

We hope you enjoy your walk. A few reminders as you begin your visit:

- A sanctuary is a place where all life is respected. Please do not remove or injure any plant or animal and please leave only your footprints behind when you leave.
- Dogs are welcome on leashes. Please pick up after your dog.
- Motorized vehicles, bikes, fires, camping and hunting are all prohibited in our sanctuaries.
- If you have an emergency, call 911 or the Village of Croton Police Department: (914) 271-5177.

ABOUT THE TRAILS

The **Tulip Tree Trail**, marked with **white**, leads down a hill from Furnace Dock Road through a small stand of woodland and then turns right along the base of a steep rocky hillside dotted with hemlocks. The trail winds on through an open woodland of tulip poplar trees. They are noted for their tall straight trunks but, since they are very susceptible to wind damage, some of them have interesting contorted shapes. The Tulip Tree Trail continues past one of the many steep-sided ravines just before connecting with the River View trail, marked with blue, to the right. Bear left to stay on the trail. The stone structure you see is of uncertain origin, but may have been part of a water storage system for a former nearby estate or the railroad. The structure has been sealed on the top with concrete for safety reasons, but offers a canopy-level view of the surrounding woodlands.

The **River View Trail**, marked with **blue**, begins and ends at the Tulip Tree Trail and offers a vista over the Hudson River after passing through a hemlock forest to the west. It also crosses a small meadow at the southern end. The lake seen at the foot of the ravine between the Metro North Railroad tracks and the Hudson River is privately owned. From Graff Sanctuary, one can spot bald eagles, ospreys, and belted kingfishers. Due to the steepness of the slope, there is no access to the river from sanctuary land.

The **Jack-in-the-Pulpit Trail**, marked with **red**, begins at the sanctuary entrance on Briggs Lane. Please follow the trail closely near Briggs Lane as it passes close to a residential area and a private driveway crosses it. The trail is named for the lush growth of Jack-in-the-Pulpit and other spring wild- flowers in the forest undergrowth along its length. It turns to the right and descends a steep hill, passing the remains of long-vanished farm buildings. Look for broken bricks near the path.

HISTORY OF GRAFF

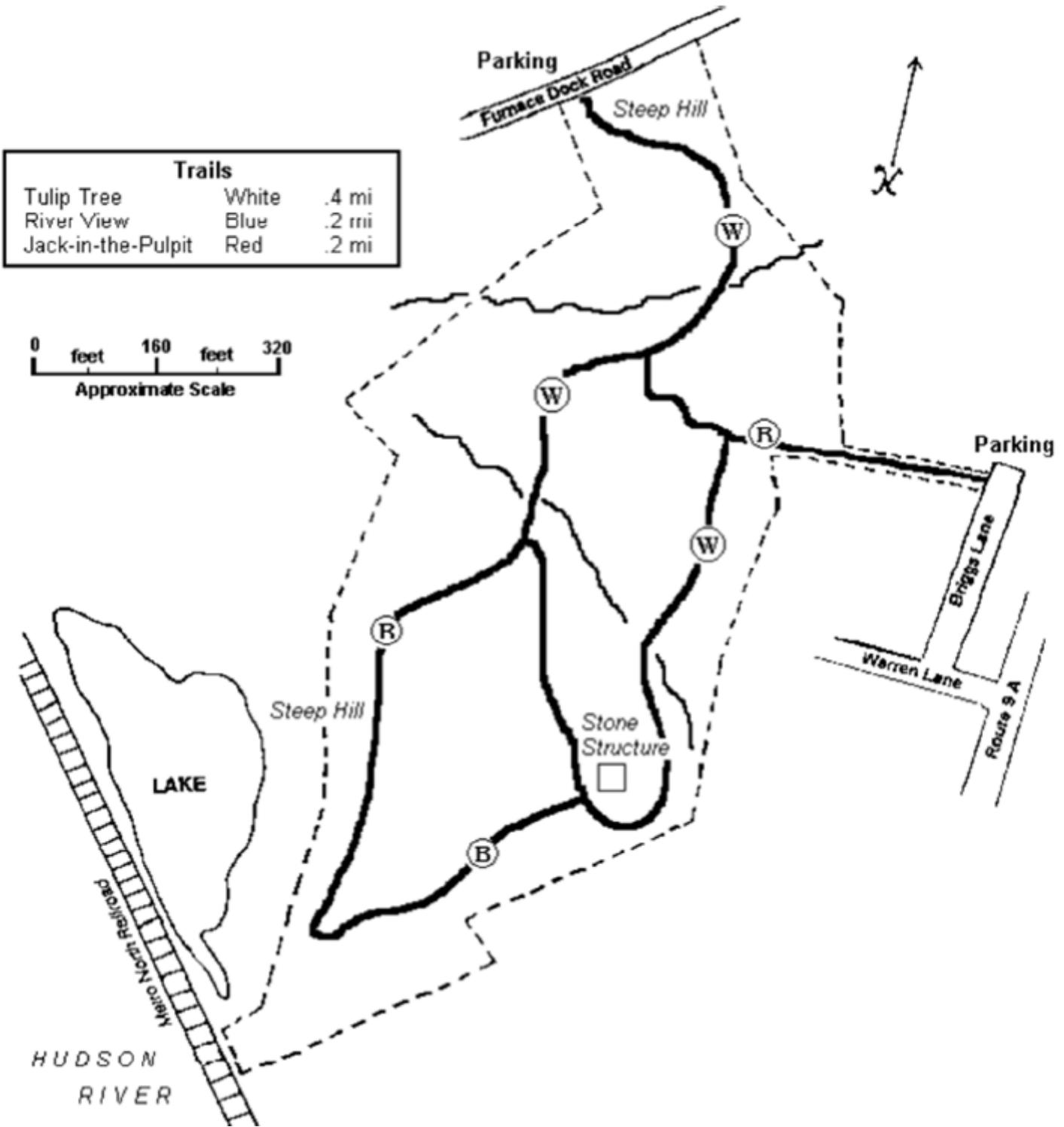
Graff Sanctuary's 29 acres were donated by Howard Graff to National Audubon in 1975 with Saw Mill River Audubon responsible for local management. In 1991, ownership of Graff Sanctuary was transferred to Saw Mill River Audubon.

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