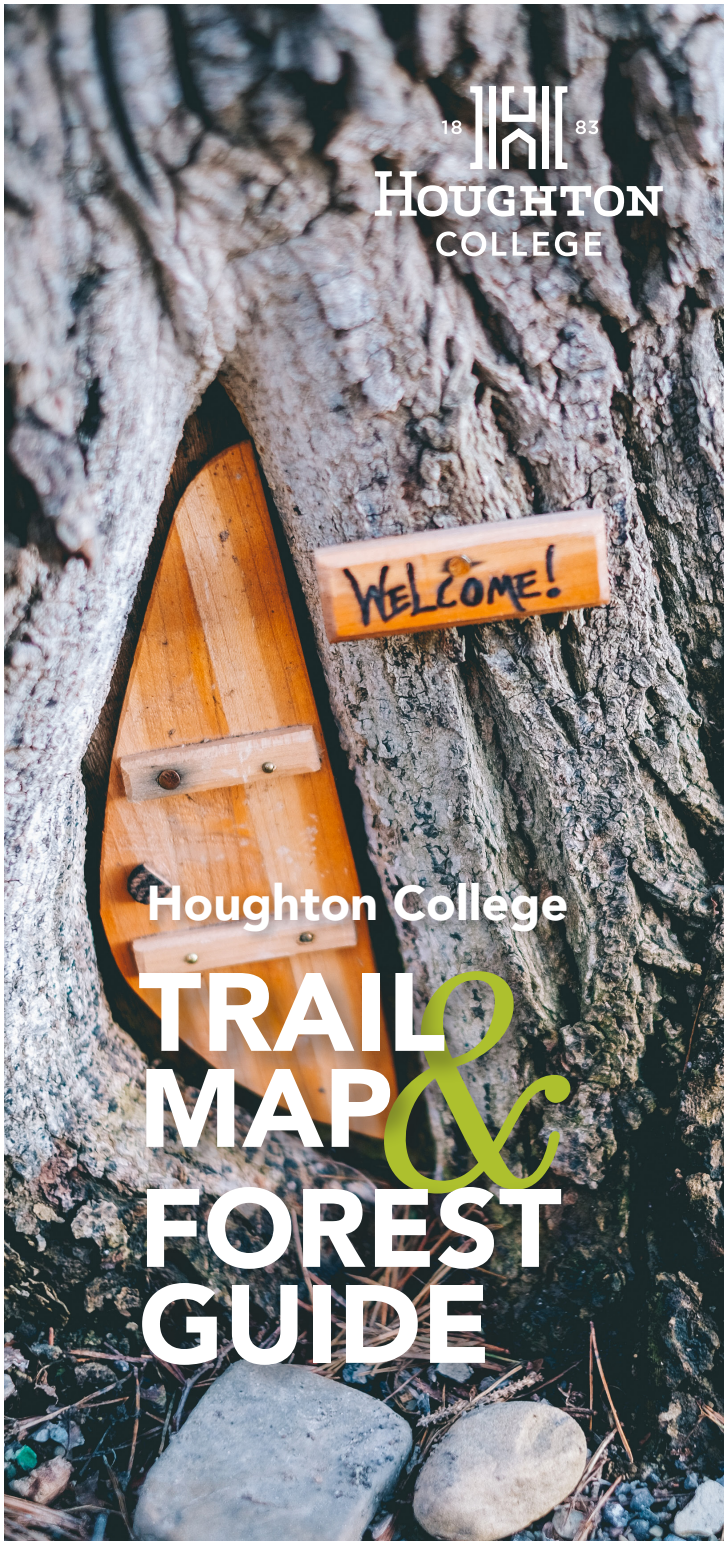
- Trails are for pedestrian use only (including skiing).
- Camping and fires are permitted only in designated areas and require registration with Wilderness Adventures.
- Use only dead, downed wood for fuel and completely extinguish fires before departure.
- Hunting is not permitted without written permission from the Director of Campus Safety and Security.
- The following are PROHIBITED at all times: vehicular traffic, bicycles, horses, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and firearms.
- Do not walk in ski tracks during winter.

If you have questions or concerns please contact:

WILDERNESS ADVENTURES
585.567.9254
wildernessadventures@houghton.edu

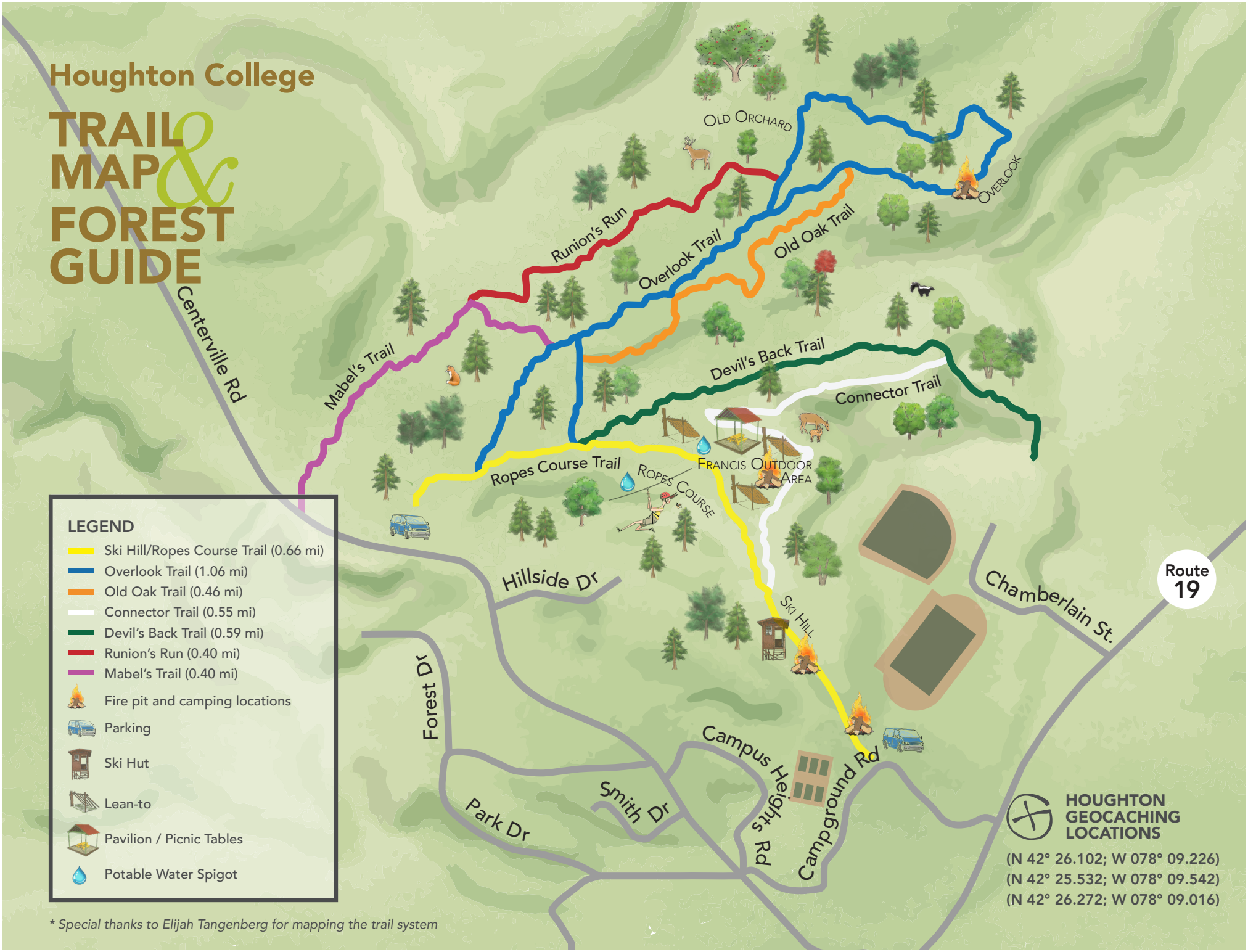
NOTE
Use of the Houghton Forest is at your own risk, and Houghton College assumes no responsibility for your safety.

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TRAIL MAP & FOREST GUIDE



LEGEND

- Ski Hill/Ropes Course Trail (0.66 mi)
- Overlook Trail (1.06 mi)
- Old Oak Trail (0.46 mi)
- Connector Trail (0.55 mi)
- Devil's Back Trail (0.59 mi)
- Runion's Run (0.40 mi)
- Mabel's Trail (0.40 mi)
- Fire pit and camping locations
- Parking
- Ski Hut
- Lean-to
- Pavilion / Picnic Tables
- Potable Water Spigot

HOUGHTON GEOCACHING LOCATIONS

(N 42° 26.102; W 078° 09.226)
(N 42° 25.532; W 078° 09.542)
(N 42° 26.272; W 078° 09.016)

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