



Highland Forest Park Year Round Trail Maps

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Snowshoe photo: David Lassman, The Post Standard

ABOUT THE PARK

HOURS:

Park April 1 - November 30 Dawn to Dusk
December 1 - March 31 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Skyline Lodge/Office
Year Round 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Christmas Day

BEVERAGES & TRASH

No glass is allowed. There is a limit of one six-pack of beer per legal adult. No kegs. This is a carry in carry out park.

NO SMOKING

Highland Forest is a smoke free park.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Highland Forest's 20 miles of groomed nordic ski trails offer fun and challenges for skiers of all levels on terrain which has elevation changes up to 400 feet.

ETIQUETTE & SAFETY TIPS: Stay to the right when being approached or passed by other skiers. Dress in layers and always wear hats and gloves.

DIRECTION: Trails are one way as indicated on the map.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY RATINGS: Each group of trails is classified from easiest to most difficult. The higher the difficulty rating, the greater the elevational changes on the trail. This translates into more hills.

Northview Trail

A gentle, meandering, wooded route with a short downhill at midpoint gives a taste of the rewards of cross country skiing.

Westwind Loop

This trail mixes elevation changes with double track width to provide a wonderful social and physical experience.

Southside Loop

This signature run for advanced skiers has lots of hills and an invigorating half mile downhill stretch.

Southside Extension

A continuation of the Southside Loop takes advanced skiers into the back country.

East Rim Loop

This trail is for conditioned, experienced skiers. It offers scenic views through most of its length as well as a steep 0.8 mile downhill run.

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Fabius, NY 13063
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For more information, visit:
OnondagaCountyParks.com

Hiking, Snowshoeing & Cross Country Ski Trails

Hiking/Snowshoeing Trails

- L** LIMESTONE TRAIL
0.8 miles / 1.28 km
- T** TORBERT TRAIL
1.86 mile / 2.99 km
- K** KIRNAN TRAIL
3.6 miles / 5.79 km
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8.82 miles / 14.19 km

Cross Country Ski Trails

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.5 miles / .8 km
- N** NORTHVIEW LOOP
.5 miles / .8 km
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4 miles / 6.44 km
- WC** WESTWIND CUTOFF
2.2 miles / 3.54 km
- S** SOUTHSIDE LOOP
6.2 miles / 9.98 km
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3.5 miles / 5.63 km
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8.9 miles / 14.32 km
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DIFFICULTY RATINGS

- EASIER
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LEGEND

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TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

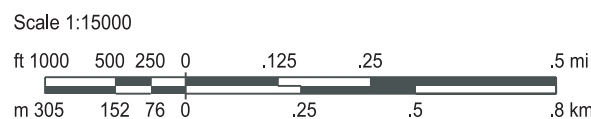
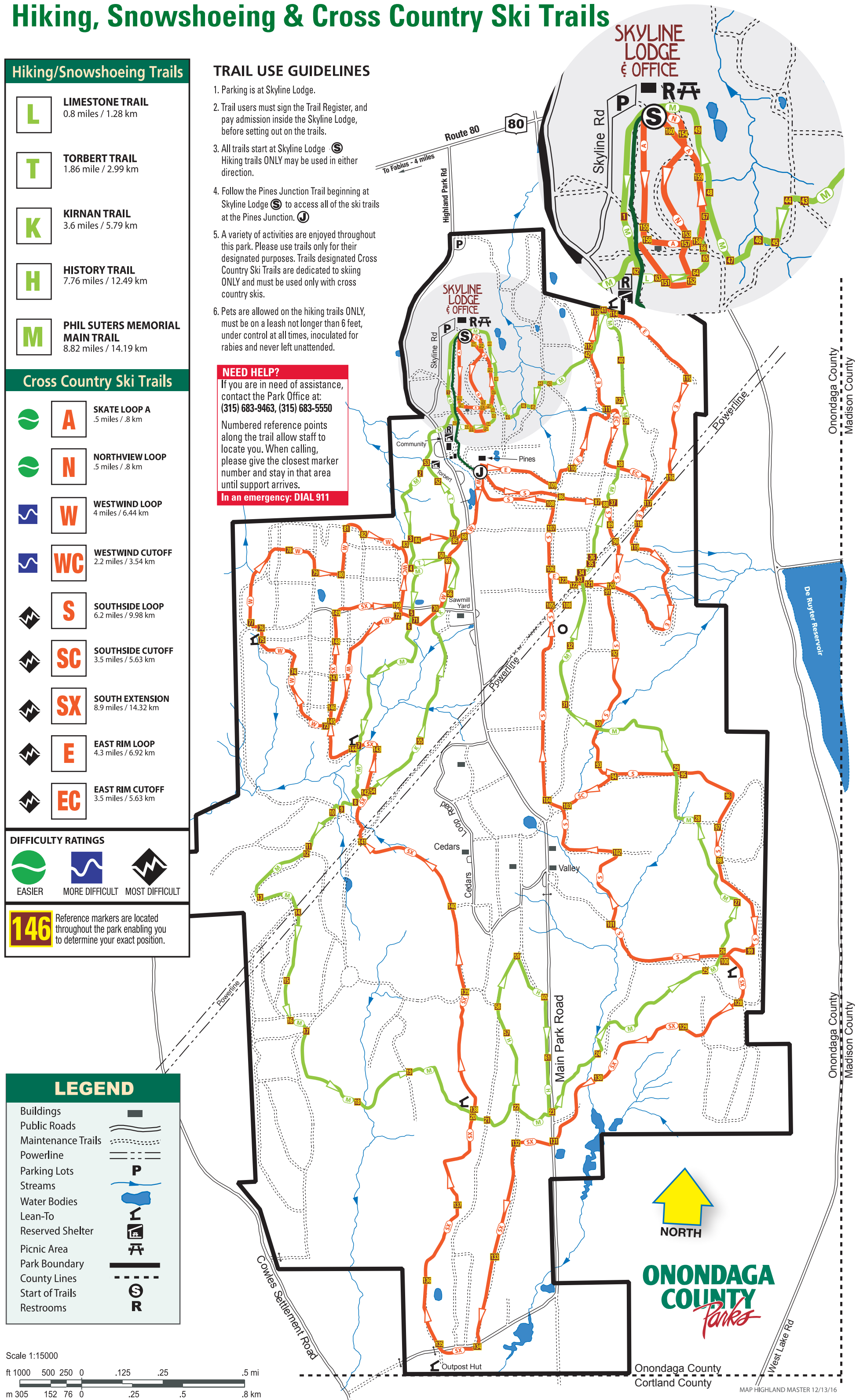
1. Parking is at Skyline Lodge.
2. Trail users must sign the Trail Register, and pay admission inside the Skyline Lodge, before setting out on the trails.
3. All trails start at Skyline Lodge (S). Hiking trails ONLY may be used in either direction.
4. Follow the Pines Junction Trail beginning at Skyline Lodge (S) to access all of the ski trails at the Pines Junction (J).
5. A variety of activities are enjoyed throughout this park. Please use trails only for their designated purposes. Trails designated Cross Country Ski Trails are dedicated to skiing ONLY and must be used only with cross country skis.
6. Pets are allowed on the hiking trails ONLY, must be on a leash not longer than 6 feet, under control at all times, inoculated for rabies and never left unattended.

NEED HELP?

If you are in need of assistance, contact the Park Office at: (315) 683-9463, (315) 683-5550

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SEASON:

Mountain Biking May 1 – September 30
Horseback Riding May 1 – October 31
Hiking (snowshoeing) Year Round

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

Northview Loop: A great way for mountain bikers to gain experience. A few low grade hills to help get the feel of what it's like on the other trails.

Westwind Loop: For novice mountain bikers, there are a few hills as well as some rugged terrain. A view of the 1985 blow-down reveals how long it takes a forest to regenerate.

Southside Loop: The longest trail in the park is a challenge for any rider. It goes through the middle of one of the reforested areas, and clearings for a quiet picnic or rest.

South Extension: This covers all of the different kinds of terrain in the park with views of the surrounding area.

East Rim Loop: One of the most difficult trails; only for experienced riders. A number of steep hills and a rewarding view of the Limestone Valley.

HORSEBACK RIDING

- Parking for horse trailers is available at the west end of the Skyline Lodge parking lot.
- All riders must sign-in at Skyline Lodge and pay the \$3.00 daily park admission.
- All horses are required to have current Coggins documents filed with the Park in exchange for an Equestrian Permit.
- All horseback riding must remain on the designated trail; riding on all other trails, lawns, roads, and service areas is prohibited.
- All horses known to be sensitive around people other than its owner, other animals, vehicles and motorized equipment should remain under the owner's care at all times.

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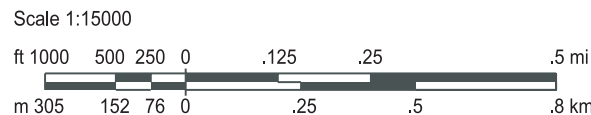
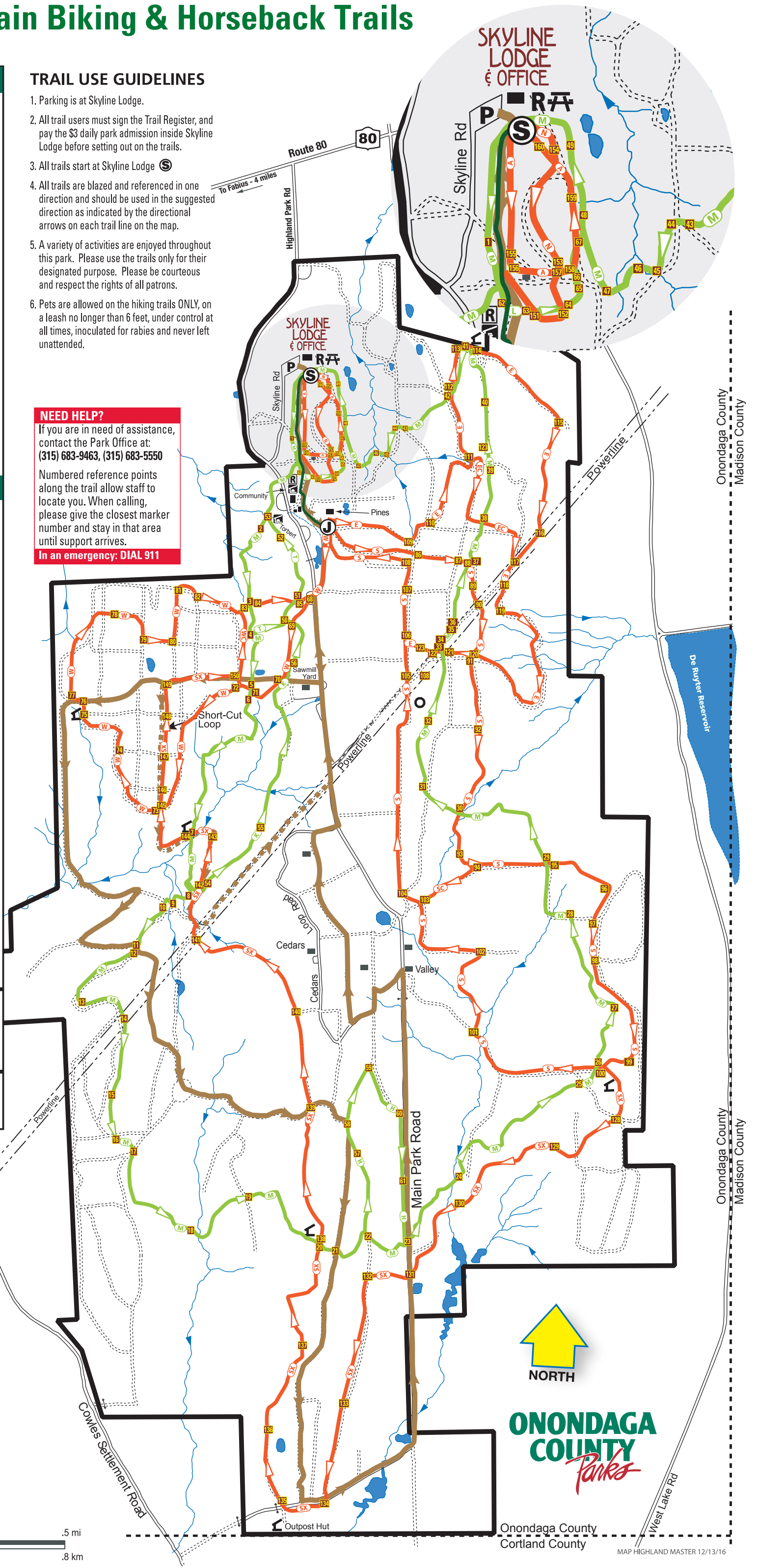
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