

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON

OUR MISSION

To maintain environmental quality for all living things by protecting natural ecosystems through education, advocacy, and habitat conservation.

OUR SANCTUARIES

Saw Mill River Audubon owns eight separate sanctuaries protecting more than 300 acres of wildlife habitat in Westchester County. All are open to visitors free of charge, seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

Group Visits: With advance notice, we may be able to provide your group with a guided tour. Visit our web site for more information about guided sanctuary tours and our calendar of free public field trips. Even if your group wishes to visit without a guide, please contact us. To enhance your experience, we want to ensure that your visit does not coincide with that of another group.

Staff & Volunteers: Our sanctuaries are maintained by a part-time caretaker and our Sanctuary Committee assisted by volunteers and our executive director. We also rely on our sanctuary neighbors to monitor these special habitats. Volunteer Trail Walkers monitor individual sanctuaries and report on trail conditions and visitor and wildlife observations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We also invite you to submit a Trail Walker report at our website if you see needed trail work or want to report observations about wildlife or visitors.

Help us protect and conserve open space for the enjoyment of all! Join SMRA by filling out the form on the inside of this brochure and mailing it with your tax-deductible contribution to our office. Or donate online today at: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org



HAAS
SANCTUARY

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Website: www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

Welcome to Haas Sanctuary

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.
- If you have an emergency, call 911 or the New Castle Police Department: 914- 238-4422.

ABOUT THE TRAILS

The **Bluebird Trail**, marked with **blue**, begins at the sanctuary entrance on Sheather Road, winds through the meadow area and then climbs uphill to follow the forest edge before returning to the sanctuary entrance.

The **Hillside Trail** marked with **yellow**, links the Bluebird and Valley Trails following a stone wall that was once the eastern boundary line of the original sanctuary.

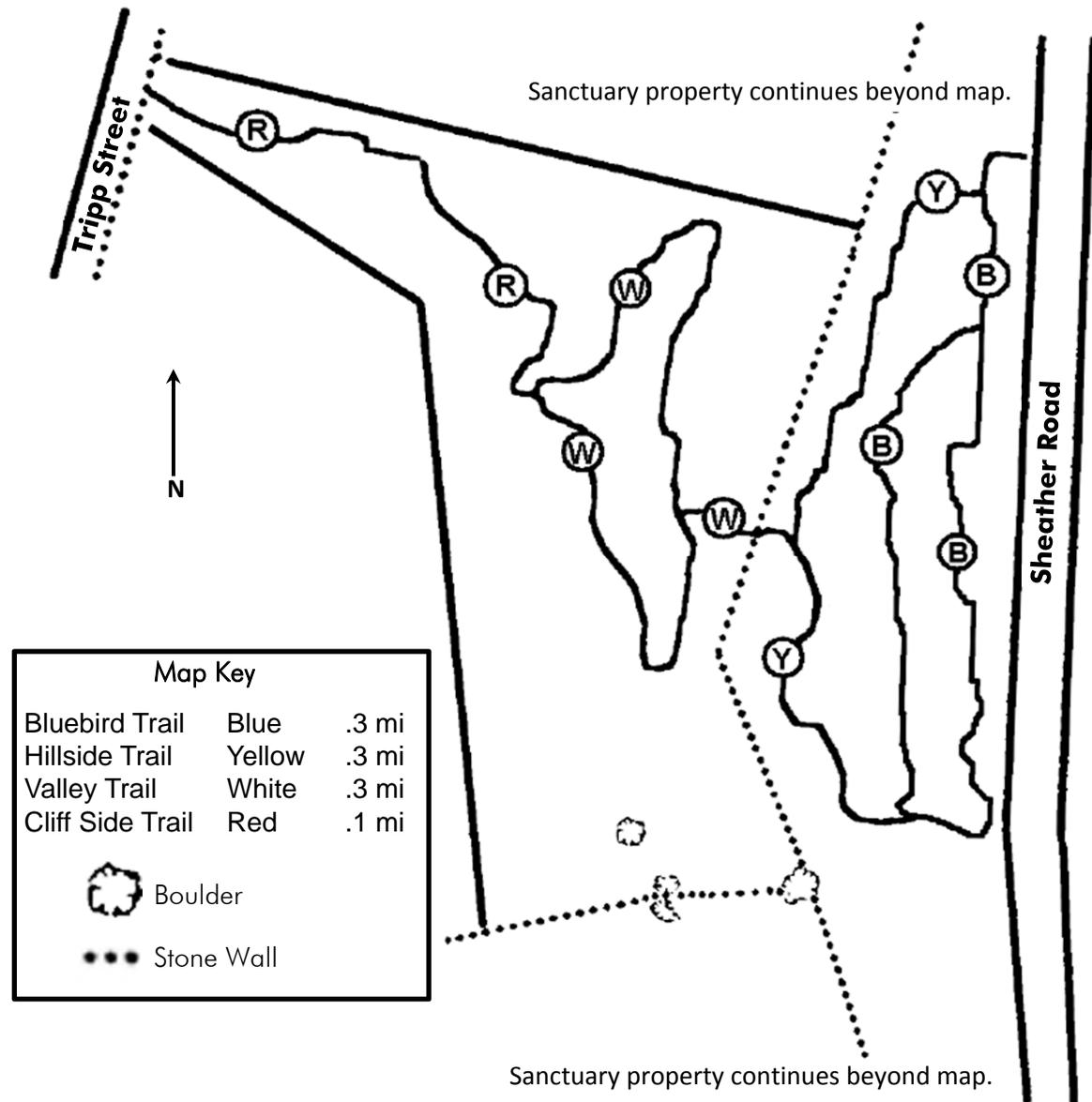
The **Valley Trail**, marked with **white**, offers another loop through the interior of the sanctuary with views of the cliff edge and giant glacial boulders found here. Along this trail are also vernal pools, temporary wetlands, where frogs and salamanders breed in the spring.

The **Cliff Trail** marked with **red**, offers connection to Tripp Street and skirts the northern side of the rock cliff. This was the original entrance to the first parcel of Haas Sanctuary.

Several features of Haas Sanctuary including the entrance sign on Sheather Road, interpretive trail signs and benches were made possible by a grant from the New York City Environmental Fund administered by the Hudson River Foundation.

Haas Sanctuary

14.26 Acres • 1 mile of hiking trails



TRAVEL DIRECTIONS AND TRAILS ENTRANCE

Haas Sanctuary is located between Tripp Street and Sheather Road in New Castle. The main entrance is on Sheather Road, one half mile south of its intersection with Tripp Street.

Traveling south on Route 128 from Mount Kisco toward Armonk, look for Sheather Road on the left about a 1/2 mile from the Mount Kisco-New Castle line. Follow Sheather Road one half mile beyond its intersection with Tripp Street. The sanctuary sign and entrance are on the right.

HISTORY OF HAAS

The first seven acres along Tripp Street were initially deeded by the Haas Family to the New Castle Land Conservancy the early 1970s in memory of George C. Haas. Ownership was transferred to Saw Mill River Audubon in 1975.

Seven additional acres along Sheather Road were donated to Saw Mill River Audubon by the Betts Family of Chappaqua in 2007.

The Sheather Road entrance sign, interpretive trail signs, and benches were all made possible through a grant from the New York City Environmental Fund administered by the Hudson River Foundation. Additional assistance with planning was provided by Campbell Engineering and the Town of New Castle.

To learn more about our other sanctuaries, our free public field trips and programs, and our other activities, visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

CELEBRATE NATURE WITH SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON

I want to support your local conservation work.

\$500
 \$250
 \$100
 \$50
 \$30
 Other _____

Please make checks payable to Saw Mill River Audubon and send with this form to the address below. If you prefer to donate online using a credit card, visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org

We welcome your comments and observations about our sanctuaries.

HAAS SANCTUARY COMMENTS

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