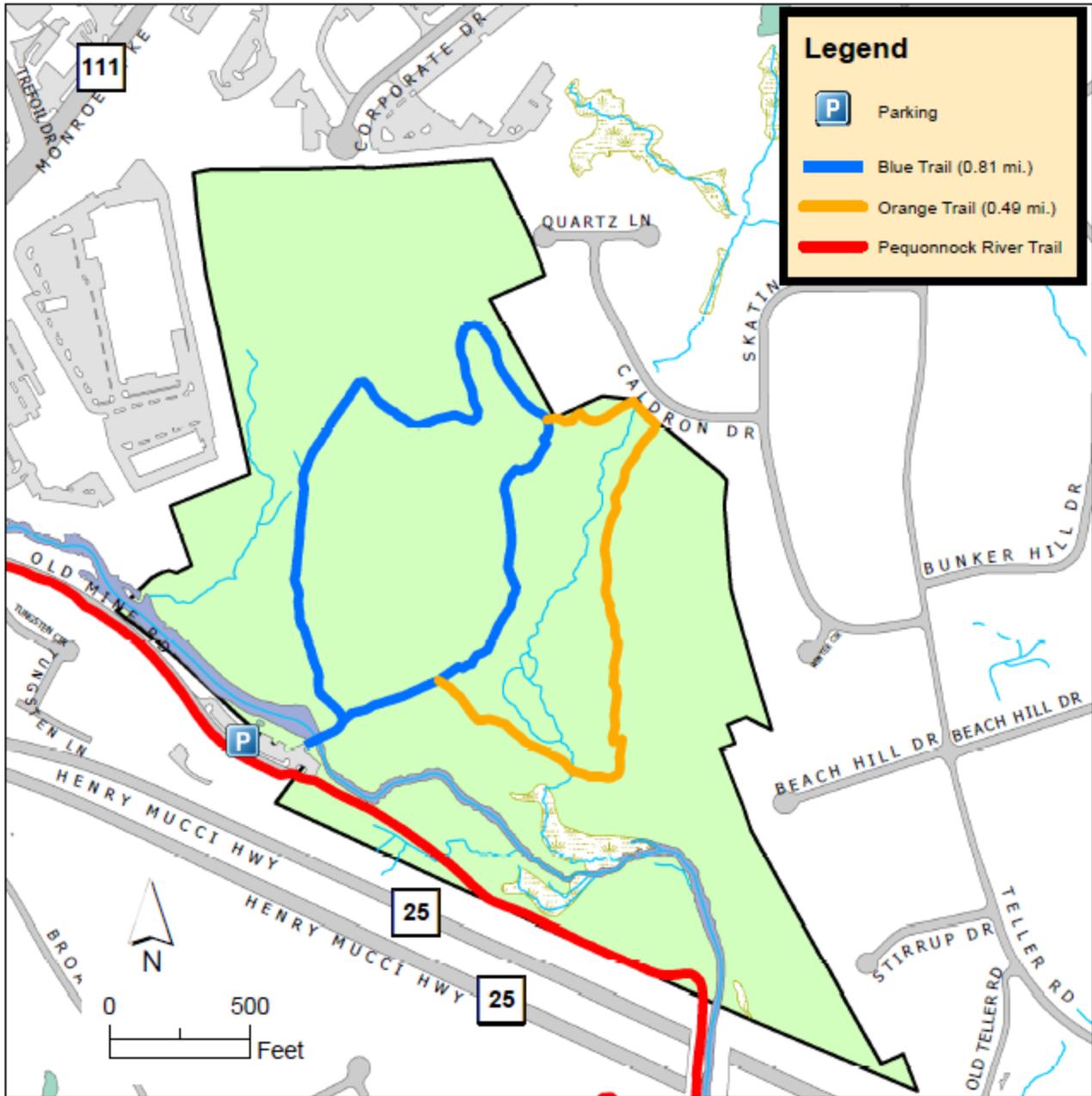


# Trumbull Treks



# OLD MINE PARK



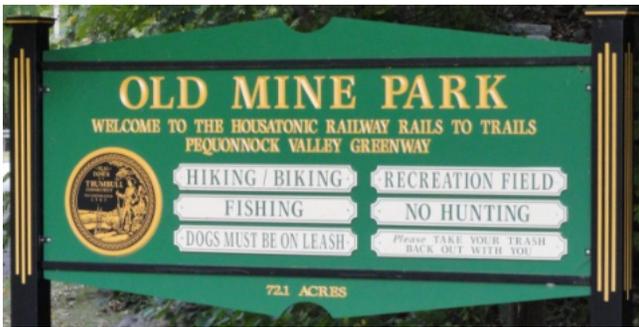
## Park Address

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## PARK HISTORY

Old Mine Park is tucked away in the corner of route 111 and settled against the Pequonnock River. This land previously named by Indians, the “Saganawamps,” was valuable to them due to the immense amount of quartz found here. Quartz was used to make miscellaneous tools and arrow heads.

By the early 1800s word of the mines had reached Dr. Benjamin Silliman of Yale College. He visited the site and identified various minerals as topaz and tungsten. More than 50 years later in 1897 The Tungsten Mining and Milling Company was established on site. A few short years later the company declared bankruptcy due to their inability to remove pyrite from the tungsten. The mine was then taken over by Long Hill Mining Company in 1912.

On May 12, 1916 a suspicious and controversial fire burned down the buildings within the land and ruined the mines. The site was left abandoned and unprofitable only to later be turned over to the town of Trumbull in 1937 for unpaid taxes.



## PARK FEATURES

“The Cut”- is a large hole located in the park that is roughly 100 feet long, 10 feet wide and 60 feet deep! It sits today as the remaining cavity of what was a large vein of quartz. Today you will find a safety fence surrounding the area. But long before a Bridgeport man fell into the hole and was stuck there for more than 24 hours before rescue efforts were initiated. Animals did not fair so lucky and often animal carcasses could be seen on the bottom.

The Tunnels- Several tunnels can be seen within the park which were dug to search for white quartz rock that contained tungsten. Most have collapsed today, some during the fire of 1916. The only remaining tunnel was dug for the storage of explosives but is off limits to the public for safety reasons.

Old Mine Park Archaeological site was added in 1990 to the National Register of Historic Places.



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