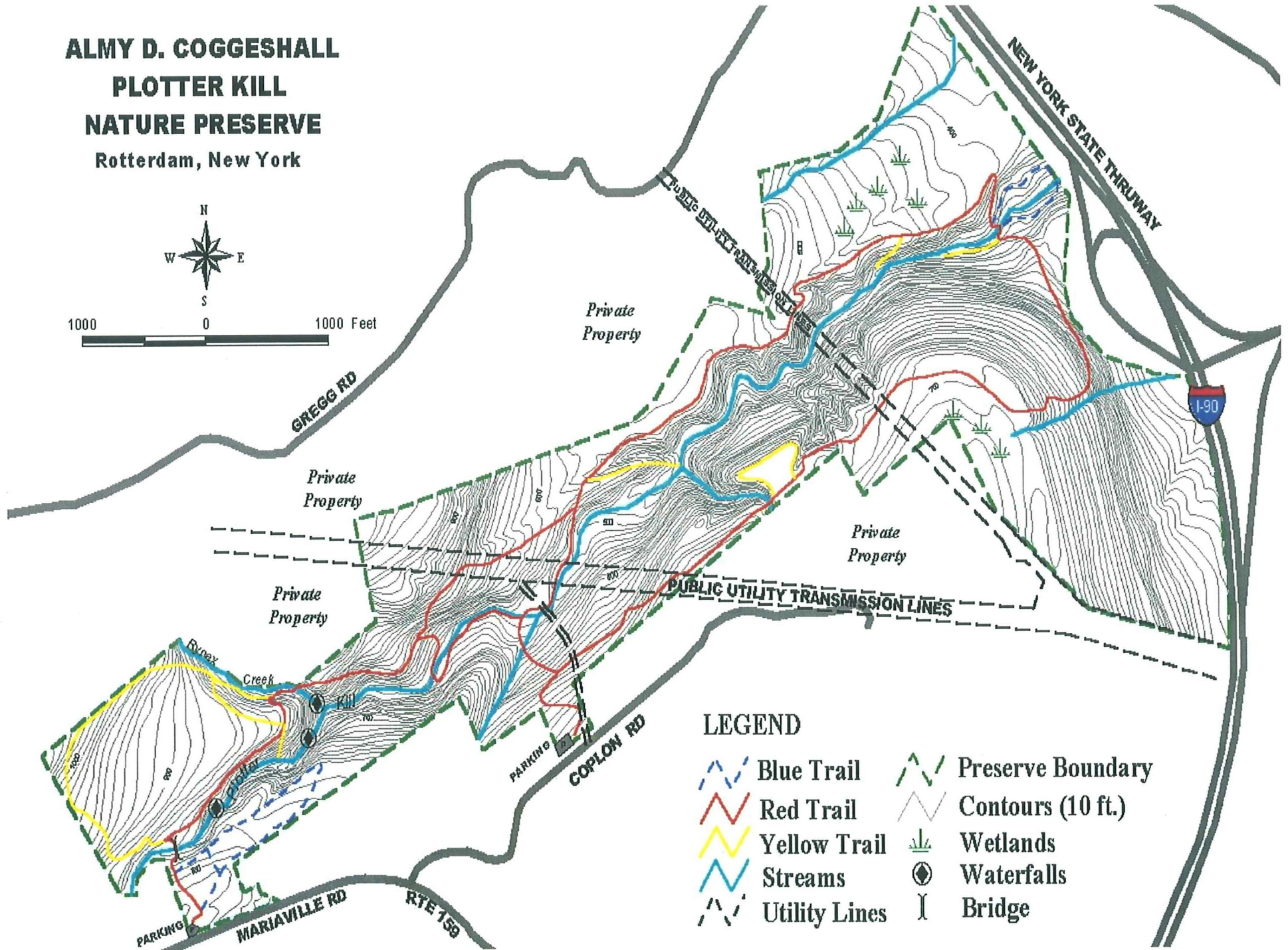


**ALMY D. COGGESHALL  
PLOTTER KILL  
NATURE PRESERVE**  
Rotterdam, New York



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**LEGEND**

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| Blue Trail    | Preserve Boundary |
| Red Trail     | Contours (10 ft.) |
| Yellow Trail  | Wetlands          |
| Streams       | Waterfalls        |
| Utility Lines | Bridge            |

Welcome to the Plotter Kill Preserve.


This Preserve contains 632 acres of rugged hardwood and coniferous forest along the Plotter Kill, a scenic tributary to the Mohawk River. The gorge of the Plotter Kill was cut by melt waters at the close of the ice ages about 10,000 years ago. The ledges give the stream its name: platte (flat) and kill (creek). **Please exercise caution when hiking in the Preserve, the terrain is very rugged with steep slopes and ledges near the trails.**


The Plotter Kill drops 900 feet in its 3.5 mile decent from Rynex Corners to the Mohawk River. There are three spectacular waterfalls: the Upper Falls, Lower Falls and the Rynex Creek Falls at the junction of Rynex Creek and the Plotter Kill. All are magnificent sights in spring high water and in winter ice. The Upper Falls is 60 feet high, and the others 40 feet.


The Plotter Kill Preserve is wonderful for nature study. Over 600 species of plants have been found in the area including: trilliums, violets, lilies, ferns and club mosses.

**Parking:** Visitors to the Plotter Kill Preserve may park in designated lots off State Rte 159 (Mariaville Road) or Coplon Road.

#### Trails:

 The red trail makes a long looping circuit that traverses the high ground along each side of the ravine. Allow all day for this hike and be prepared for some steep climbs.

 The yellow trails are spurs or small loops off the main red trail. They lead down to the stream, or to other scenic places.

 The blue trail is an easier hike (about 1/2 mile), beginning at the Route 159 parking lot and meandering to lookouts over the Upper and Lower falls. Also marked in blue is a trail which crosses the stream on the Thruway embankment, the recommended route when water is high.

#### Directions to the Plotter Kill Preserve

Take I-890 to Campbell Rd (Exit 2a). From Campbell Rd, turn right on Putnam Rd. Go 1.7 miles to State Rte 159 (Mariaville Rd). Turn right on Rte 159 and go 1.9 miles to the Preserve sign and parking lot on the right. The Coplon Rd entrance is accessible from Mariaville Rd.

**The Plotter Kill Preserve is open dawn to dusk.**  
Carry in / Carry out

**Prohibitions:** No overnight camping, fires, littering, or dumping. No motorized vehicles except snowmobiles in areas designated. No bikes, no hunting, trapping or carrying of firearms. No cutting or collecting of plant specimens. Please leash dogs and respect private property surrounding the Preserve.

**CAUTION!** Cliffs and steep slopes encountered throughout this Preserve contain all the natural hazards inherent in such formations. Please keep back from cliff edges, they may be undercut. For your own safety and for the protection of fragile plants and soils, please stay on the marked trails.

For further information contact the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council at the

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Upper Falls

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