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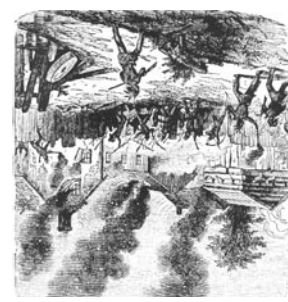
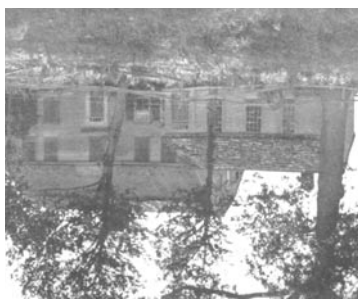
- **BEAMAN RD.**
Narrow woodland lane off of Coy Hill Rd. Early settlement area.
- **COY HILL RD.**
Named for Richard Coy, one of the first settlers in the Quaboag Plantation 1660. Lucy Stone's birthplace: 1818-1893, Abolitionist, feminist, first woman from Massachusetts to graduate from College (Oberlin). Stone barn foundation remnants. Included in West Brookfield Wildlife Management Area.
- **DAVIS RD.**
Retains many of the characteristics of the settlement lanes, lined with maple trees, showing stone wall property delineation.
- **DEVIL'S ELBOW RD.**
Early military road and teamster road, leads to early settlement homes. Stone bridge. Road discontinued: trail on the Brookfield and W. Brookfield line off of George Allen Rd.

- **FOSTER HILL RD.**
Site of original settlement of Quaboag Plantation (originally called Pritchard Hill 1660); site of the siege of Brookfield (1675) during King Phillip's War, Hon. Jedediah Foster homestead and law office, who helped frame the Massachusetts Constitution. George Whitefield Rock designating the spot where the 18th c. traveling preacher sermonized: one of the first founders of Methodism.
- **HOLMES RD.**
Site of first grist mill in the Brookfields, John Pynchon's Mill.
- **JOHN GILBERT RD.**
Steep, winding, tree-lined road, connecting with Ragged Hill.
- **KENNEDY RD.**
Scenic quality of views West to Mt. Tom. Retains stone walls, second growth maples, and vistas both to the East and to the West.

- **LYONS RD.**
Site of old Methodist Burial Ground (1812); scenic views.
- **NEW BRAINTREE RD.**
Gently curving, tree-lined, affording many scenic views across fields, valleys and through woodlands; site of Suicide Rock- 1840.
- **PERCE RD.**
Stone walls, open fields, site of old schoolhouse at junction of Ragged Hill and Pierce Rds.
- **RAGGED HILL RD.**
Winding, 'ragged Hill, old maples, scenic views. Highest hill in town.
- **RICHARDSON RD.**
Once the site of Senator Richardson's home. Intersects with Long Hill Rd.
- **TUCKER RD.**
Once settled by John Tucker, blacksmith. Early 19th c.-
- **WIGWAM RD.**
Many rocky outcroppings, mature maples and oaks, stone walls.

These roads were considered by the Historical Commission to be of historical significance and were approved and designated Scenic Roads on August 23, 1973. One of these roads dates back to 1673. On May 9, 1989 John Gilbert Road was added to the list of Scenic Roads.

SCENIC and HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE of our SCENIC ROADS



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

West Brookfield adopted the Scenic Road Act as a means of protecting the scenic character of designated roads at Town Meeting in 1973. Many towns in Massachusetts use the Scenic Roads Bylaw to protect the unique historic spatial and cultural character of their towns byways. This is achieved by careful stewardship of the trees, avoiding the destruction of stone walls, and guiding road and driveway construction.

Scenic Road designation means that written consent of the Planning Board must be obtained and a public hearing held before doing any repair, maintenance, reconstruction or paving of the road that may involve cutting or removal of trees over 4" in diameter; removal or demolition of stone walls. The hearing provides an opportunity for objection and consideration of alternative plans. Strict notice requirements must be met, with fines to \$300.

Designation of a road does not affect the community's ability to receive state aid for construction or reconstruction of the road.

While many of West Brookfield's roadways would qualify as being "scenic" in the broad sense of the term, the Town has formally designated 15 roads as scenic at this time.

Scenic Road Bylaws
(MGL Ch 40, Sec. 15C- Scenic Road Act)

WHAT IS A SCENIC ROAD?



Welcome to West Brookfield
Scenic Road Tour

The West Brookfield Historical Commission has created a tour of the town's Scenic Roads for your enjoyment. Many of the roads feature sites of historic, cultural and natural interest. Open the brochure to view the driving tour map. There are 14 designated Scenic Roads

Massachusetts Scenic Road criteria is very broad. It is up to each community to identify, preserve and protect important aspects of the community's cultural landscape. Mass. DCR, Historic Landscape Preservation Initiative Program offers educational resources, consultation and ongoing workshops available to the public to help towns evaluate historic road character.

SCENIC ROADS of WEST BROOKFIELD

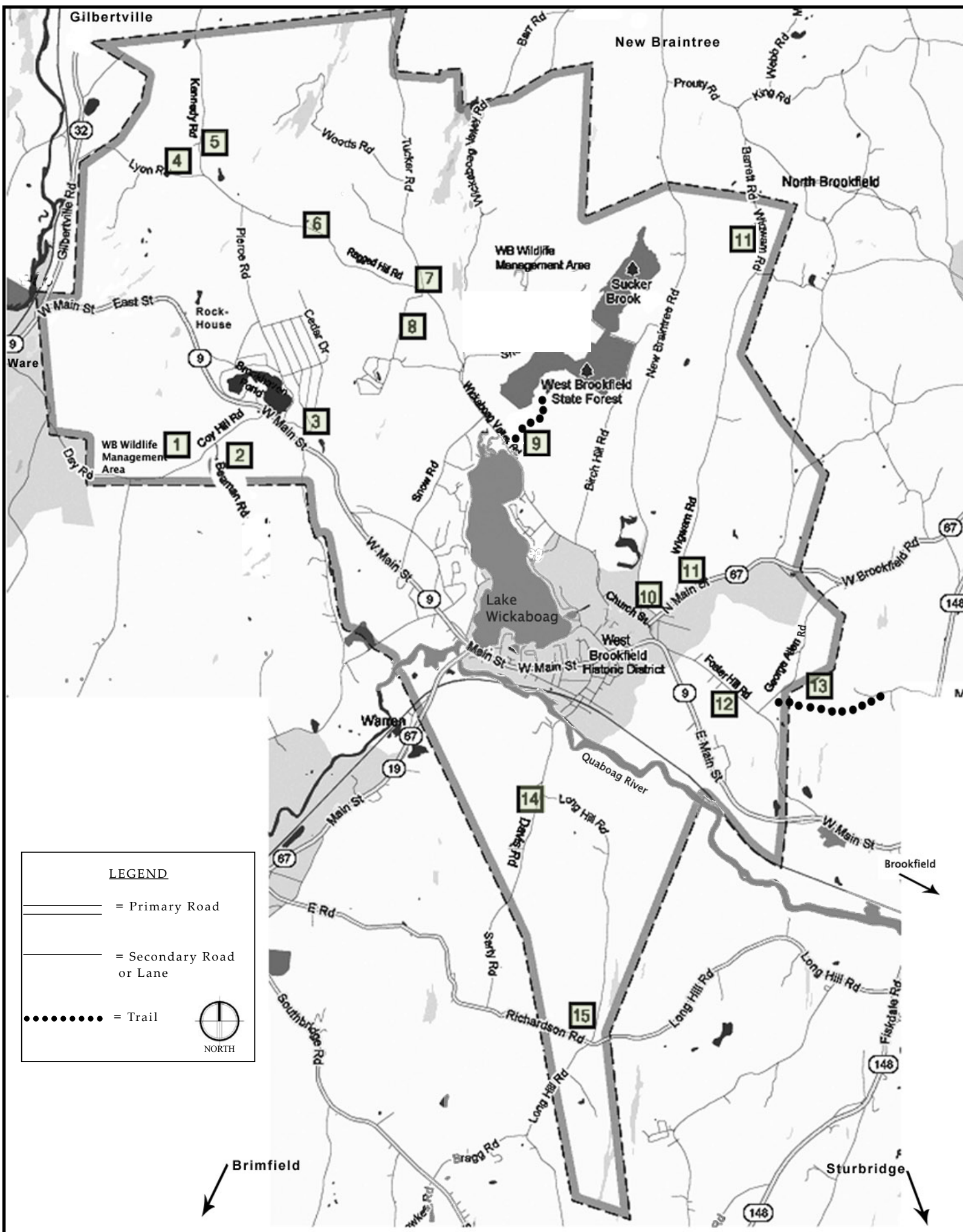
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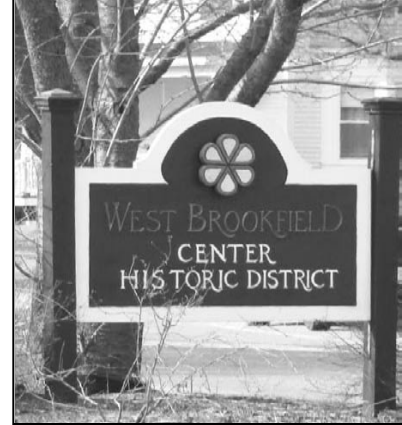
Welcome Visitors

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FOSTER HILL MAPLE TREES



STONE WALL ALONG ROADSIDE



SCHOOLHOUSE ON RAGGED HILL

WEST BROOKFIELD SCENIC ROAD MAP & GUIDE

Road numbers will lead the traveler through the town, starting at the West end of Rt 9 and heading East/ North East.

# ON MAP	ROAD	LENGTH (mi.)	LOCATION and EXTENT (T.L.- townline)
1	Coy Hill Road	1.45	Ware T.L.- Warren T.L.- off Rt.9 SW (discontinued)
2	Beaman Road	.30	Coy Hill - Warren T.L.- off Coy Hill Rd.(discontinued)
3	Pierce Road	1.67	Ragged Hill - Rt 9 - off Rt.9 NE
4	Kennedy Road	1.64	Rt. 9 - Lyons Rd.- off Pierce N/Ragged Hill W
5	Lyons Road	.75	Rt. 9 - Kennedy Rd.- off Ragged Hill W
6	Ragged Hill Road	2.37	Wick. Vly - Jct. Kennedy and Lyons Rds.
7	Tucker Road	1.98	Ragged Hill Rd. - New Braintree T.L (becomes unpaved)
8	John Gilbert Road	1.11	Ragged Hill Rd. - Wickaboag Valley Rd.
9	Holmes Road	.21	Wick.Vly. - Pynchon's Mill (discontinued road/trail)
10	New Braintree Road	3.30	Church St. - New Braintree T.L.
11	Wigwam Road	2.96	Rt 67 across from Elem. School - N. Bkfld T.L.
12	Foster Hill Road	1.56	East Main St.(Rt. 9) - Bkfld T.L.
13	Devil's Elbow	.05	Geo. Allen - Bkfld T.L. (discontinued road/trail) off Foster Hill Rd.
14	Davis Road	.83	Long Hill - Warren T.L
15	Richardson Road	.58	Brkfld T.L. - Warren T.L. - off Long Hill Rd.

VISITING

There are many opportunities for enjoyment of West Brookfield's rich historic past along the byways. The unspoiled features of the hills, fields, and views make this a favored area for landscape painting, sketching and scenic photography. The Wildlife Management Areas and the Rock House Reservation offer public walking trails or spots to picnic. Please carry out what you carry in.