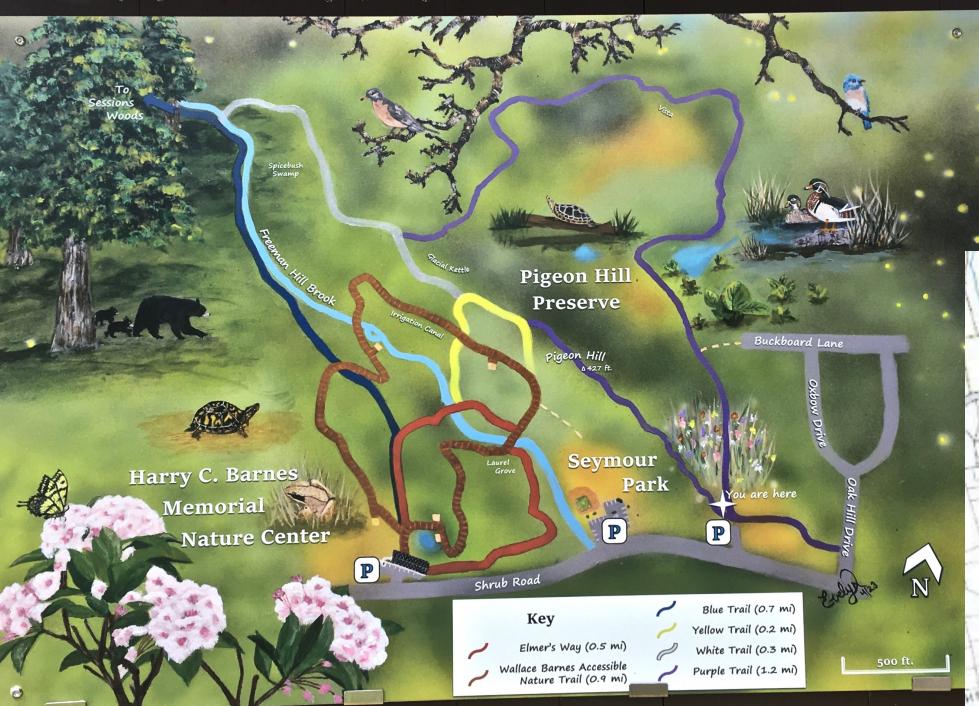
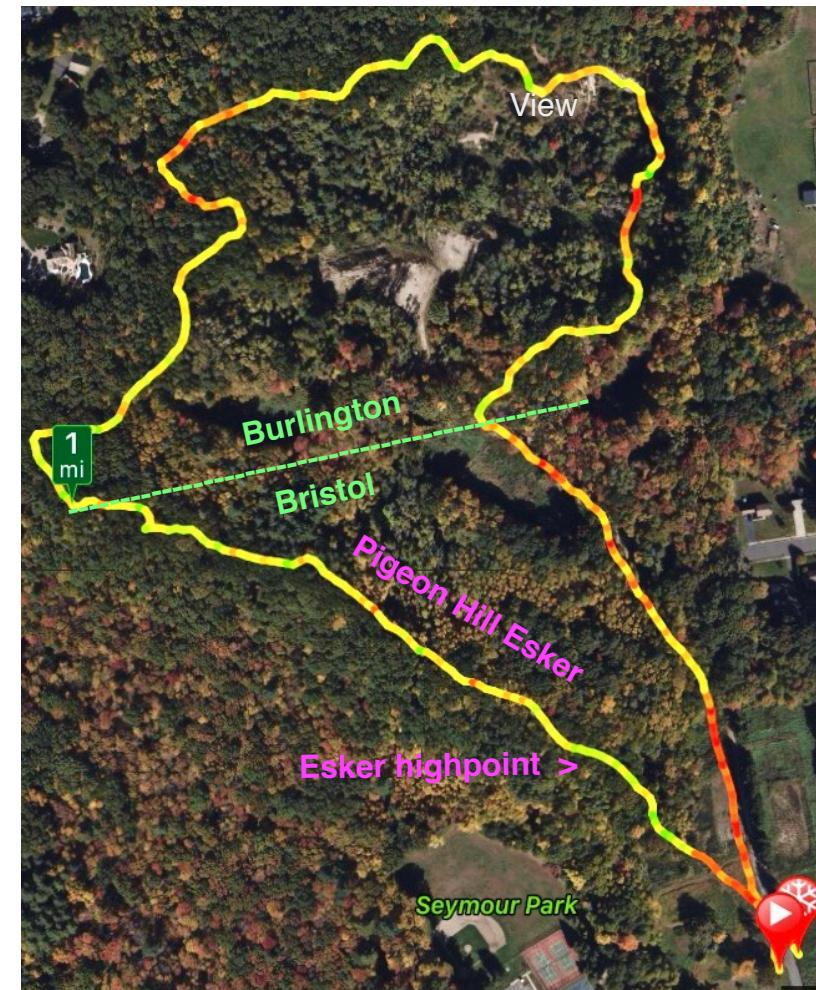
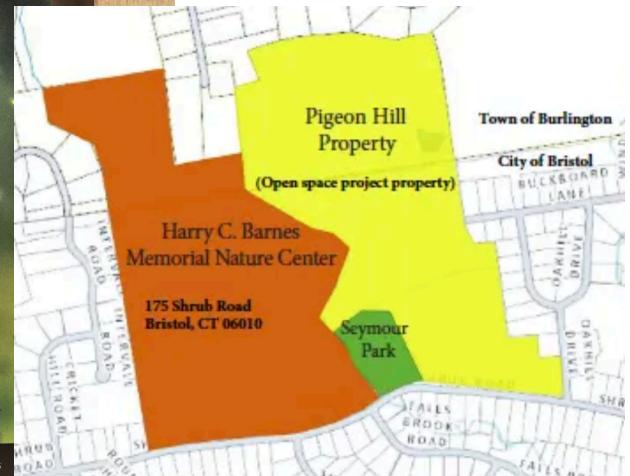


# Pigeon Hill Preserve



**Pigeon Hill Preserve's Purple Trail**  
**Class 1**  
**1.4 miles**  
**260' vertical**  
**0.7 hours**



The 63.9 acre Pigeon Hill Preserve that opened on Earth Day 2023, was made possible by the City of Bristol and Burlington working with the Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut to save the land from mining and development. The goals are to restore the habitat that was used for a sand and gravel operation and diversity the habitat to bring back native species.

The Purple Trail provides a good tour of the Preserve. Hiking counter clockwise provides more gradual ascents. At 0.3 miles the trail makes a 90° right turn off the old mining road into the forest. There is a concrete marker for the town borders on the west side of this road. At 0.5 miles there is a good view of the Pigeon Hill Esker which is the highest point on the hike. At 1.0 mile you will be on the esker and discover other trails connecting from Barnes Nature Center.(note their trails map photo) Just past the esker highpoint, where the trail descends rapidly, the ELCCT has added stairs to prevent erosion like they did on early parts of the Purple Trail. Parking at the trailhead is found at 315 Shrub Rd, Bristol, CT 06010.

Check out this link for more information on the Preserve: <https://elcct.org/pigeon-hill-preserve/>