

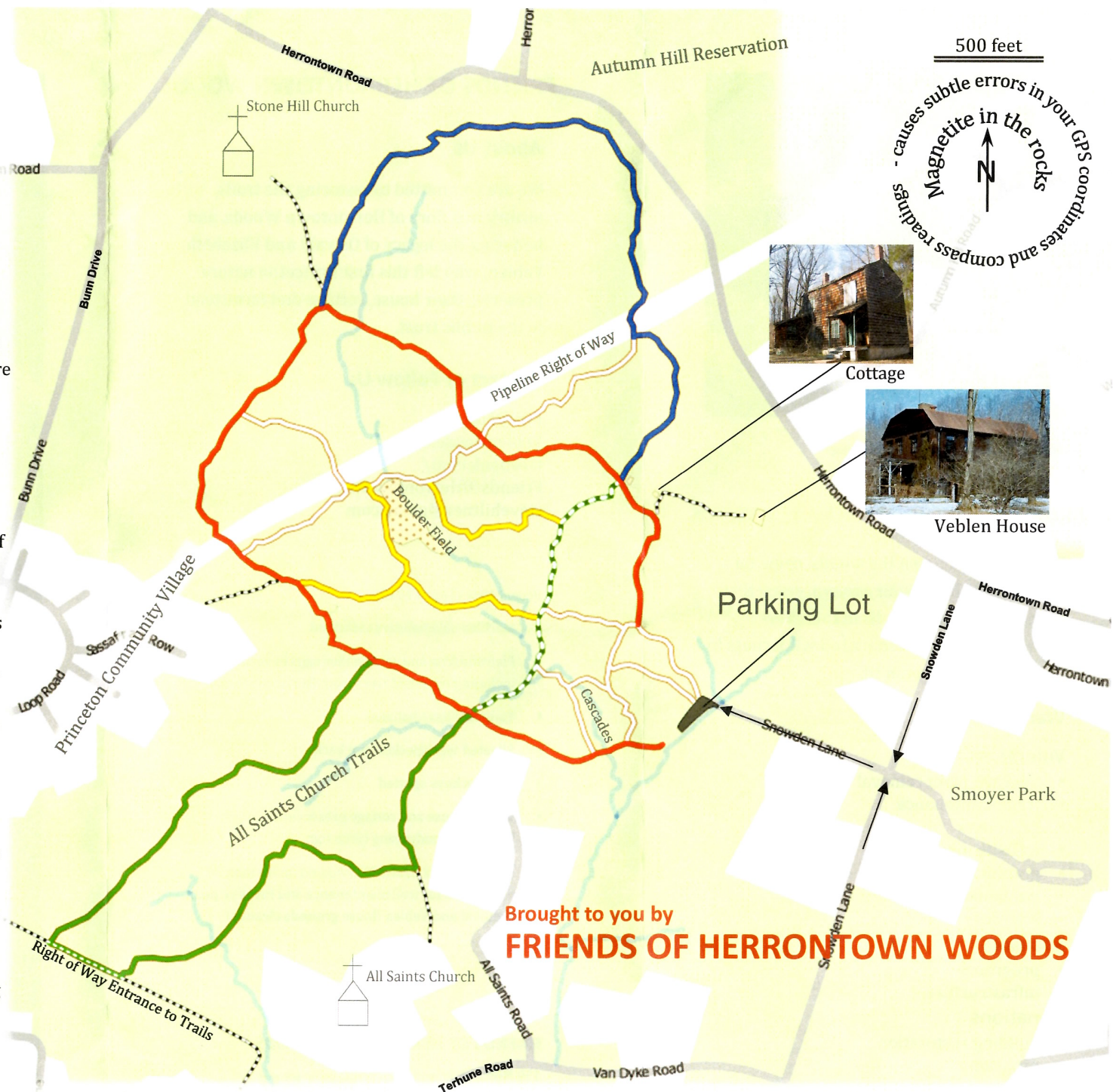
## Legacy

Oswald Veblen was an internationally prominent mathematician who joined the Princeton University faculty in 1905 and played a central role in building the mathematics department. Veblen was a visionary who was instrumental in establishing the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, and in bringing Einstein and many other top scholars to town. He largely designed the original Fine Hall, an innovative academic building where Einstein first had an office.

In the 1930s, the Veblens began acquiring and consolidating properties along the Princeton ridge on the east side of town, near Herrontown Road. Towards the end of Oswald's life, they donated 82 acres to Mercer County to form the Herrontown Woods preserve in 1957. It was Princeton's first dedicated nature preserve. When Elizabeth Veblen died in 1974, the Veblens' remaining 14 acres, including the Veblen House, were added to the preserve.

## Restoration

Many years of invasive growth and tree falls during Hurricane Sandy left nearly all trails through the woods impassible. Friends of Herrontown Woods has taken the lead to reopen 7 miles of trail, obtained non-profit status, and begun preparations for restoring the Veblen House and the cottage.



Trees Water Rocks Wood frogs Salamanders Headwaters Woodpeckers Igneous Autumn Metamorphic Sedimentary Vernal pools Native species Veblen House Rock walls Fox Cottage Hike Quarry Ferns Wildflowers  
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