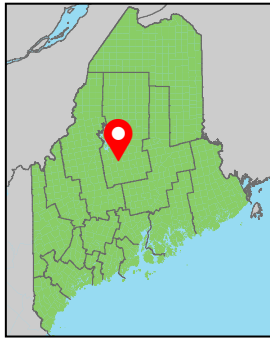


# Trails

Borestone Mountain offers a moderately strenuous climb that culminates with spectacular 360-degree views from two peaks at nearly 2,000 feet.

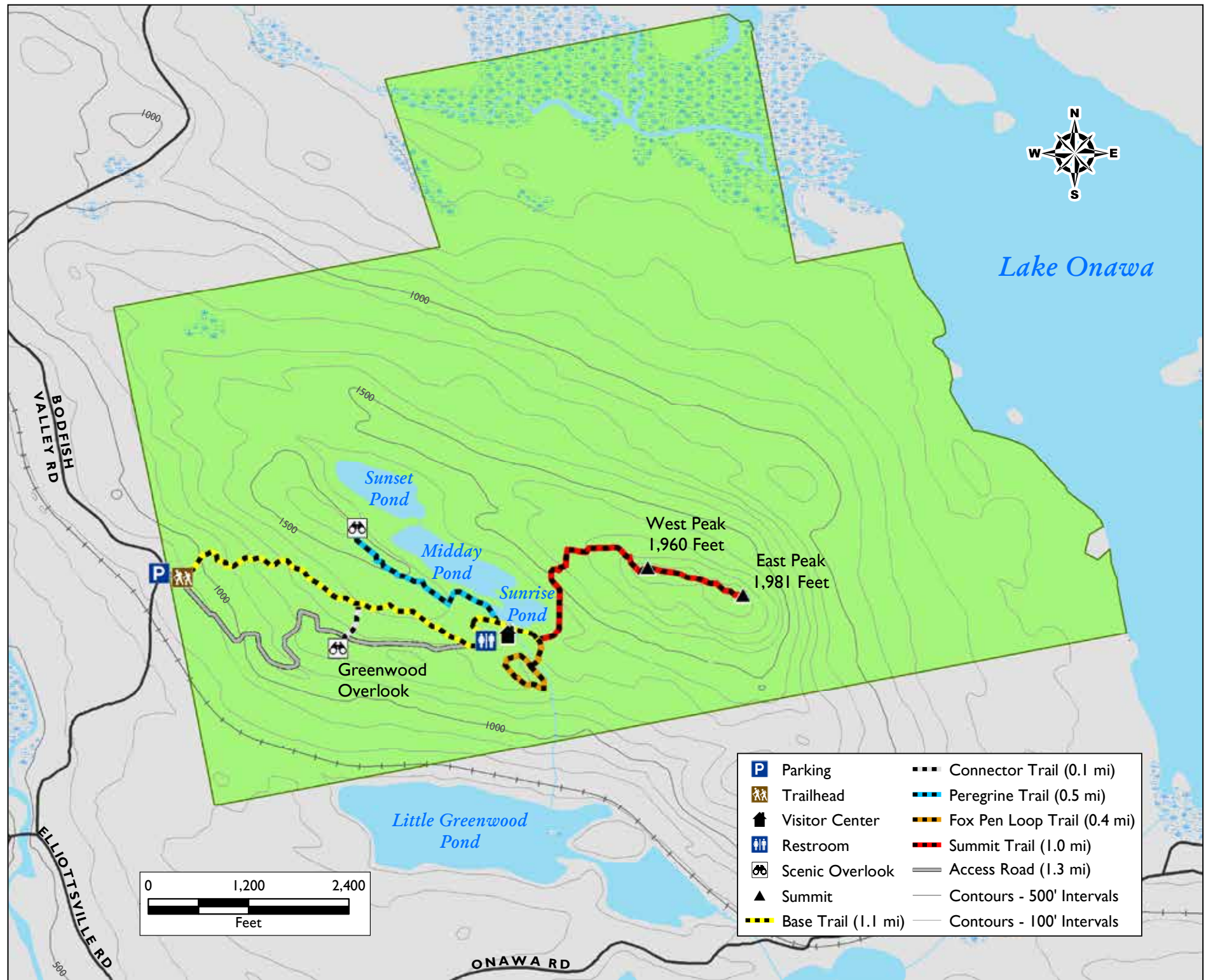


**Base Trail:** This 1.1-mile trail begins from the shale-covered access road, at the first kiosk to the left. A moderate climb through mature forest, it winds back to the access road, which continues another 0.2 mile to the Visitor Center at Sunrise Pond. Hikers may also walk up the access road 1.3 miles from the entrance to the Visitor Center. An overlook offers an expansive view of Greenwood Pond.

**Summit Trail:** From the Visitor Center, the 1.0-mile Summit Trail follows Sunrise Pond's shore before climbing steeply through spruce and, in its final stage, over exposed rock. The 0.7-mile trail includes 130 stone steps and two steel handholds before reaching West Peak; continue another 0.3 miles to East Peak.

**Fox Pen Loop:** This trail stems from the Summit Trail about 0.1 miles from the visitor center. The 0.4-mile trail meanders down to a marsh area. Boardwalks traverse the marsh to the far side where there are remnants of fox pens just beneath an exposed wall of rock.

**Peregrine Trail:** This 0.5-mile trail begins opposite the Visitor Center and leads gradually upwards above a series of cliffs that overlook the three ponds. Just under 0.2 miles into the trail there is a fork in the trail; stay to the left (the trail right is for staff only). The trail ends at a ledge above the cliffs. (May occasionally be closed. Check with Visitor Center staff.)





Encompassing almost 1,600 acres, the Borestone Mountain Audubon Sanctuary offers a spectacular array of natural features, including rare mature forest, three pristine ponds (Sunrise, Midday, and Sunset), exposed mountain rocks, and sweeping views. A seasonal trailside Visitor Center on the shore of Sunrise Pond includes interactive displays, historical information about the area, and a small Nature Store.

Wildlife is abundant in the sanctuary. Keep an eye out for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Boreal Chickadee, several vireos, owls, Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, White-throated Sparrow, and eight to ten warbler species (including Blackburnian, Cape May, and Bay-breasted), as well as moose, marten, Canada Lynx, Snowshoe Hare, Bullfrogs, Leopard Frogs, Gray Tree Frogs, and Red-spotted Newts.

Also at the sanctuary, on the shores of Sunset Pond and accessible only by boat or on foot, historic Adirondack-style lodges accommodate rentals for groups of up to 24 people from June to October. Visit [lodgesatborestone.com](http://lodgesatborestone.com) for information about this special rental opportunity.

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