

CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

Each year, approximately 7,000 new Christmas trees are planted on 4.5 acres — nearly 1,500 trees per acre!

Panoramic views made this a perfect spot for a summer home and now for an Education Center and a Christmas tree farm.

Boulders like this gave the place its name. They are remnants of the last continental glacier, which bulldozed across the land more than 10,000 years ago.

Across the entrance road sits The Cottage, originally built for the head gardener, then expanded for Glessner descendents.

The Bridge Barn allowed wagons to drive in one end, deposit their hay and then drive out the other side — with no turning needed!

Plastic pipes, as seen here, are connected to underground perforated pipes running all the way to the main road, replacing the old stone field drains.

These bird perches provide an alternative to landing on the fragile tree tops, even a Red-Winged Blackbird could bend or break the top "leader."

One hundred years ago, hay was raised in these fields to feed Glessner's award-winning herd of Jersey cows.

Areas left for wildlife ensure wetland protection, homes for ground nesters like the bobolink and food for resident kestrels or other birds of prey.

Fraser Fir grows in this section. Native to the southern US, the Fraser buds out later in spring, making it less susceptible to frost.

Stone walls are the hallmarks of the estate. Two rows of evenly cut rocks formed the foundation with smaller rubble filled in between.

Without proper care, our Christmas trees would look like this naturally growing balsam fir.

These granite posts mark the entrance to the original main field of The Rocks, John Glessner's gentleman farm at the turn-of-the-century.

Planted in 2001, trees around this knoll will be ready for harvest in 2008.

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