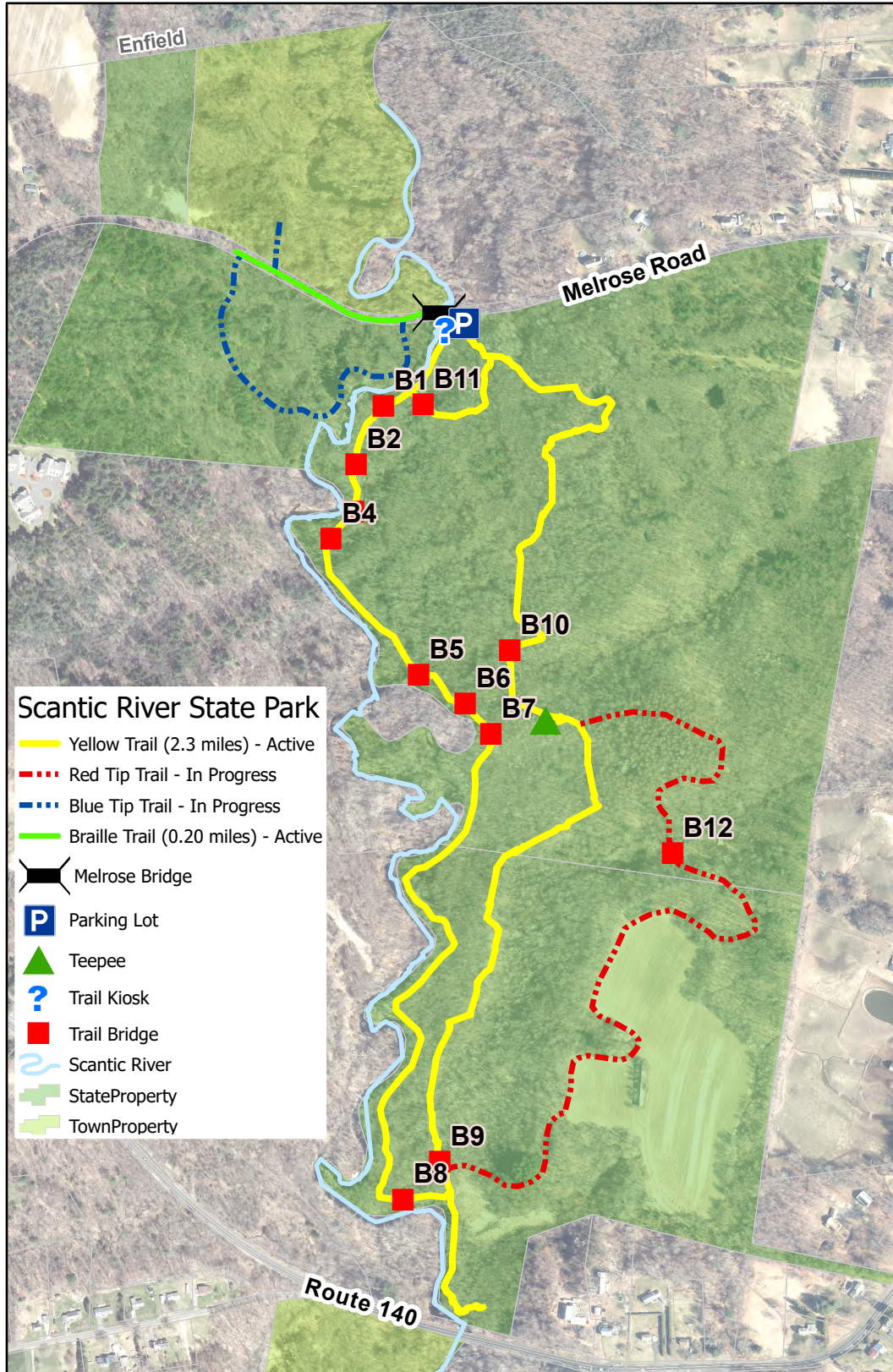




# Scantic River State Park East Windsor, CT



The Scantic River State Park is maintained by the East Windsor American Heritage River Commission (AHRC) volunteers. Over the years the AHRC has built and rebuilt 12 bridges/mud walks, which are numbered and identified on the map and on the trail. There are several benches along the trail to sit and take in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature.



## ◆ Yellow Blaze Trail: *marked with yellow diamonds*

The yellow trail follows along the east side of the Scantic River and loops around up the hill on the ridge. The loop of the yellow trail covers about 2.3 miles.

A shorter walk that many enjoy is from the parking lot to the famous sycamore tree at bridge #6 which is about 0.5 miles, 1.0 miles round trip.

## ◆ Red Tip Trail: *marked with red tips on yellow diamonds*

This extension of yellow trail is about 0.8 miles. The trail skirts the edge of the ridge alongside a field where crops are grown in the summer. It was once sacred ground, and we are privileged to be allowed to walk there. Several old barns from former farming days still remain standing.

Please be aware of hunting season as the field is a popular place for hunters.

*\*This trail is still being constructed as of the printing of this map.*

## ◆ Blue Tip Trail: *marked with blue tips on yellow diamonds*

The blue tip trail cuts off from the Braille Trail and takes hikers along the Scantic River on the west side for about 0.25 miles, then turns past several ponds and through light woods before turning again to enter the original roadbed of Melrose Road. The blue tip trail/Braille Trail add an additional 1.25 miles for hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Future projects will develop a trail branching off north that leads to Enfield.

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## ◆ Braille Tip Trail: *marked with green tips on yellow diamonds*

The braille trail starts by crossing the Old Melrose Bridge over the Scantic River. This trail runs about 880 feet, displaying 11 signs in Braille and English describing the original bridge and the walkway that lies within the bridge. Other signs detail the origin and course of the Scantic River. There is also information about the Indigenous people who summered at the area. Some signs also point out the types of flora and fauna seen in the park. A final sign thanks the volunteers who have helped make the trails better for the many who wish to use them.

### Park Reminders:

- Please clean up after your pets, there is a trash can in the parking lot to dispose of the waste.
- Take out what you bring in.
- Be aware of poison ivy.
- Use bug spray.

This park is subject to hunting, permitted by DEEP, from the 3rd Sat in October through the first Saturday in December, a daily permit for the East Windsor/Enfield PR Area is required. Also open for spring archery turkey season.



### Meet Gaia

Gaia - Greek Goddess of Nature

Gaia was commissioned from CT chainsaw artist Jared Welcome as a joint project between the EW Arts and Culture Committee and AHRC. She overlooks the Scantic River, on Town land across from the trailhead for the Scantic River State Park, East Windsor.

- We host two annual events each year
- New Year's Day Hike - "First Day Hike" January 1 @1pm
  - CT DEEP Trails Day (usually the first weekend in June)



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