

Welcome to the Plotter Kill Preserve.


This Preserve contains nearly 645 acres of rugged hardwood and coniferous forest along the Plotter Kill, a scenic tributary to the Mohawk River. The gorge of the Plotter Kill was cut by melt waters at the close of the ice ages about 10,000 years ago. The ledges give the stream its name: platte (flat) and kill (creek). **Please exercise caution when hiking in the Preserve and stay on marked trails. The terrain is very rugged with steep slopes and ledges near the trails.**


The Plotter Kill drops 900 feet in its 3.5 mile decent from Rynex Corners to the Mohawk River. There are three spectacular waterfalls: the Upper Falls, Lower Falls and the Rynex Creek Falls. All are magnificent sights in spring high water and in winter ice. The Upper Falls is 60 feet high, and the others 40 feet.


The Plotter Kill Preserve is wonderful for nature study. Over 600 species of plants have been found in the area including: trilliums, violets, lilies, ferns and club mosses.

Parking: Lots located off State Rte 159 (Mariaville Road), Coplon Road or Lower Gregg Road. (See directions.)

Trails:

 The red trail makes a long looping circuit that traverses the high ground along each side of the gorge. Allow all day for this hike; be prepared for steep climbs.

 The yellow trails are spurs or small loops off the main red trail. They lead down to the stream, or to other scenic places.

 The blue trail is an easier hike (about 1/2 mile), beginning at the Route 159 parking lot and meandering to lookouts over the Upper and Lower falls. Also marked in blue is a trail which crosses the stream on the Thruway embankment, the recommended route when water is high.

Directions to the Plotter Kill Preserve

Take I-890 to Campbell Rd (Exit 2a). From Campbell Rd, turn right on Putnam Rd. Go 1.7 miles to State Rt. 159 (Mariaville Rd). Turn right on Rt. 159 and go 1.9 miles to Preserve sign and parking lot on the right. The Coplon Rd entrance is accessible from Mariaville Rd. Lower Gregg Rd. parking is accessible from I-890 to Rotterdam Jct (State Route 5S) approx. .5 miles from Kiwanis Park.

The Plotter Kill Preserve is open dawn to dusk.

Carry in/Carry out

Prohibitions: No overnight camping, fires, littering, or dumping. No unauthorized motor vehicles. No biking, no hunting, trapping or carrying of firearms. No cutting or collecting of plant specimens. Please leash dogs and respect private property surrounding the Preserve.

CAUTION! Please exercise caution when hiking in the Preserve; the terrain is very rugged with steep slopes and ledges near the trails. Please stay on marked trails and away from the waterfalls and ledges. Children should be supervised at all times. Dogs must be leashed.

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Upper Falls

A GUIDE TO THE PLOTTER KILL NATURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVE



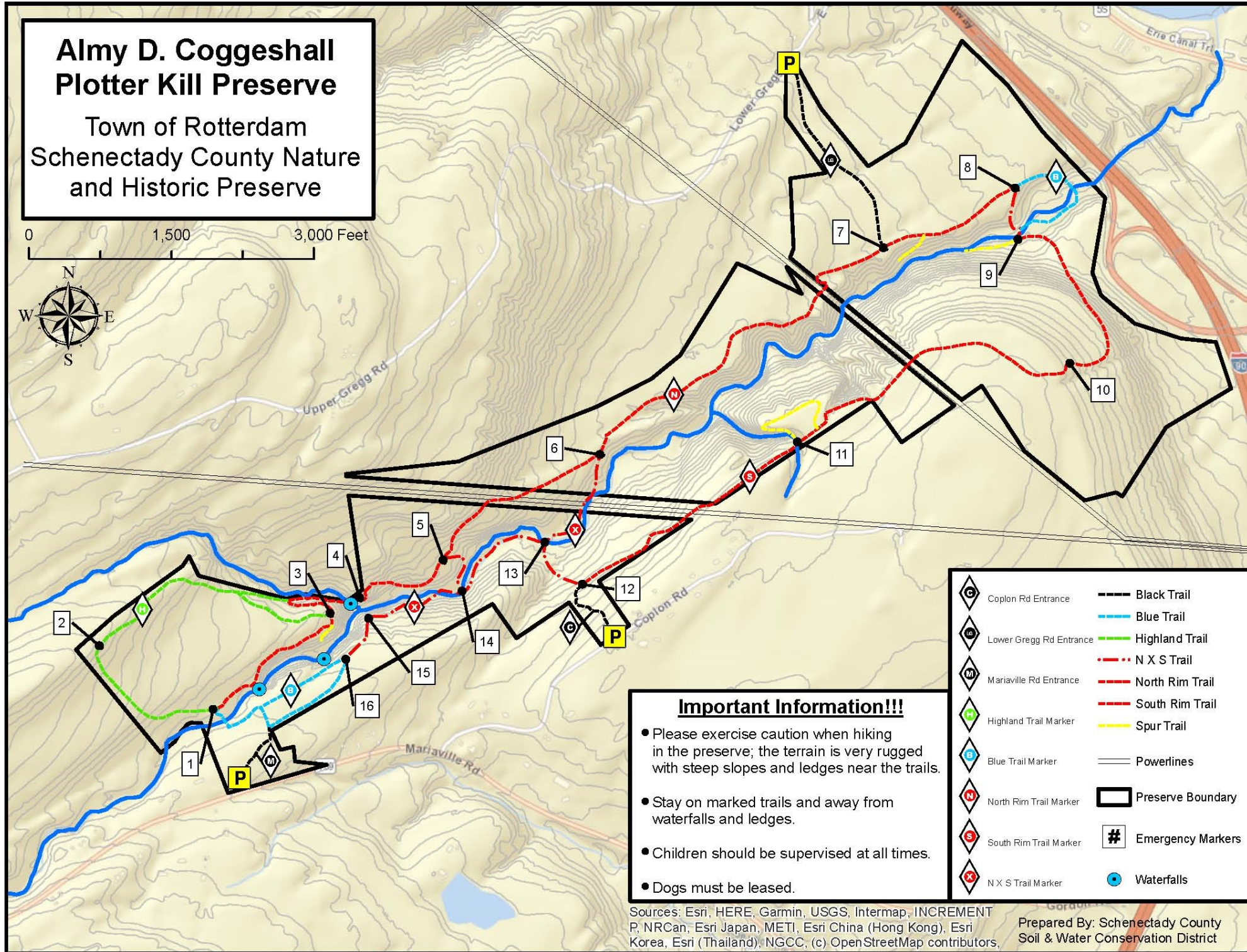
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	Coplon Rd Entrance		Black Trail
	Lower Gregg Rd Entrance		Blue Trail
	Mariaville Rd Entrance		Highland Trail
	Highland Trail Marker		N X S Trail
	Blue Trail Marker		North Rim Trail
	North Rim Trail Marker		South Rim Trail
	South Rim Trail Marker		Spur Trail
	N X S Trail Marker		Powerlines
			Preserve Boundary
			Emergency Markers
			Waterfalls

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