

The extensive network of paved, stone, and grass trails are designed for either short or long excursions. One can traverse the Borough by starting near the Reading Museum and ending at The Highlands. The Parkland offers the perfect path for everyone. A relatively level set of trails follow the picturesque Wyomissing Creek. Steeper footpaths lead to the sitting bench with its panoramic views across the meadow to Slate Hill and further west. Experience the cool greenness of the piney woods, or the intimacy of walking the path and footbridge to Old Man Echo.

There is a variety of plant-life present throughout the year. Snowdrops in early February, skunk cabbage, wildflowers, and blossoms punctuate the array of spring growth, while the meadows and forested areas remain lush and verdant from late spring to early fall. Large patches of milkweed and goldenrod assist natural pollinators.

An abundance of wildlife can be spotted in the open meadows as well as in the forest edges. The Wyomissing Creek is home to brown trout, painted turtles, and a host of fresh water invertebrates.

Paracelsus, the 16th-century German-Swiss physician, wrote: “The art of healing comes from nature, not from the physician.”

The Wyomissing Parklands provide a connection to nature, which studies demonstrate relieves stress levels, tightens interpersonal relationships, and improves mental health.

Come visit your park.

Skating Pond ↓



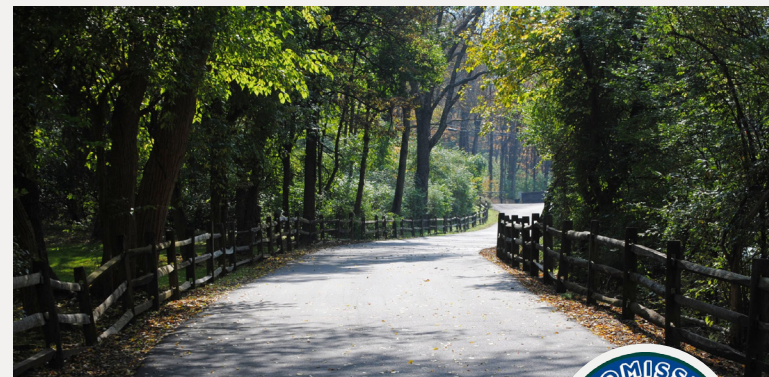
Old Wyomissing Road...

A walk through parkland history.

Old Wyomissing Road, from the Old Mill to the present soccer fields, was once part of the main road running from Reading to Lancaster. Travelling this road today, one enters into the atmosphere of a by-gone era—a stretch of natural beauty and tranquility—virtually untouched by the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Starting at the Old Mill:

- The ditch running to the right of the road carried the waters of the mill’s head race.
- To the left, the first red barn, deeded by the sons of William Penn in 1735.
- Down the road and across the creek, a large tract deeded to Jacob Hill in 1817 remained farmland until its northern portions were sold to the Reading Suburban Real Estate Company in 1898.
- The park’s first headquarters were in the nearby spring house on the right—one of several along the creek.
- Ruth’s Bridge, built in 1910 provided horses and their wagons safer passage across the Wyomissing Creek.
- Beyond the bridge stands the Huyett House, named for the inscription near its peak. The Park Barn immediately to its south is equally as old, deeded by Penn proprietaries in the 1730’s.
- A short distance to the right are the Hildebrand barn and another fine old stone house, both now property of the Highlands.
- Near Lancaster Avenue, a former limestone quarry serves as home to the soccer fields, while across the creek was originally a cement factory.



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The Parklands of Wyomissing

The original inhabitants of Wyomissing were Native Americans from the Lenni Lenape tribe who lived along the banks of the Wyomissing Creek. The word “Wyomissing” is a phonetically derived Indian name for the area which most likely translates as “a place of flats;” which makes sense considering how flat Wyomissing is compared to nearby surrounding areas. One of the earliest industries in the area



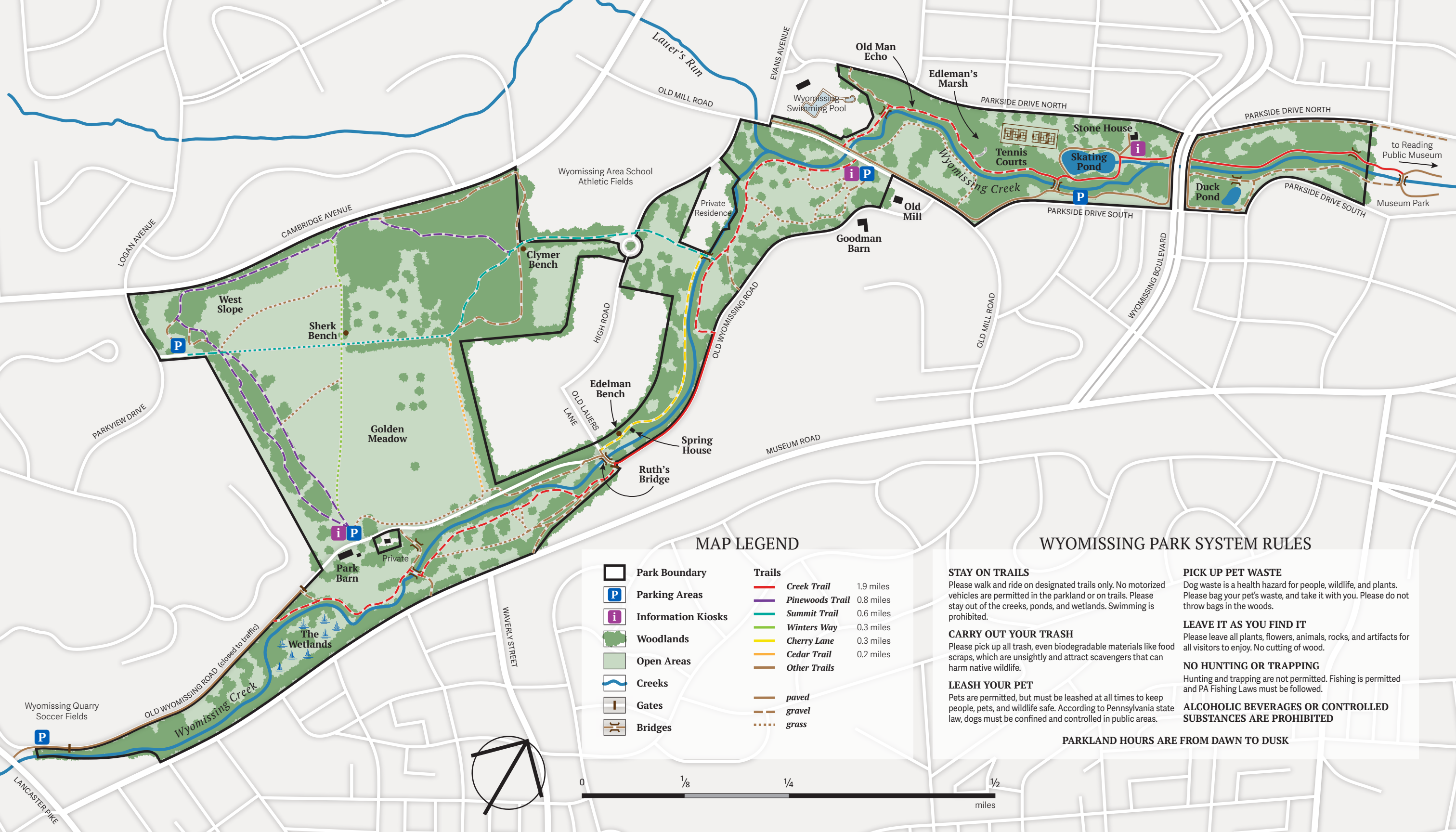
was the Evans Grist Mill. This building, now home to The Wyomissing Foundation, still stands at the corner of Old Mill Road and Old Wyomissing Road.

Wyomissing is a special place. One feature that highlights how unique it is, are the open spaces embedded throughout the residential areas. With an eye toward preservation and community accessibility, Mr. Ferdinand Thun, one of Wyomissing’s founders, purchased the land and structures on both sides of the creek in 1929. They were preserved and transferred to the Borough in the 1970s for use as parkland.



↑ Spring House

← Stone House



MAP LEGEND

- Park Boundary
 - Parking Areas
 - Information Kiosks
 - Woodlands
 - Open Areas
 - Creeks
 - Gates
 - Bridges
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- Trails**
 - Creek Trail 1.9 miles
 - Pinewoods Trail 0.8 miles
 - Summit Trail 0.6 miles
 - Winters Way 0.3 miles
 - Cherry Lane 0.3 miles
 - Cedar Trail 0.2 miles
 - Other Trails
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- paved
 - gravel
 - grass

WYOMISSING PARK SYSTEM RULES

- STAY ON TRAILS**
Please walk and ride on designated trails only. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the parkland or on trails. Please stay out of the creeks, ponds, and wetlands. Swimming is prohibited.
- CARRY OUT YOUR TRASH**
Please pick up all trash, even biodegradable materials like food scraps, which are unsightly and attract scavengers that can harm native wildlife.
- LEASH YOUR PET**
Pets are permitted, but must be leashed at all times to keep people, pets, and wildlife safe. According to Pennsylvania state law, dogs must be confined and controlled in public areas.
- PICK UP PET WASTE**
Dog waste is a health hazard for people, wildlife, and plants. Please bag your pet's waste, and take it with you. Please do not throw bags in the woods.
- LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT**
Please leave all plants, flowers, animals, rocks, and artifacts for all visitors to enjoy. No cutting of wood.
- NO HUNTING OR TRAPPING**
Hunting and trapping are not permitted. Fishing is permitted and PA Fishing Laws must be followed.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARE PROHIBITED**

PARKLAND HOURS ARE FROM DAWN TO DUSK

