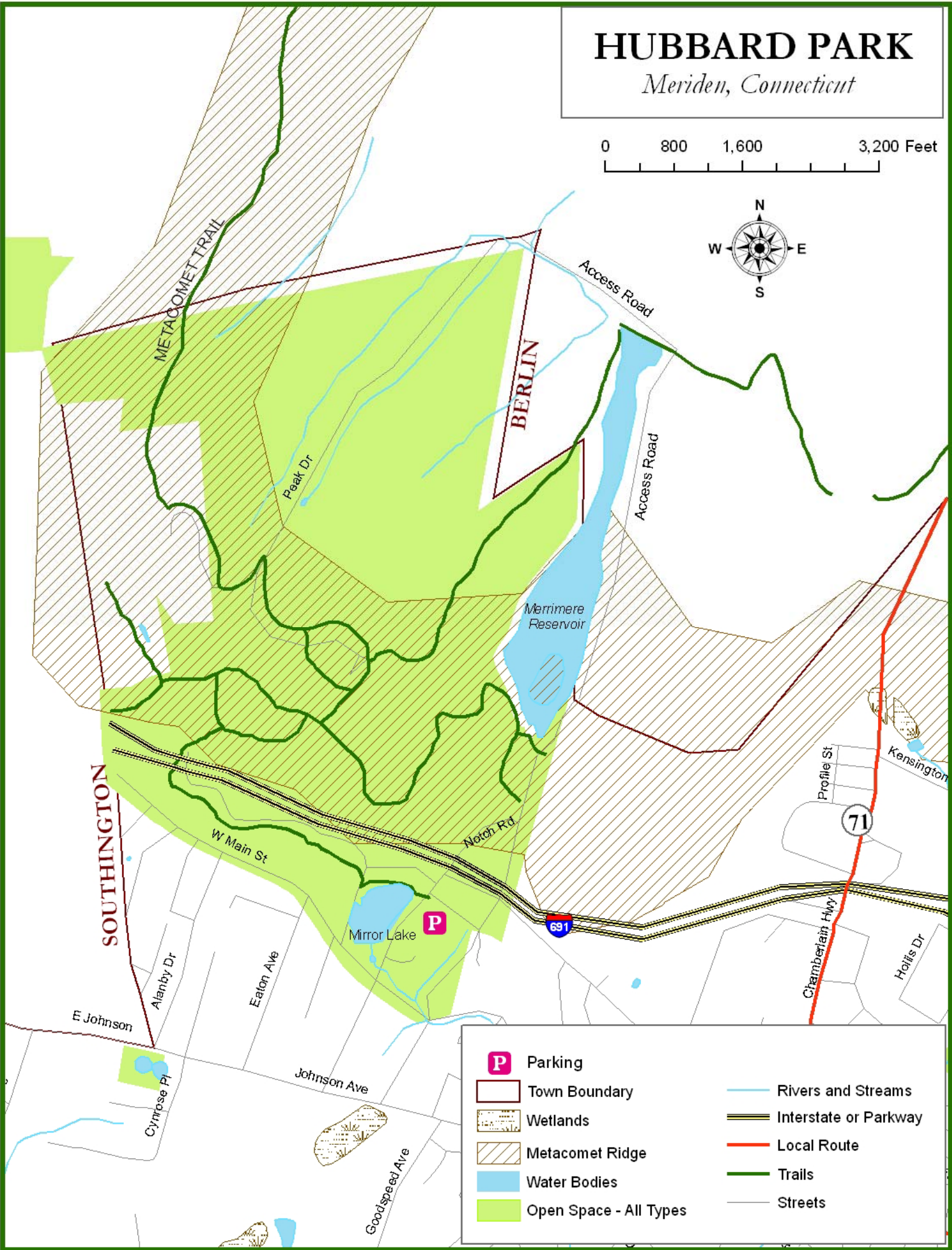
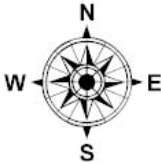
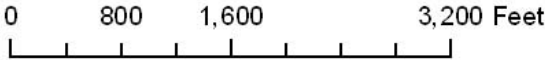


# HUBBARD PARK

Meriden, Connecticut



	Parking		Rivers and Streams
	Town Boundary		Interstate or Parkway
	Wetlands		Local Route
	Metacomet Ridge		Trails
	Water Bodies		Streets
	Open Space - All Types		

*Castle Craig Tower is one of the highest of Hubbard Park. The tower was constructed from native trap rock by local masons in 1900 and sits atop Merri-  
den's East Peak. Donated by the park's namesake, Walter Hubbard, the tower is 32 feet in height and 58 feet in circumference and is at an elevation of 976 feet above sea-level. An interior stairway provides access to an observation deck where on a clear day, views to the south are available of Sleeping Giant, Greater New Haven, and even Long Island Sound and Long Island.*

*Photo from the City of Meriden*



Walter Hubbard, the park's namesake, was the president of the Bradley and Hubbard Manufacturing Company. He gave the land outright with no strings attached except that the park was to remain free for all residents of Meriden and that no concessions for profit are allowed within the park. The park includes woodland, lake and stream, flower gardens, and picnic areas that were designed and constructed with the help of Frederick Law Olmstead (designer of New York's Central Park). Mirror Lake, at the southerly area of the park, was also constructed as part of this design process. The band shell was built in 1956 and is the site of numerous concerts and outdoor festivals including the Daffodil Festival usually held in April.

Hubbard Park is one of the area's great resources with 1,800 acres of parkland available for year-round use. The park includes the East/West Peak which is considered the highest mountain within 25 miles of the coastline from most parts of Maine to Florida. These are also known as the Hanging Hills of Meriden and is part of the Metacombet Ridge that runs from Northampton, MA to Branford, CT. Volcanoes formed the Ridge nearly 200 million years ago when major lava flows covered Meriden. Although originally covered by other sediments, the process of erosion over time has exposed these volcanic ridges and is a primary part of the regional landscape.

**Directions and Parking:**

The Park can be accessed via I-91 South to I-691 West to the exit for Southington/Route 322. At the end of the exit, make a left onto West Main Street. Hubbard Park is on the left, approximately 1 mile from the highway exit. As an alternative, you may take I-84 West to I-691 East to the West Main Street exit. At the end of the exit, make a right onto West Main Street and continue as above.

Parking areas are readily available at the Park at the start of the trail head adjacent to Mirror Lake.

**Permitted Activities:**

Hiking and biking is permitted. Picnic Tables are also available. Swimming, rock climbing, and boating is prohibited. Fishing allowed in Mirror Lake for those aged 15 and under.

**For more information about this location, contact:**

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