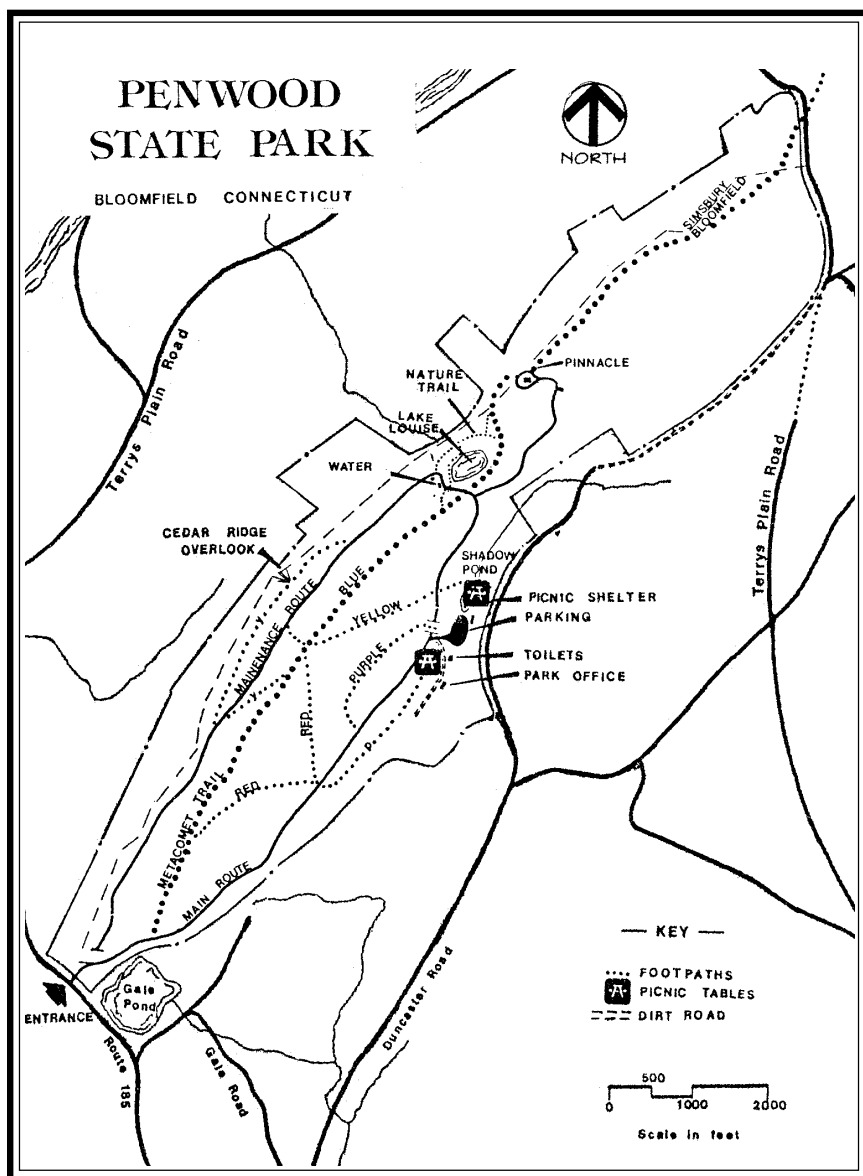


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The 800 acres of Penwood were donated to the state in 1944 by Connecticut industrialist Curtis Veeder. The park contains a series of interconnected trails traversing varied terrain, some with wonderful views. A section of Metacomet Trail runs north-south the length of the park as well.

The park can be accessed from the north by Wintonbury Road and The Metacomet Trail or the south from a clearly marked driveway off Route 185. The hike from end to end is just over three miles. In the warmer months the picnic area can be accessed by car along the main route.

Because of the easy access by car and the many interconnecting trails of all lengths, Penwood is a versatile destination. The western trails offer great views of the valley and access to Lake Louise. The white marked trail around the lake is a nature walk complete with a boardwalk through the marsh. Though there is minimal access to the water, the thickets of trees surrounding the lake teem with wildlife. To the north, along the blue blazed Metacomet Trail is the "Pinnacle," a ledge with a spectacular view of Simsbury.

