

Classification
The park will remain classified as a Scenic Park.

Natural Resource Protection
Invasive Species Management
An invasive species management plan has been prepared and provides guidance and priorities so that control efforts are undertaken in the most effective means possible. See Appendix B – Invasive Species Management Plan for more information.

Calcareous Shoreline Outcrops
The protection of the calcareous shoreline outcrops will be considered for any development along the bluffs.

Calcareous Pavement Barrens
The protection of the calcareous pavement barrens will include invasive species management and the relocation of certain trails which impact this rare habitat.

Cultural Resource Protection
Firing Range and Wall
The firing range and wall are National Register Eligible features and will be interpreted as a significant cultural feature within the park. The firing wall will be cleared of vegetation through the cutting of trees and shrubs. Interpretive panels will be installed to educate patrons on the significant military activities.

Watch Stations and Foundations
The watch stations and foundations from the military era are Register eligible features and will be interpreted as a means to inform visitors of their importance.

Scenic Resource Protection
The viewshed from Lake Ontario will be protected and considered within the design and location of the picnic area and overlook. Views of the lake will be enhanced along the Snakefoot Trail through the selective removal of a tree or shrub at key points along the trail. Existing vista points will be maintained.

Interpretation and Education
Interpretive/Educational Programs
The "Swallow-wort Interpretive Plan for Robert G. Wehle State Park" will be implemented. Swallow-wort seed check/boot cleaning stations will be installed at entry/exit points and additional interpretive panels will be provided at swallow-wort research areas, trail heads and at the visitor center. Additional interpretation and education on other topics such as the park's military activities, and the geologic and natural history of the park will also be provided.

Storage Barns
The use of the two barns will remain as storage space and to serve the future operational needs of the park.

Log Cabin
Short Term - The log cabin will be an optional amenity provided for an additional fee with the reservation of the Rental House Compound.
Long Term - The log cabin may be used as a stand alone rental structure, separate from the rental house compound.

Rental House Compound
The rental house compound will continue to serve patrons. The septic system will be improved and an accessible path to the game room will be constructed.

Overlook
An overlook will be included within the proposed picnic area.

Picnic Area
A picnic area will be constructed and if deemed necessary, include a covered shelter. The trees in this area will be thinned. All hardwoods will be kept to provide shade.

Group Camping
A group camping area will be constructed.

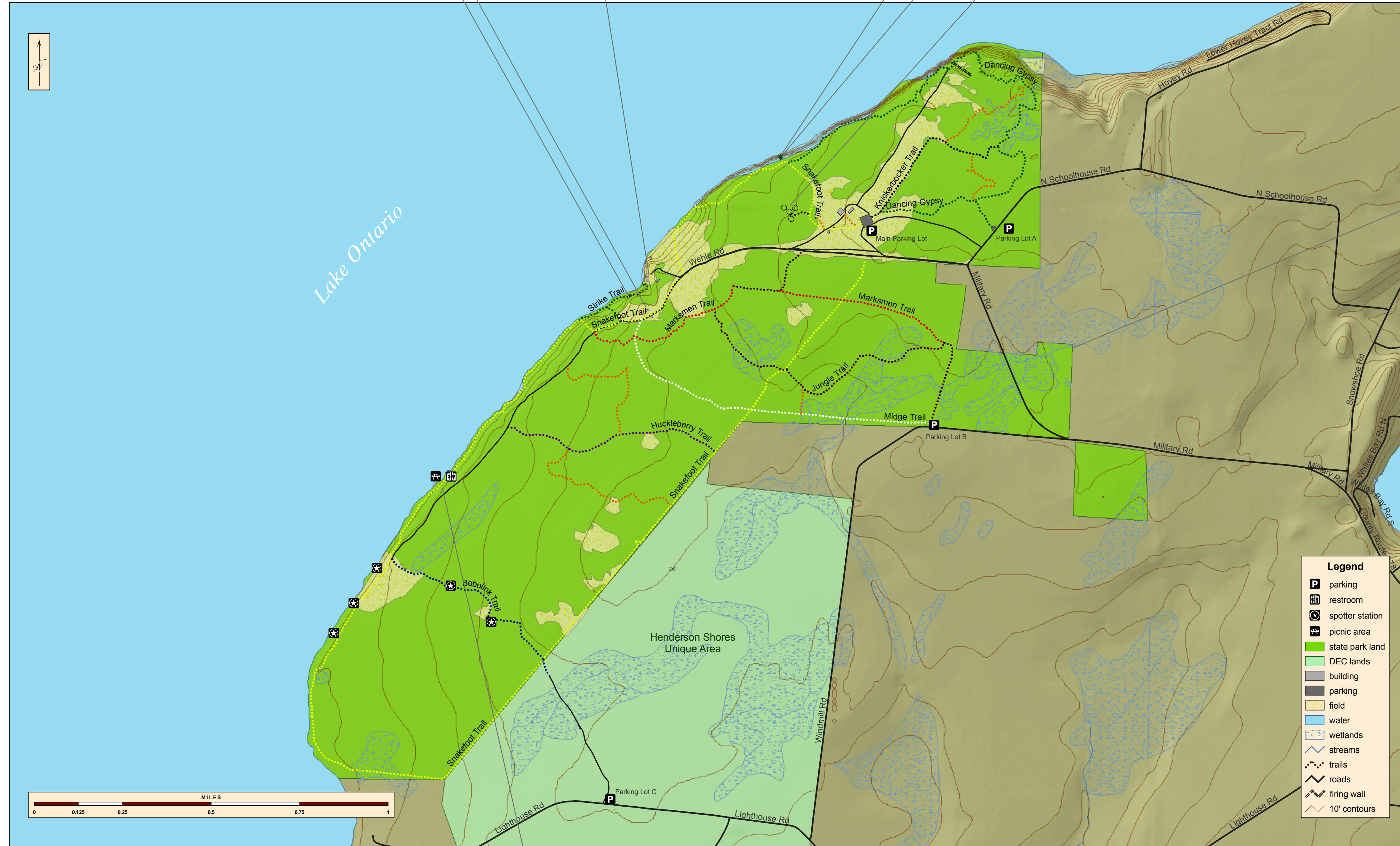
Sustainability
OPRHP will continue to increase the incorporation of sustainable practices into its daily operations and throughout the master plan implementation.

Hunting
A small section of park property will be removed from the designated hunting area.

Roads and Parking
The roadway and parking layout will remain unchanged.

Trails
Hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing are allowed on all trails. Trail improvements include additional signage, rerouting around or closing wet areas, rerouting around rare habitat areas and improving their circulation. See Figure 15 Trails Map.
Improvements to the trail system will include:
•Closure of certain undesignated trails as identified on Figure 15.
•Improve or minor realignment of areas identified as wet conditions per Figure 13 – Trail Assessment Map and Appendix D.
•Remove the portion of the Dancing Gypsy Trail along the fence line from within the wetland.
•Realign a portion of the Bobolink Trail around calcareous pavement barren habitat. Portions of the trail will be lined with large rocks to help guide patrons.
•Realign a small portion of the Midge Trail. The portion of the Snakefoot Trail that connects to Parking Lot B will be renamed the Midge Trail.
•Install new trail head signage that will provide information about the trail such as its length and difficulty.
•Move the Marksman Trail away from the park road.
•Continue mowing and snow grooming operations on trails.

Fishing
Fishing access will continue to be provided.



Picnic Area
The existing picnic area located on the southwestern shore will remain unchanged.



Master Plan Robert G. Wehle State Park

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