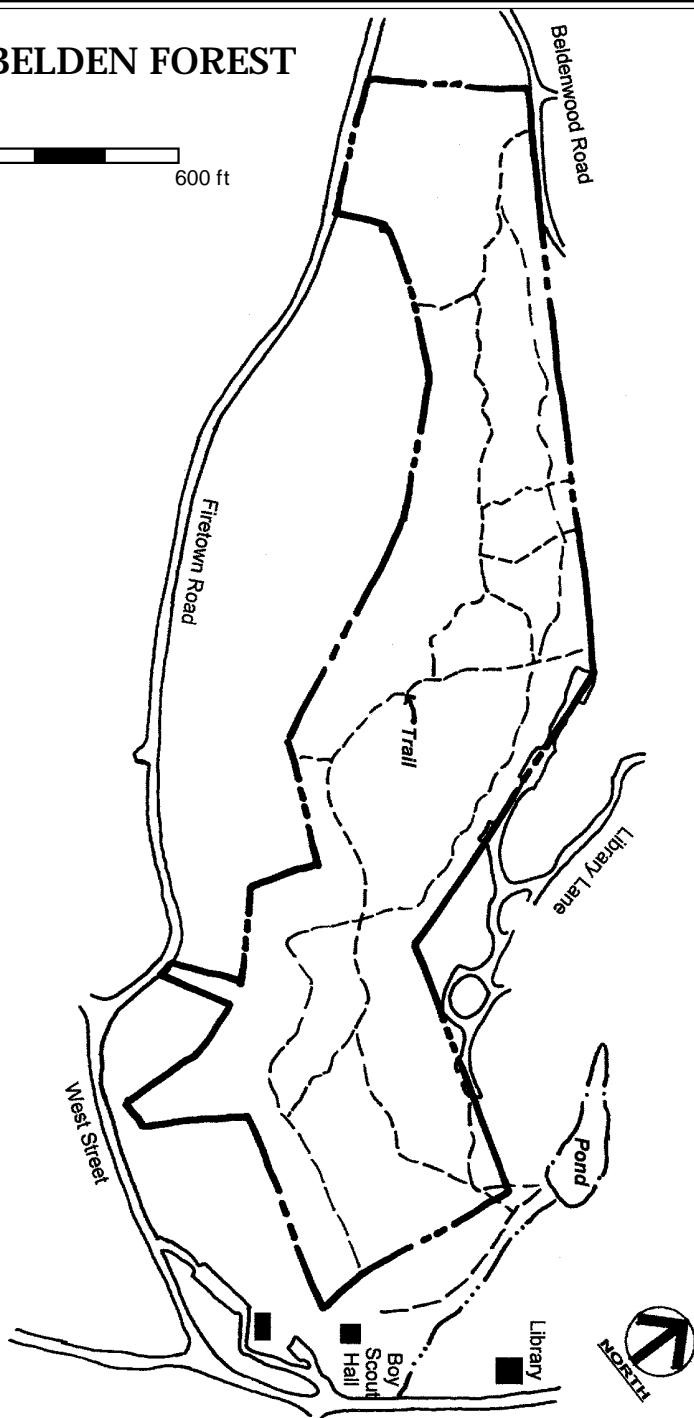


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The 42-acre, town-owned property consists of a loop of flat, secluded, and easy-to-walk trails dominated by 100-foot-tall white pines. The length of the park is $\frac{4}{5}$ of a mile. To make a loop, follow the yellow-marked trail out and the blue-marked trail back. The trails are very well marked. Walks here are relaxing as visitors pass beneath the cathedral-like pines mixed with hemlock, beech, and oak.

Through much of the 1800s and early 1900s this property was part of the Eno Wood estate, and at that time the pond was used to harvest ice for ice boxes. The adjacent Simsbury 1820 House Hotel was the home of Amos R. Eno and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The nearby Boy Scout Hall was built in 1839 as the town hall, and served as such until 1932.

Belden Forest is accessed from the east side of Beldenwood Road approximately 500 feet east of the intersection with Firetown Road (well marked by a white town open space marker). It can also be reached from the Boy Scout Hall off Route 10, but this approach requires a long climb up a steep hill.

