See the Arboretum On Horseback

The Bridle Trail provides a unique way to enjoy the Arboretum grounds. Approximately 7-1/2 miles long, the Bridle Trail traverses farm fields, mature woodlots, and skirts a small wetland area.

Stay alert for hazards such as construction areas, uneven ground and groundhog holes. Be aware that trail conditions are affected by the weather. Some areas of the Bridle Trail may be very wet and unsuitable for riding.

This trail was designed, constructed, and is maintained by volunteers with the Foundation of the State Arboretum. New volunteers are always welcome! As the Equestrian Committee is required to be self supporting your donations are essential to defray costs for maintenance, signage, brochures, and other expenses.

Suggested donation per ride:
$10 adults, $5 under 10.
(The donation box is located at the kiosk paddock.)

Organized group rides/drives should be coordinated through the Arboretum office.
Please call 540-837-1758

The Arboretum is maintained for environmental education, scientific research and the quiet enjoyment of nature's beauty. This is an outdoor museum; please respect the collection.

- Do not disturb plant tags or labels.
- Do not pick flowers or collect any plants or plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones, and acorns.
- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Avoid research areas.

Thank you. Enjoy your ride!

Bridle Trail Guidelines

The Bridle Trail is open for horses and hikers dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. No unauthorized vehicles.

A signed liability waiver (available at the Kiosk in the Trailer Parking area) is required for each rider. Riders under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers are kept on file.

Current (within one year) negative Coggins test required for horses, ponies, mules, etc. Please include the actual number as well as the date of the test on the waiver form.
All riders must wear hard hats.

Follow horse-head trail markers and stay on the Bridle Trail. Horses are not permitted in other areas. Ride at a moderate pace appropriate for the least experienced rider and the greenest horse. Enjoy the scenery!

Be aware of vehicles, pedestrians, and pets. Yield to pedestrians. No loose dogs on the Bridle Trail or in the Paddock.

Please report any trail safety problems at the Paddock.

Blandy Experimental Farm is not responsible for accidents.

Always think safety first!

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A Guide to the Bridle Trail

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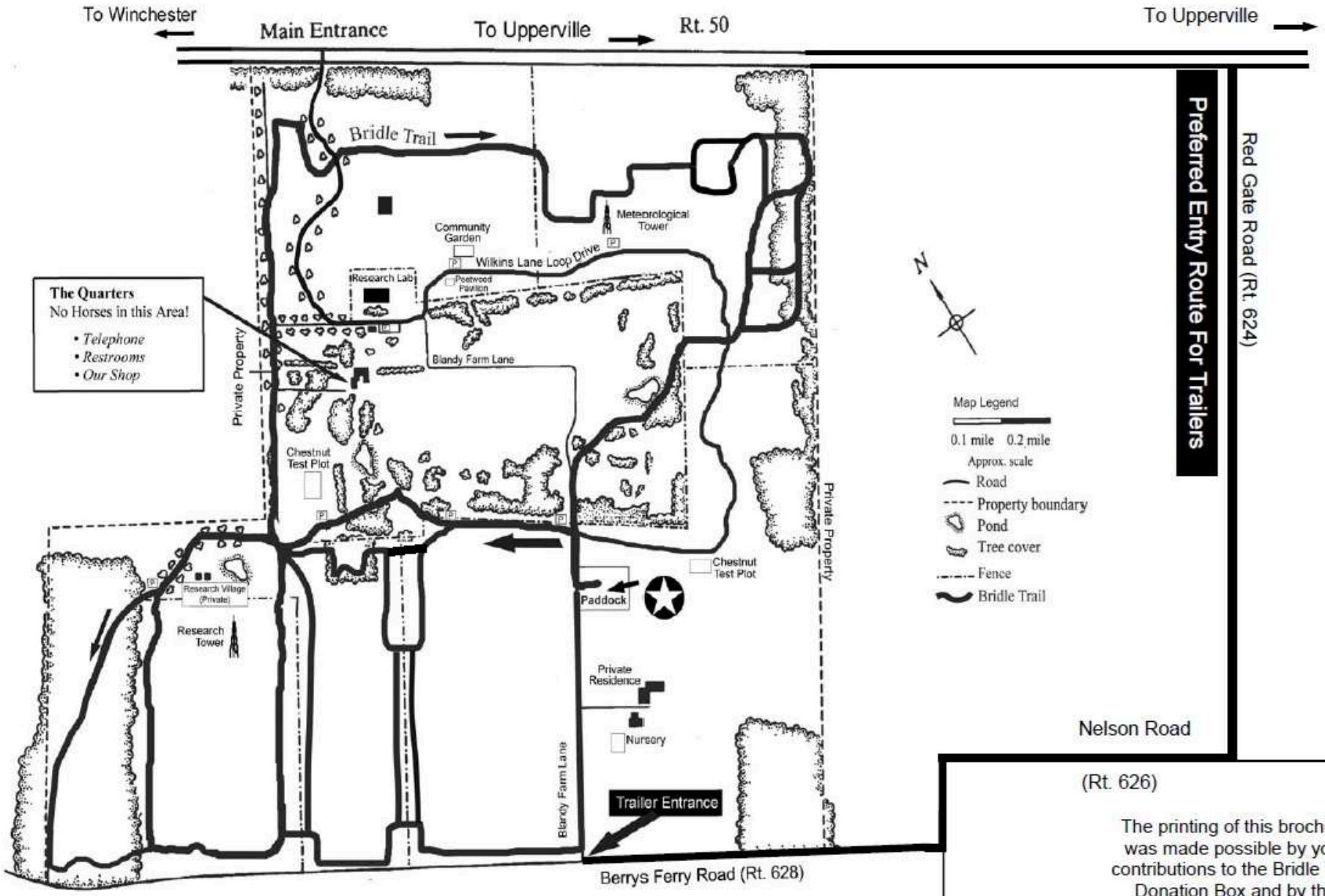

Be A Considerate Conservationist • Respect the Arboretum Collection
Avoid Research Areas • Stay on the Bridle Trail • Enjoy Your Ride!

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