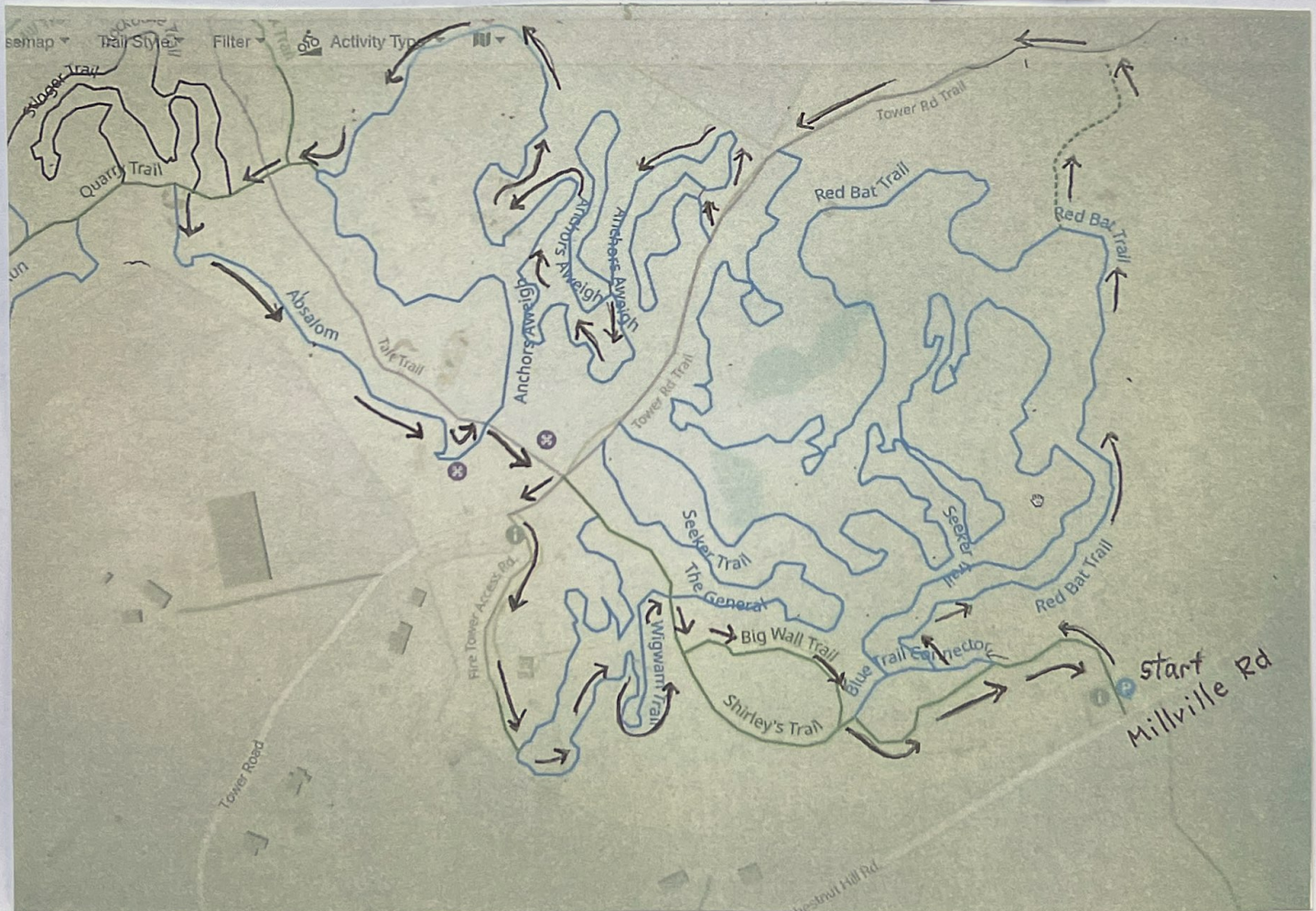


Hike 3 - Shirley's Trail

Mendon Town Forest - Trailhead: Town Forest parking lot, 203 Millville Rd, Mendon, MA.
(Approx 2 1/2 hours)

- Begin on Shirley's trail. Take the first right near a big rock.
- Go right onto the Red Bat Trail and continue to Holly's Path on the right.
- Stay on Holly's Path until it reaches Tower Road. Go Left on Tower Road.
- Take the next right onto Anchors Aweigh Trail (opposite Anchor Rock)
- Follow the Mendon Hike Challenge arrows on Anchors Aweigh Trail until it reaches Taft Trail.
- Go across Taft Trail onto Quarry Trail.
- Turn left onto Absalom Trail (take a quick side trip to the Dance Hall) and then continue back to Taft Trail. Turn right onto Taft Trail. (Pass by the Thompson Taft cellar hole)
- At the next intersection, turn right and proceed up the Tower Access Road to the Fire Tower.
- Follow the arrows to Wigwam Trail and proceed to the bottom of the trail where it meets up with Shirley's Trail.
- Turn right on Shirley's Trail and then go left onto Big Wall Trail.
- The trail meets up with Shirley's Trail again. Turn left following the trail back to the parking lot.
- Go to link at the QR code to learn more about the Town Forest History



Hike #3 Shirley's Trail

- Park at the Town Forest lot on Millville Rd
- Start on Shirley's Trail by the kiosk
- After crossing the boardwalk stay Right at the big rock.
- Turn Right onto Red Bat Trail
- Follow Red Bat Trail to Holly's Path
- Turn Right on Holly's Path (this is a less used trail)
- Turn Left onto Tower Road Trail
- Turn Right onto Anchors Aweigh Trail at Anchor Rock (can you find the Anchor?)
- Parts of Anchors Aweigh Trail are not used on this hike. Follow the "Hike Mendon" markers carefully.
- Turn Left on Taft Trail and then Right onto Quarry Trail
- At the top of the hill, turn Left onto Absalom Trail (Note: Near the end of Absalom Trail, you can take a small detour to the right and view the "Dance Hall")
- At the end of Absalom Trail turn Right onto Taft Trail (Note: Just before the junction with Tower Rd look on your left for the Thompson Taft main house.)
- Turn Right onto Tower Road
- Turn Left onto the fire tower access Rd
- Continue up to the fire Tower
- With the fire tower on your left, look for the trail sign "To Blue Loop"
- Follow the Connector Trail to the next intersection
- Stay straight onto Wigwam Trail
- Turn Right onto Shirley's Trail and then Left onto Big Wall Trail (Note: Check out the size of the wall!)
- At the end of the Big Wall Trail, go Left and then Right onto Shirley's Trail
- Go back across the boardwalk to the parking lot