

FERNCLIFF FOREST

Game Refuge and Forest Preserve

Box 1 — Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572

July, 1985

Dear Member:

We wish to thank you for helping us with our efforts at Ferncliff Forest last season.

Your participation as Patrons and Sponsors has made possible the following improvements and additions to our property; We have purchased four new picnic table-bench sets and built a new set attached to the pavillion; We have put a half ton of lime in Mt. Rutsen Pond and stocked it with sunfish, yellow perch and bass, to make for better fishing; We have acquired all new roofing material for the three lean-to buildings; and we have made all new trail signs, and ordered two new cast iron charcoal cookers.

We now aim toward repairs to the observation tower; additional trails; a Ranger storage building, more off-road parking area, and two more lean-to buildings.

I enclose your membership card, and an information sheets that shows you how many persons and organizations are benefited by our Forest.

Please make your Patron or Sponsor check payable to Ferncliff Forest, Inc. and mail it to Ferncliff Forest, Post Office Box 1, Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572.

Yours,

Homer K. Staley, Secy-Ranger

Board of Directors:

President, Leigh Saltsman; Treasurer, Paul Gmeiner; Secy-Ranger, Homer Staley; Gary McDonald; Dr. Lou Tumolo

A Gift from Brooke Russell Astor to the Rotary Club of Rhinebeck, N. Y., Inc.

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Ferncliff Forest is located between Mt. Rutsen Road and River Road at Rhinebeck, N. Y. The most convenient entrance trail is on Mt. Rutsen Road 2.3 miles North of the Route 9 traffic light in the center of Rhinebeck Village. Proceed North from this traffic light on Route 9 to Montgomery Street, which is the street to the left of the Northern Dutchess Hospital. Follow Montgomery Street until you cross a stone bridge over a stream, and you are then on Old Post Road. Within a very short distance up a hill, you come to a fork in the Road, and the left hand road is Mt. Rutsen Road. Follow Mt. Rutsen Road past several modern homes on the left hand side of the road, and watch on the left for the large Ferncliff Forest sign, and parking space for a few cars.

There is no Director or Instructor on the grounds, but the property is periodically patrolled by a Ranger or a Director of Ferncliff Forest, Inc. There are three lean-to buildings on the property, one of which has an inside fireplace, several picnic table-bench sets, rest benches along the trails, and a driven well with a hand pump at the Mt. Rutsen Pond lean-to. A trail leads from Mt. Rutsen pond to an observation tower on the top of Mt. Rutsen, from the top of which there is an excellent view of the Hudson River and the Catskill mountains. This is a very short trail with gradual incline, and both the trail and the observation tower can be easily climbed by young children and older people.

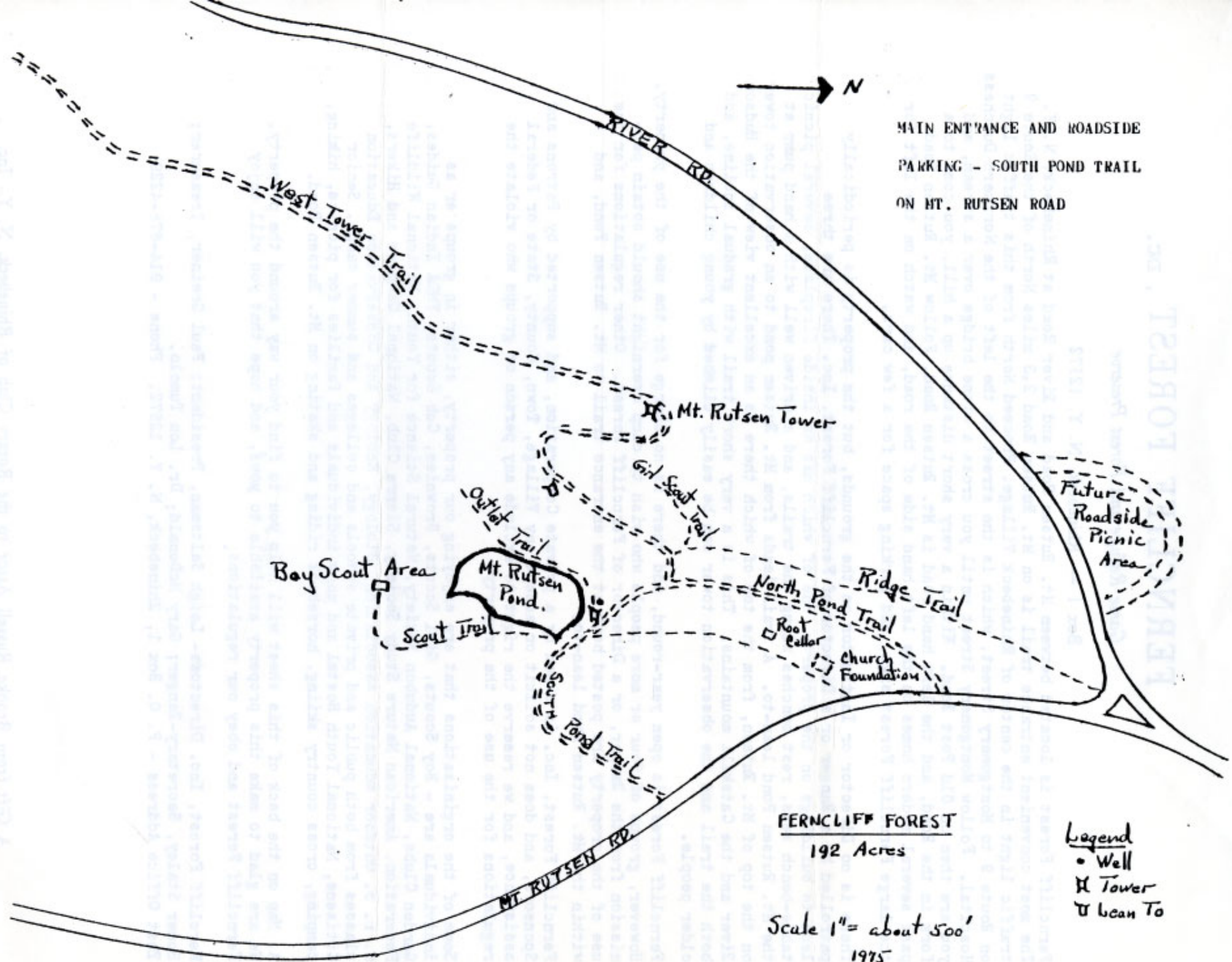
Ferncliff Forest is open year-round, and there is no charge for the use of the property. However, groups of four or more people who wish to camp overnight should obtain permission from the Ranger, or a Director of Ferncliff Forest. Other regulations for the use of the property are posted both at the entrance trail to Mt. Rutsen Pond, and within the Mt. Rutsen Pond lean-to.

Ferncliff Forest, Inc. is owned by a private Corporation, and supported by Patrons and Sponsors, and does not solicit or accept any Village, Town, County, State or Federal assistance, and we reserve the right to exclude any person or groups who violate the regulations for the use of the property.

Some of the organizations that are enjoying our property, either in groups or as individuals are - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, YMCA Indian Guides, Garden Clubs, National Audubon Society, Natural Science for Youth, National Wildlife Federation, American Nature Study Society, Sierra Club, National Campers and Hikers, N. Y. S. Outdoor Education Association, Biology, Ecology and Conservation Education classes from both public and private schools and colleges and summer camps, Senior Citizens, National Youth Hostel and many individuals and families for picnics, hiking, camping, cross country skiing, horseback riding and skating on Mt. Rutsen Pond.

A. Map on the back of this sheet will help you to find your way around the property. We are glad to make this property available to you, and hope that you will enjoy Ferncliff Forest and obey our regulations.

Ferncliff Forest, Inc. Directors- Leigh Saltsman, President; Paul Greiner, Treasurer; Homer Staley, Secretary-Ranger; Gary McDonald; Dr. Lou Tumolo.
Post Office Address - P. O. Box 1, Rhinebeck, N. Y. 12572. Phone - 914-876-4229



MAIN ENTRANCE AND ROADSIDE
 PARKING - SOUTH POND TRAIL
 ON MT. RUTSEN ROAD

FERNCLIFF FOREST
 192 Acres

Scale 1" = about 500'
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