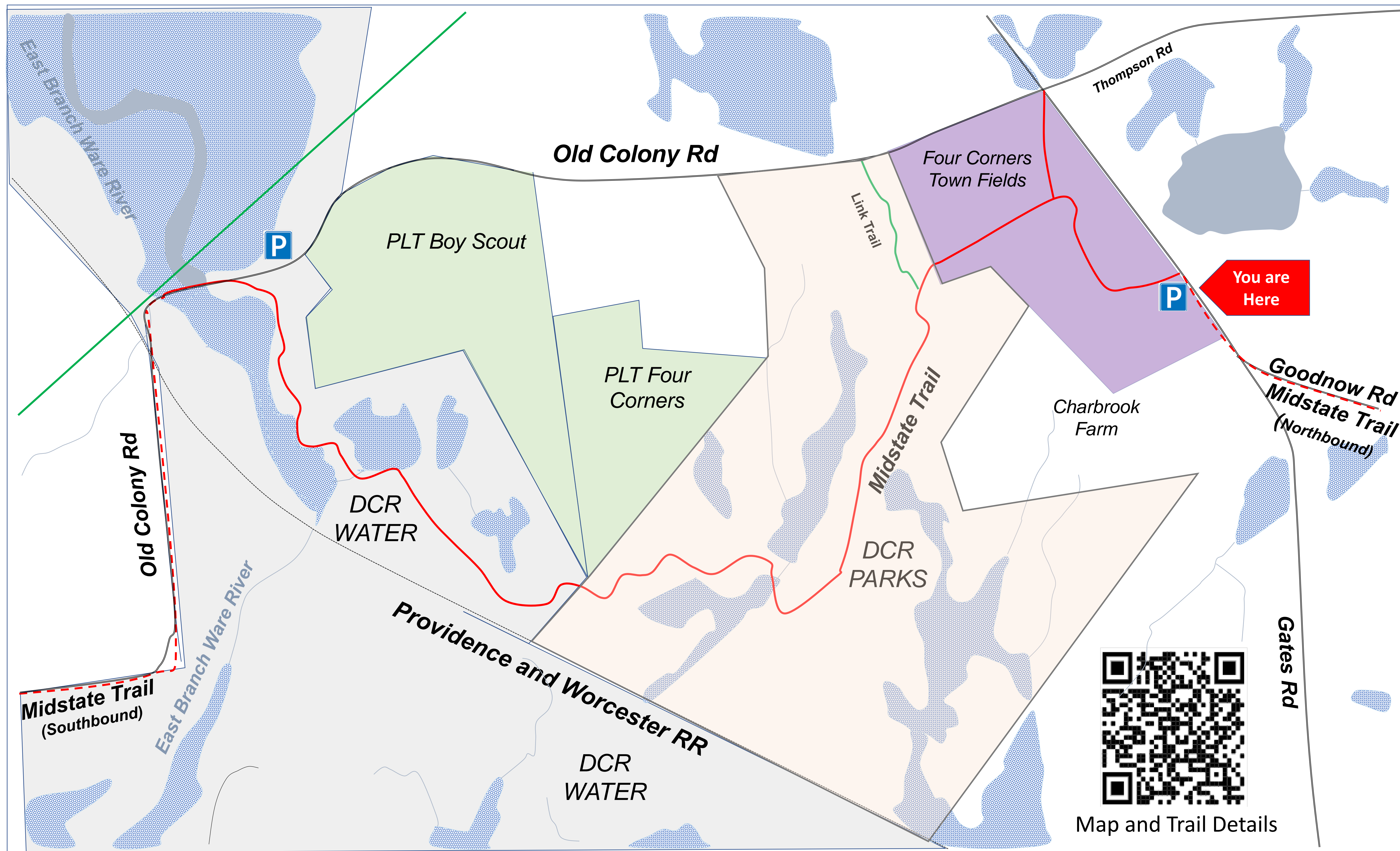




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Distances: Gates Road – Old Colony – Midstate - 2.2 Miles  
Midstate to East Branch Ware River - 1.0 Mile



The Four Corners—Goodnow Farm Historic District encompasses an area of trails and woodlands comprising more than 1,500 acres. The first footpath here followed a route created by the Nipmuc, Native Americans whose presence in this area predates any recorded history. Many of the early settlers who arrived here in 1760 participated in the American Revolution and the 1780s Shays Rebellion. Today, thanks to the preservation efforts of many Princeton residents, most of the land remains in open fields, protected woodlands and the hiking trails documented above.

### Restrictions

No motorized vehicles  
Active hayfield; stay on paths  
Carry in; carry out  
Remove dog waste  
No camping or fires  
Respect the wildlife  
See something; say something!

**Loop Hike from Parking lot, up Gates to Old Colony and back via the Midstate Trail 2.2 Miles**

**Four Corners Hayfields:** Owned and managed by the Princeton Conservation Commission and leased for agricultural use.

**PLT Four Corners and Boy Scout Properties:** Managed by Princeton Land Trust.

**East Branch of the Ware River:** A wide wetland that can be viewed from a foot/bike bridge.

**Midstate Trail:** Continues North/East to Mass. Audubon Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary and Mount Wachusett, and South/West through Savage Hill Wildlife Management Area to Barre Falls.



Some of the bird species you might see or hear in these fields are:



Eastern Bluebird  
*Sialia sialis*



Tree Swallow  
*Tachycineta bicolor*



Bobolink  
*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*



American Woodcock  
*Scolopax minor*



Red-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo jamaicensis*



Great Blue Heron  
*Ardea herodias*

Four Corners trails are managed by the Princeton Open Space Committee and the Midstate Trail Committee.  
To report issues, contact the Princeton Town Hall 978-464-2118