

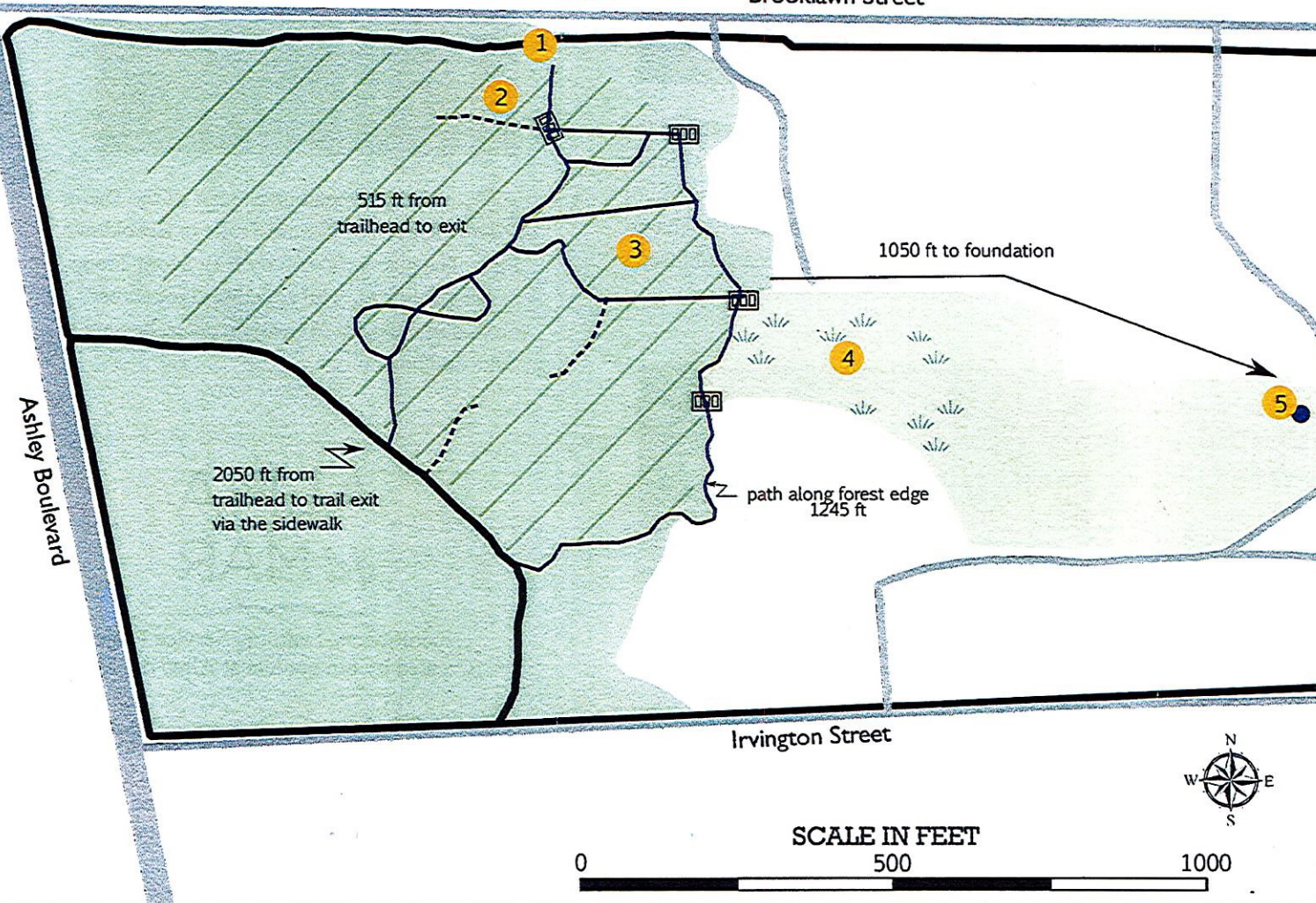
ALMA **Brooklawn Park, Ricketson Nature Trails Map**

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New Bedford, MA 02746



Brooklawn Street



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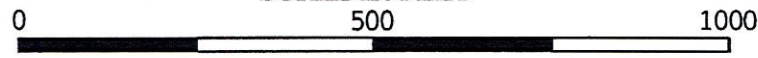
- Parking
- Trails
- Abandoned Trails
- Meadow
- Forest
- Dense Forest
- Footbridge

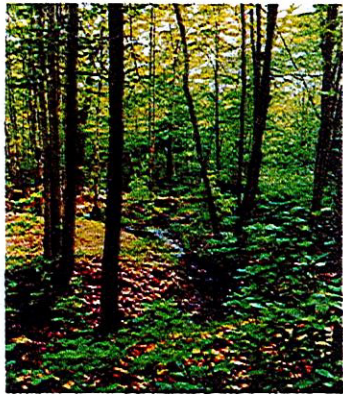
POINTS OF INTEREST

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- 1 Trailhead
 - 2 Brook
 - 3 Forest
 - 4 Wet Meadow
 - 5 Shanty Foundation



SCALE IN FEET





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Brooklawn Park was named for the many brooks in the forest. They are calm and peaceful streams that flow down through the wet meadow.

The brooks at the park flow east to the Acushnet River, which flows to the ocean. The brooks provide homes for the plants and animals that use water to survive.



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The Daniel Ricketson Nature Trails cut through the forest at Brooklawn Park. Long ago, these trails were made by people who took shortcuts

through the forest. There are many different tree species to be found, such as pine, oak, and birch, in the forest, which can be identified by bark patterns and color and the shapes of leaves. Quiet trekkers might see rabbits or chipmunks and hear a variety of birds.



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A wet meadow is a type of wetland that is usually damp and grassy. It is similar to a marsh. The soil is saturated because of poor drainage. Wet meadows can be home to many animals like birds, small mammals, and insects such as butterflies and caterpillars.



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The rectangular formation of rocks in Brooklawn Park is the foundation of Daniel Ricketson's writing shanty from the 1800s. A shanty is a small, crudely-built shack or hut. Ricketson would invite his friends Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson to come enjoy the simple life from this shanty.



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The Trailhead is the start of the Daniel Ricketson Nature Trails in Brooklawn Park. The sign was built by Boy Scout Troop 70 of New Bedford, who added bridges across brooks in the park. When you enter, beware of ticks and poison ivy.

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The park is public, meaning it is open to anyone. Think safety: If you come visit the park, always come with a buddy, never alone. Rules are posted at the front gate and on the New Bedford city website.

Leave only footprints, take only photos!