

Mount Holyoke College Campus trails

Four miles to explore.
Myriad points of inspiration.
One fully immersive learning landscape.

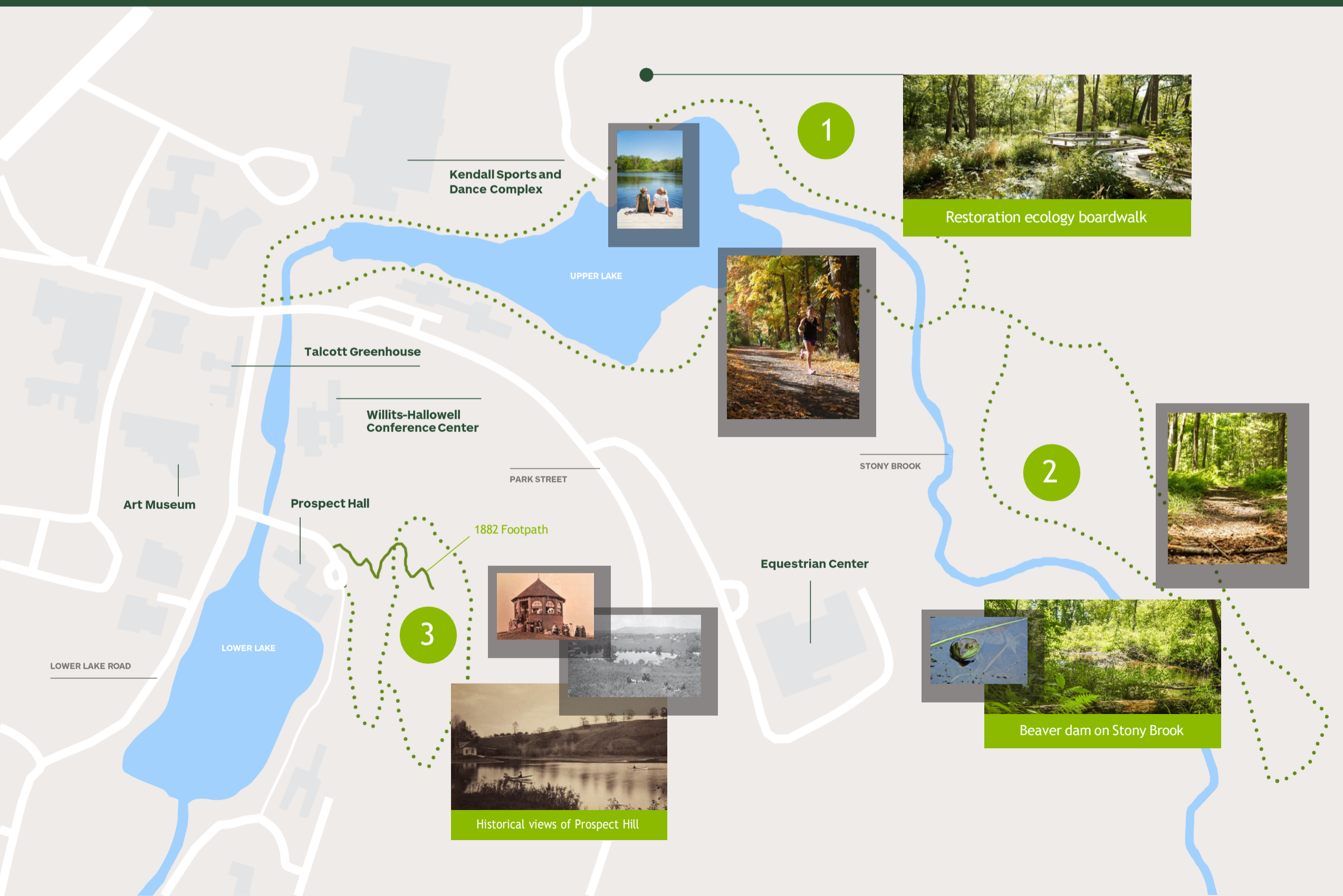
The campus trail system — nestled among stands of hemlock, white pine, maple, oak and beech trees and against a backdrop of lakes, streams and wetlands — offers opportunities for both recreation and learning. A gateway to the Campus Living Laboratory, the trail system presents unlimited potential for engagement with the natural world. **Step outside with us.**

At home in our campus ecosystems

Beavers, otters, deer, American eel and coyotes — plus several species of amphibians and about 100 species of birds

Exotic trees on Prospect Hill

Western catalpa, Kentucky coffeetree, cucumber tree — planted in the 1880s by landscape architect Ernest W. Bowditch



1. Upper Lake Loop

Distance: 1 mile

As it encircles Upper Lake, this trail weaves through forested wetlands and stands of upland hardwood forest. It also passes a boardwalk and information kiosk: home to Project Stream, the restoration ecology program's wetland restoration site.

2. Stony Brook and Long Farm Loop

Distance: 2 miles

This loop is formed by two 1-mile trails — Stony Brook trail (along the largest stream on campus) and Long Farm trail (through woods) — that run parallel to one another and are connected by the Equestrian Center's cross-country field at Long Farm. The most accessible trailhead is at the far end of the Upper Lake Loop: By the bridge, take the path that leads upward.

3. Prospect Hill Trails

Distance: about 1 mile

The Carriage Way Loop and the 1882 Footpath explore Prospect Hill, formed of glacial till deposited during the last ice age. Access the trail to the Carriage Way Loop at the sign by the guardrail behind Prospect Hall. The 1882 Footpath is accessible from the Prospect Hall parking lot — follow the switchbacks upward to arrive at the Prospect Hill climate station (one of five on campus).