

## THE GROUNDS

Renowned landscape architect Fletcher Steele was commissioned in 1915 to lay out a grand garden estate on the shores of Lake Cochichewick. Wealthy New Yorker, Ethan Allen, desired to construct the gardens first in order to take advantage of the trees and views before building the house. Though Allen wanted to step out of his completed house into finished gardens, he died before the estate was finished and second owner, Russell Tyson of Chicago, who bought Rolling Ridge in 1928, finished the house and gardens, with Steele's assistance, in the early 1930's.

Steele's work included a rhododendron-bordered bowling green leading to a large fountain and a series of smaller cascading fountains. Looking out from the meeting room was a wide expanse of lawn giving an impressive view of the Lake. Trails through the hemlock woods connected the fountains and a boathouse as well as extending along the shores.

In the 1950's, an outdoor worship space, Point of Pines, was added and has been used by nearly a half million youth. In 2002, a double labyrinth, a project of Leslie University student, Dot Irwin, was nestled in the trees to the east of the expansive lawn. In 2005, a large Celtic Cross, donated by Tewksbury United Methodist Church, was placed on a hill by the picnic area to welcome guests to Rolling Ridge. In 2006, Rolling Ridge staff began to re-open the overgrown trails and in 2007, Friends of North Andover Trails opened additional trails.

Information about Fletcher Steele can be found in our library in the book, Fletcher Steele, Landscape Architect by Robin Karson.

Guests of Rolling ridge are welcome to walk the trails during their stay. Visitors should check in at the office before exploring to receive your visitor pass. Donations for the use of the grounds and labyrinths are graciously accepted, but there is no fee.

## TO GET TO ROLLING RIDGE

### From BOSTON and points South

Travel north on Interstate Route 93 to Route 495 North. Follow Route 495 to Exit 43 (Mass Ave.). \*

### From points North, Portsmouth, NH and Maine

Travel South on Interstate 95 to Route 495 South to Exit 43 (Mass Ave.).\*

### \*From RTE 495 exit 43, points north AND south

Take Exit 43 (Mass Ave). If coming from the South, Go right off the end of the ramp. If coming from the North, go left at the end of the ramp. Go thru 3 sets of lights to the Rotary in Old North Andover Center. Go 3/4 around the Rotary and exit onto Great Pond Road. (Unitarian Church will be on your left). Stay to the Right at the Y intersection and follow on Great Pond Rd. to a stop sign. Turn left, this is where Great Pond Road continues. Follow Great Pond Road for approximately 1/2 mile to Rolling Ridge on the left, just past North Andover Country Club.

### From THE NORTH SHORE

Travel west on Route 114. In North Andover turn right onto Johnson Street. Continue on Johnson Street to 4th right. Turn right onto Marbleridge Road. Continue on Marbleridge Road which becomes Great Pond Road for approximately 2 miles. Rolling Ridge is on your left.

### COMMUTER DIRECTIONS

From North Station in Boston, take the commuter train to the Andover Station. From there, taxi service is available to Rolling Ridge.

UPON ARRIVAL AT ROLLING RIDGE: PLEASE park in the "Guest Parking" and follow the signs to the entrance.

IF ARRIVING UNEXPECTEDLY, please check in at our office to let us know you are visiting.

# GROUND'S MAP & HIKING TRAILS



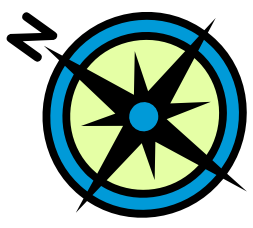
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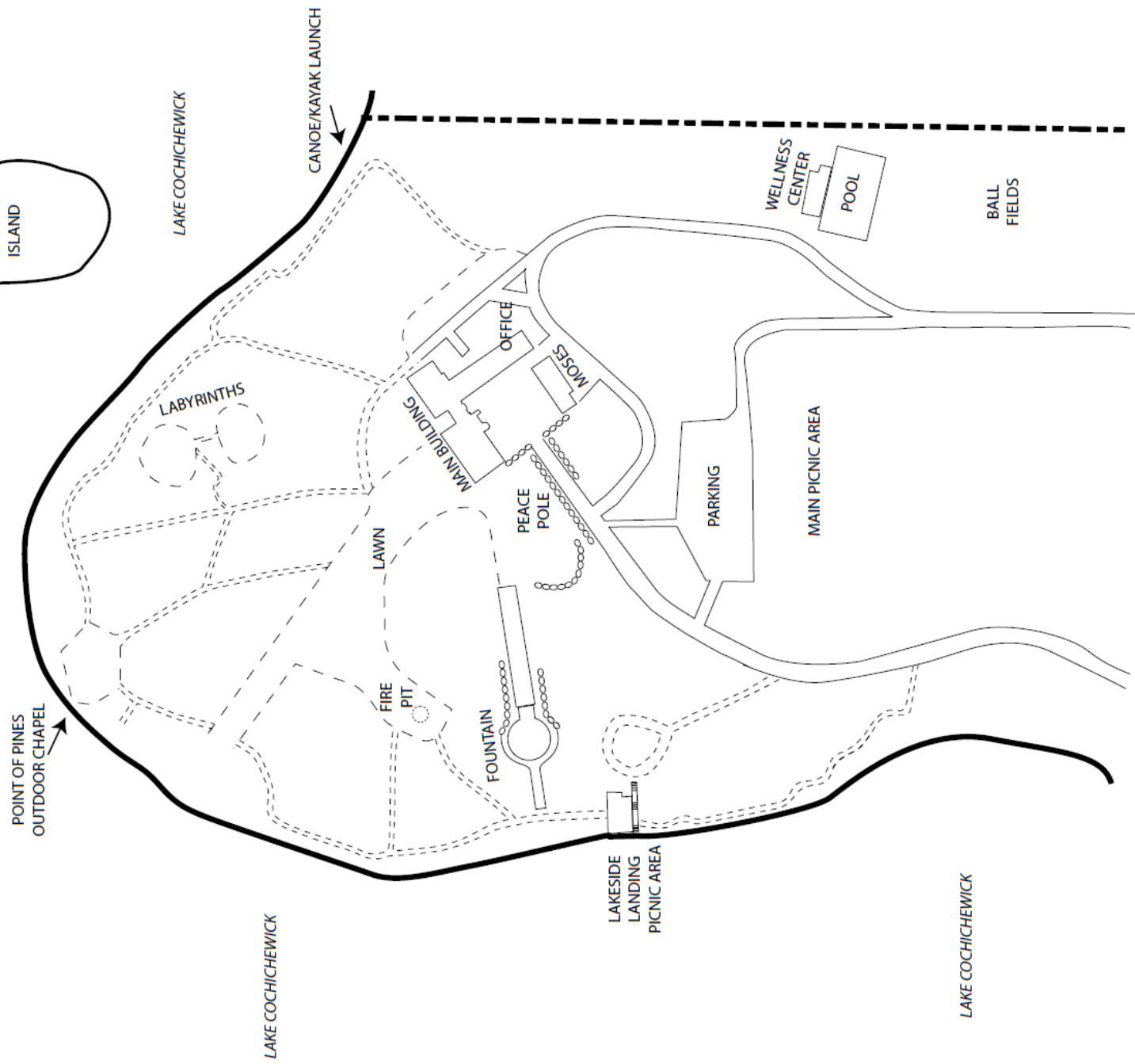
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LAKE COCHICHEWICK

POINT OF PINES  
OUTDOOR CHAPEL



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Note: Lake Cochichewick is a public drinking supply. There is **NO SWIMMING** allowed. Thank you.