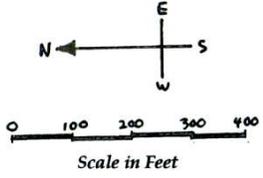


Bend of Ivy Lodge Exploration Map

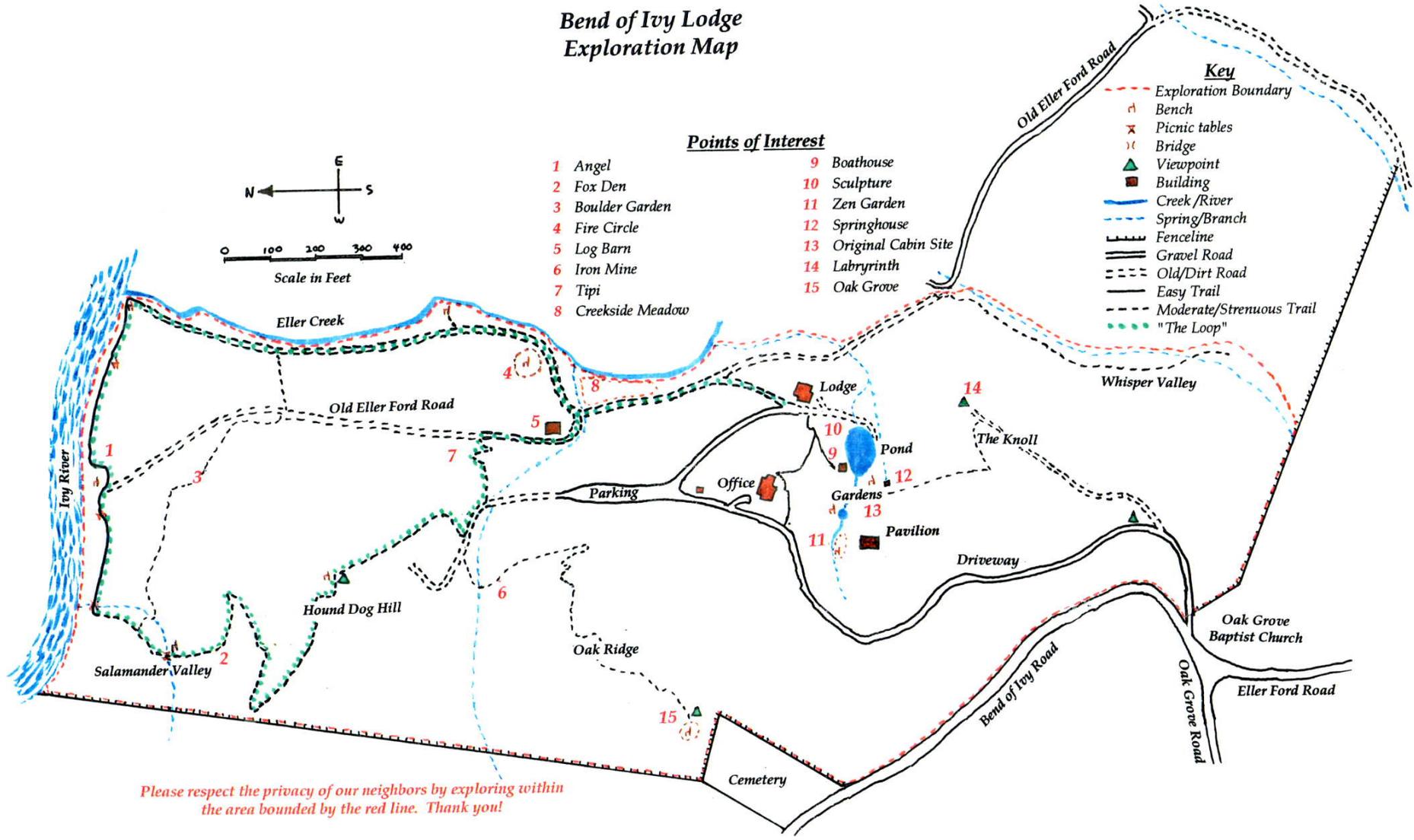


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- ⊗ Picnic tables
- ⌢ Bridge
- ▲ Viewpoint
- Building
- Creek/River
- Spring/Branch
- ⌌ Fenceline
- == Gravel Road
- - - Old/Dirt Road
- Easy Trail
- - - Moderate/Strenuous Trail
- ⋯ "The Loop"



Please respect the privacy of our neighbors by exploring within the area bounded by the red line. Thank you!

Points of Interest

1. Angel

The angel and the giant sycamore tree overlook the Ivy River. In the summer, vines encircle her feet, and grow up the bench across the way.

2. Fox Den

Our neighbor raised champion foxhounds, and is a lover of foxes and fox-hunting. He built this fox den, and brought down store-bought chicken parts to feed families of foxes that were raised here. Notice the passageways that connect different entrances underground.

3. Boulder Garden

The Boulder Trail passes through this small boulder garden along the way from Salamander Valley to Old Eller Ford Road. Another boulder garden can be found along the road directly below this location.

4. Ceremonial Circle

The circle was made for a weekend with Native America elders, the Wisdomkeepers. Opening and closing ceremonies blessed the fire and the land. During the four days of ceremonies and teaching sessions, a fire was kept going 24 hours a day. The four redbud trees represent the four directions. The circle is now used by many groups.

5. Log Barn

A classic example of a log barn; the framed section at the north end was added later. The poles inside were used for hanging tobacco to dry before the fall auctions. Farm implements were stored inside.

6. Iron Mine

Iron was discovered on the land a long time ago, and was mined commercially for about a year in the 1960's. The main excavation was at this site. Pieces of equipment, and very dense rocks of iron ore can be found.

7. Tipi

This 26' tipi, in the Sioux tradition, features poles cut on the land. The canvas shell was made by the company that supplied tipis for Dances with Wolves. 20 people can sit in a circle around the fire in any weather.

8. Creekside Meadow

The Green family grew potatoes and other crops in this field. It's used for camping and outdoor games now. The sound of the creek provides a great backdrop for campers.

9. Boathouse

This shed was a corn crib. It had no foundation or floor. The corn harvest went into the main room in front. When there was more time after the harvest, the corn was shucked and thrown through the hinged door into the back room where it could be used to feed the hogs.

10. Sculpture Garden

The stones here, most of which came from the river, can be stacked and arranged. Inspired by Andy Goldsworthy's work, it provides an opportunity for creativity, relaxation, and mindfulness for guests.

11. Zen Garden

The Buddha statue, the sound of the water, and the Japanese garden provide a serene spot for meditation or quiet sitting.

12. Springhouse

The spring inside provides clean, fresh mountain water for the farmhouse and the Lodge. Please stay out of the springhouse.

13. Original Cabin Site

One of the oldest log cabins in this part of the mountains stood here. It was moved to this location in the early 40's when George and Lucy Green bought the land. The downstairs had two main rooms; the kids slept upstairs. The rock (and ancient soot) from the chimney can be seen in the wall around the waterfall.

14. Labyrinth

The labyrinth is a special spot for spiritual questing. Inspired by labyrinths in churches in Europe, this spiral walkway provides an opportunity for prayer, and for surrendering one's will in openness to answers.

15. Oak Grove

The grove of oaks behind the cemetery provides a nice spot to sit, with great views to the east. The trail from the iron mine winds through the forest and up to the top.

Old Eller Ford Road

This old track was formerly the main road connecting Asheville with the part of Madison County across the river. There was a ford across the river just downstream from the angel, and later a cable footbridge.

Salamander Valley

Named for one of the residents of the creek that flows down the valley. These moist deep woods provide a wonderful and diverse garden of native wildflowers, herbs, and edible plants.