

City and School District Cooperation

The Park, Recreation and Forestry Department and the Watertown Unified School District are together providing a 3.5 mile trail system for hiking and cross country skiing. This trail is located on Brandt/Quirk Park (formerly known as Quarry Park) and the new high school grounds.

The school system and city have continued to enjoy a long history of cooperation in sharing of facilities and resources to provide quality recreation for the area residents. The high school which is adjacent to Brandt/Quirk Park has greatly enhanced the potential to provide for the community's future recreational needs. Hopefully, the development of this trail will be the first of many joint use ventures at this very unique site.

Development of Brandt/Quirk Park

In July 1985, the City of Watertown designated 93 acres of city owned land to develop a large community park. In September 1985, the city further committed to this park by purchasing an additional 74 acres for \$225,000.00. LAWCON funds in the amount of \$92,500.00 helped with this purchase. This park land was formerly named Quarry Park and is now known as Brandt/Quirk Park and totals 167 acres.

Prior to 1999, development of the park had been a very slow process. Each year only minimal funds were made available for the parks development so no specific timetable for completion could be established. The department adopted the philosophy of, be patient and get as much done as possible each year with the limited resources that were made available. In 1999, there was a major break through when the Earl and Eugenia Quirk Foundation came forward and made the city a very generous offer to help finance the development of the park. The Quirk Foundation Board members offered to donate \$500,000.00 for the development of the park, if the city would match their contribution and if the citizens of Watertown would contribute to the parks development with a community fund raising effort.

The Watertown Common Council has since agreed to match the Quirk Foundation contribution and a number of dedicated citizens have accepted the challenge to organize a community fund raising effort to raise \$200,000.00. It is anticipated that development of the park will be substantially completed by October of 2000.

When completed, the park will offer a top notch 5 diamond Youth Baseball Center, 4 soccer fields with restroom's, shelter and concession facilities, 10 tennis courts, skate park facilities and 3.5 miles of hiking and cross country ski trails. Future plans for the site include development of the 10 acre gravel quarry into a recreational water resource and also an enclosed pavilion for ice hockey and community events.

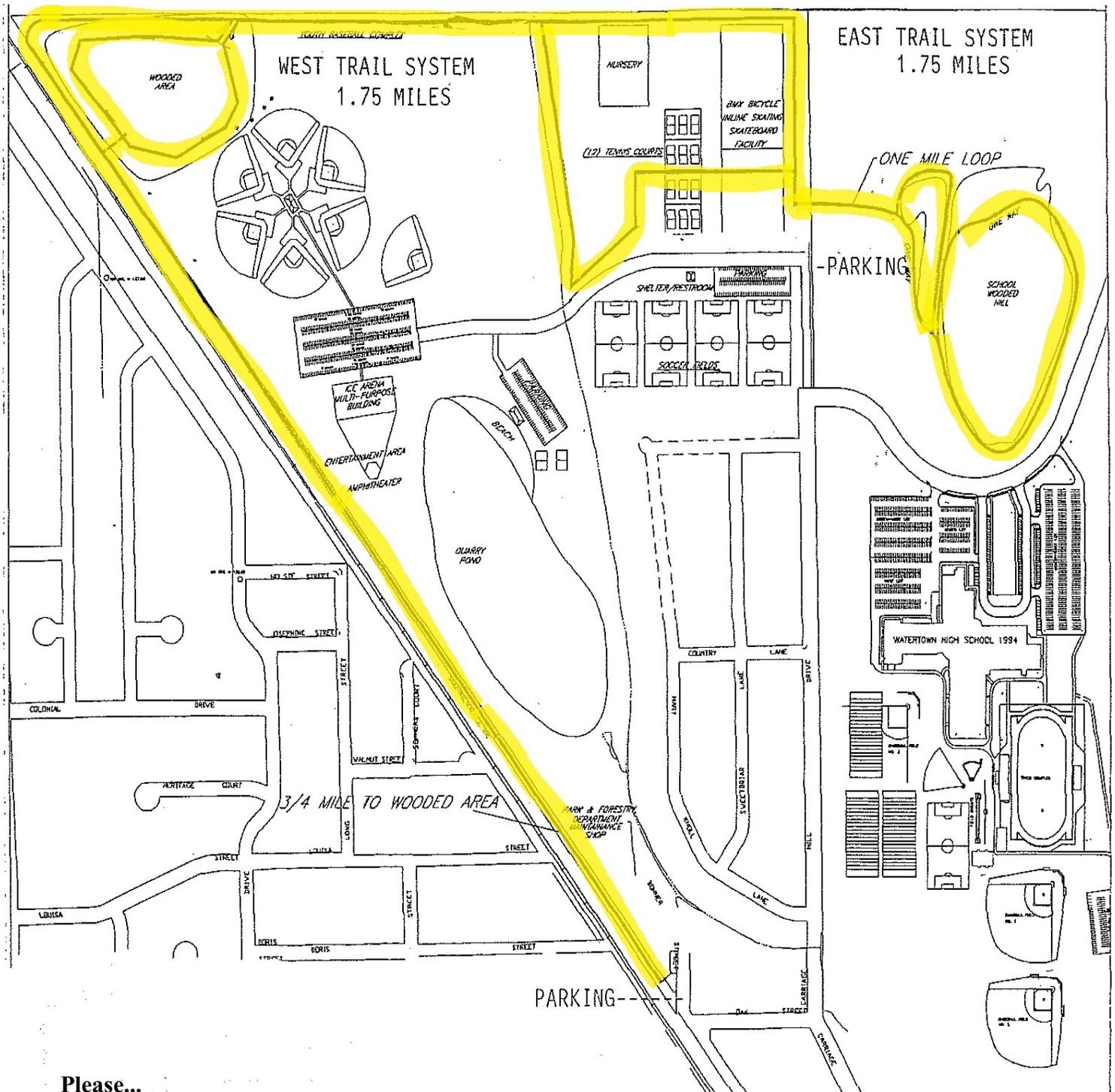
Brandt/Quirk Park Cross Country Ski Trail & Hiking Trail



**Watertown Park, Recreation and Forestry Department
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Brandt/Quirk Park

Cross Country Ski and Hiking Trail



Please...

- No Dogs on ski trails
- Do not walk on ski trails
- Follow one way signs
- Repair sitz marks
- Stay to right on two-way trails
- Ski only during daylight hours
- No snowmobiles
- Report any safety hazards or vandalism to the Park and Recreation office at 262-8080.

Parking and Access...

There is trail head parking available at the north end of both Carriage Hill Drive and Hiawatha Street