

STEEP ROCK RESERVATION

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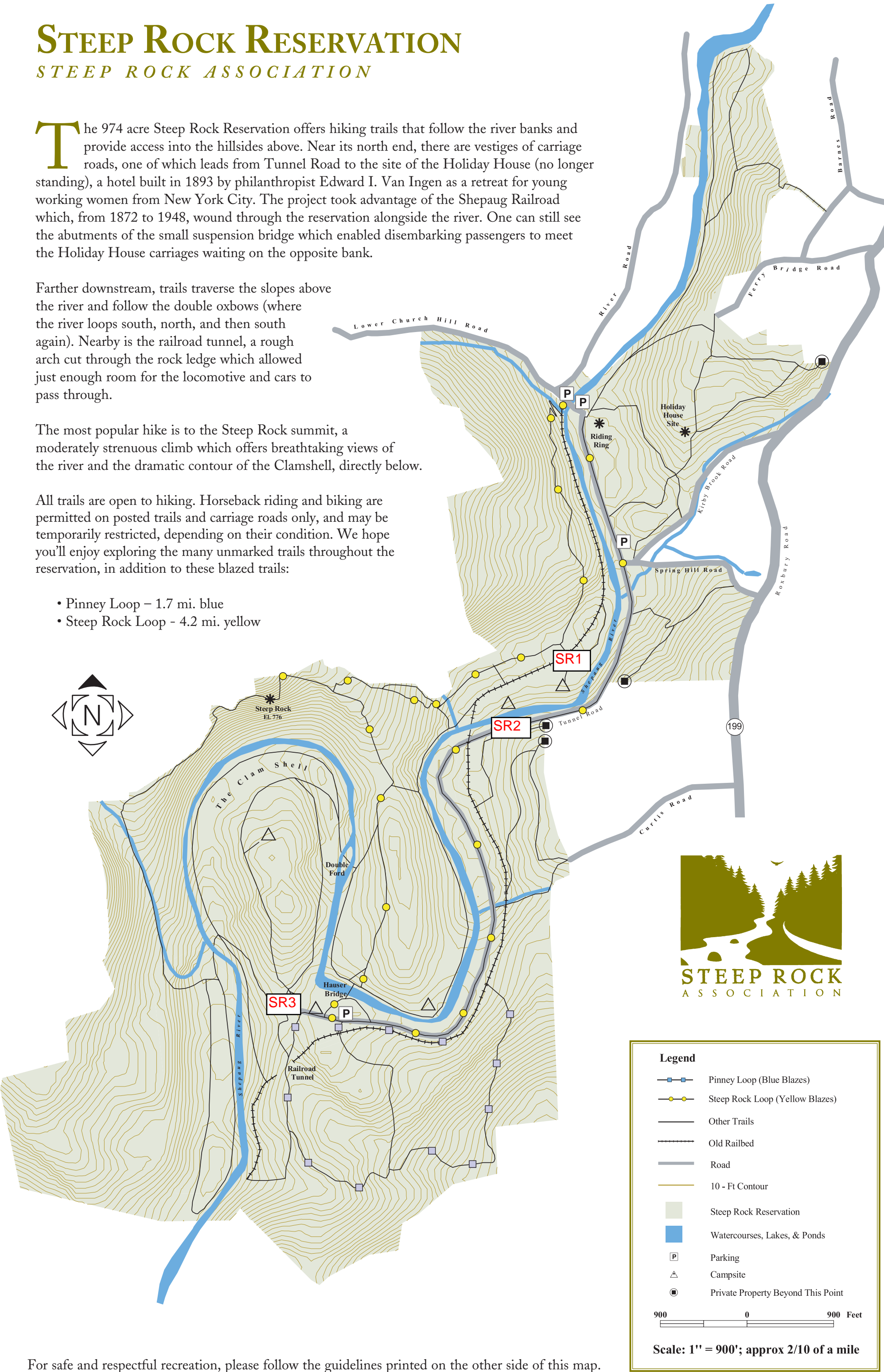
The 974 acre Steep Rock Reservation offers hiking trails that follow the river banks and provide access into the hillsides above. Near its north end, there are vestiges of carriage roads, one of which leads from Tunnel Road to the site of the Holiday House (no longer standing), a hotel built in 1893 by philanthropist Edward I. Van Ingen as a retreat for young working women from New York City. The project took advantage of the Shepaug Railroad which, from 1872 to 1948, wound through the reservation alongside the river. One can still see the abutments of the small suspension bridge which enabled disembarking passengers to meet the Holiday House carriages waiting on the opposite bank.

Farther downstream, trails traverse the slopes above the river and follow the double oxbows (where the river loops south, north, and then south again). Nearby is the railroad tunnel, a rough arch cut through the rock ledge which allowed just enough room for the locomotive and cars to pass through.

The most popular hike is to the Steep Rock summit, a moderately strenuous climb which offers breathtaking views of the river and the dramatic contour of the Clamshell, directly below.

All trails are open to hiking. Horseback riding and biking are permitted on posted trails and carriage roads only, and may be temporarily restricted, depending on their condition. We hope you'll enjoy exploring the many unmarked trails throughout the reservation, in addition to these blazed trails:

- Pinney Loop – 1.7 mi. blue
- Steep Rock Loop - 4.2 mi. yellow



- Legend**
- Pinney Loop (Blue Blazes)
 - Steep Rock Loop (Yellow Blazes)
 - Other Trails
 - Old Railbed
 - Road
 - 10 - Ft Contour
 - Steep Rock Reservation
 - Watercourses, Lakes, & Ponds
 - Parking
 - Campsite
 - Private Property Beyond This Point

900 0 900 Feet

Scale: 1" = 900'; approx 2/10 of a mile

For safe and respectful recreation, please follow the guidelines printed on the other side of this map.