

#### Area # 1 - Tarrywile Mansion

Built in 1897, Tarrywile Mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built as the home of Dr. William C. Wile and then later the home of Charles D. Parks, the Mansion is now used for a variety of public and private events. Rental information may be obtained by calling the Park & Mansion office. A self guided Mansion Tour brochure is available in the Mansion office and visitors may take this self-guided tour as the Mansion event schedule allows.

#### Area # 2 - Mansion Gardens

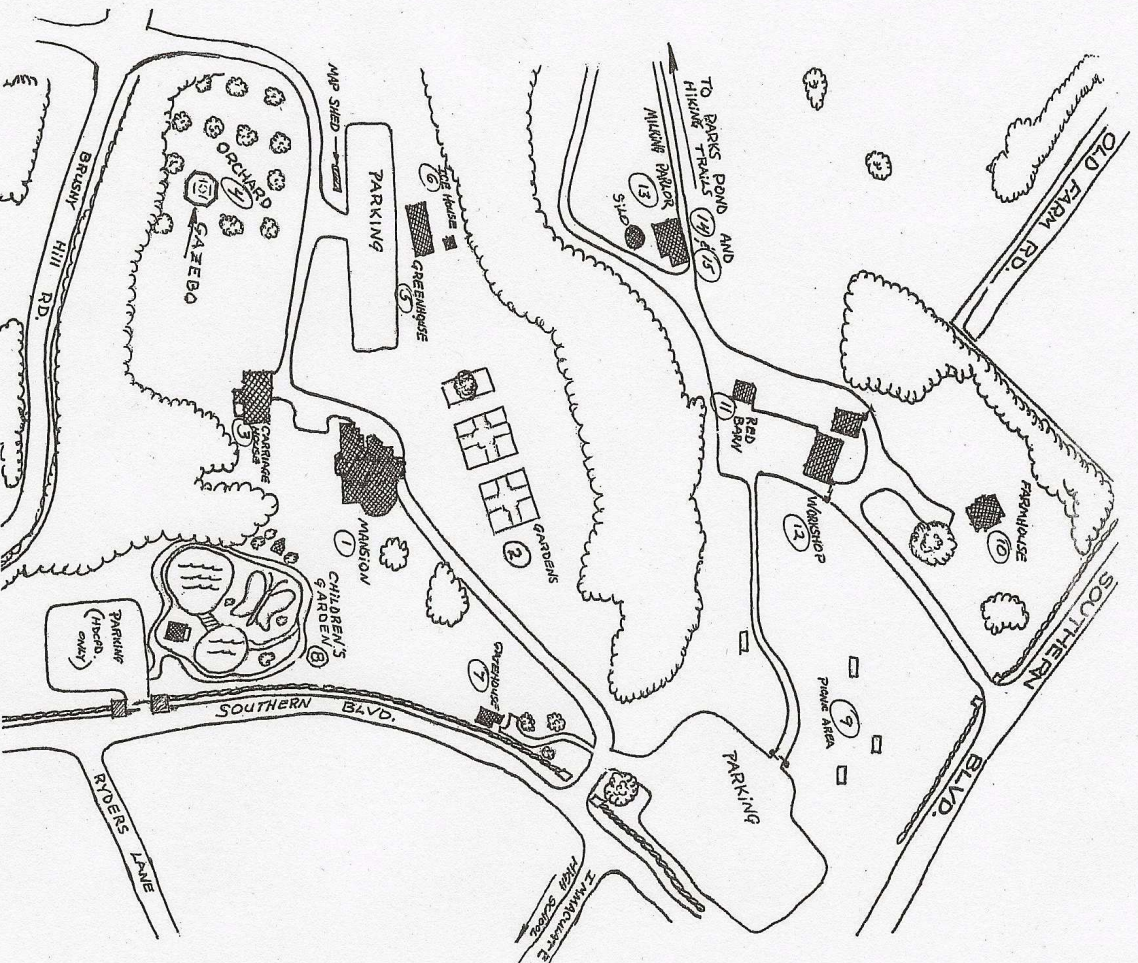
Located adjacent to the Mansion are the formal gardens. The flowers beds were restored by the Women's Club of Danbury/New Fairfield from 1990-1992. The Gardens were originally installed by Mrs. C.D. Parks according to a design by Mr. Frederick Fearn, an English trained gardener. A more complete description of the gardens is available in the Mansion office or from the Park Ranger.

#### Area # 3 - Carriage House

Built at the same time as the Mansion (1896-1897), this building was used as a horse stable and to house the carriages. With the purchase of a motor vehicle, the carriage storage area became a garage and in 1949-1950, the stable area was remodeled into an apartment. Evidence of the stable area can still be seen in the living room where the grills on the windows remain today. Hay was stored upstairs in the area above the garage door. The building is now a rental unit, with the proceeds going toward park operations.

#### Area # 4 - Apple Orchard

The apple orchard contains numerous varieties of antique apple trees. It has been the site of several Arbor Day pruning projects. Picnic tables are available in this area and it is a popular spot for the lunch time crowd. The Gazebos in this area was installed in 1999 through a generous donation of the Meserve Memorial Fund and is used for many activities, including the taking of family photos, small concerts and wedding ceremonies.



#### Area # 5 - Greenhouse

The Tarrywile Park Greenhouse was built in 1918 - 1919, and is a Lord and Burnham design. Mr. Frederick Fearn was hired by Mr. Parks to oversee the greenhouse operations as well as the landscaping of the grounds. The Mansion Conservatory was filled with flowers year round, from those raised in the greenhouse and cutting gardens. The building now houses the Danbury High School Garden Room Project, a program that teaches students aspects of the horticulture industry.

#### Area # 6 - Ice House

This building was originally situated on the bank just outside the Mansion kitchen. With the installation of an ice box, the Ice House was moved to this area behind the greenhouse and is now used for storage.

#### Area # 7 - Gatehouse

Over the years, this building has housed the gardener and various members of the families who have lived on the estate. The building was restored in 1993 through a grant from the State Department of Environmental Protection. It is now a rental unit with the proceeds going toward park operations.

#### Area # 8 - Children's Garden

Opened in October 2000, the Children's Garden was once the site of a Japanese Garden built by Dr. Wile. The Children's Garden, based on a Maurice Sendak children's book, "Where the Wild Things Are", is handicap accessible and includes Braille signs. The area is a beautiful garden for children of all ages and is used as an environmental education lab for area school children.

#### Area # 9 - Lower Picnic Area

Work began in this area in 1995 through a cooperative effort between the Tarryville Park Authority and the Danbury Jaycees. Since then, several local Boy Scout Eagle projects have provided picnic tables in this area. Plans for this area include a natural amphitheater and additional picnic tables. The area will remain wooded and natural.

#### Area # 10 - Farmhouse

Tarryville Farm was one of the largest independently owned dairy farms in the state and was in operation until the early 1970's. The Farm house was used as living quarters for the farm workers. The building was renovated in 1994 through grants from the State Department of Environmental Protection and City funding. It is now a rental unit with the proceeds going toward park operations.

#### Area # 11 - Red Barn Environmental Center

Once used as a hay and fertilizer barn, it is now the site of the Tarryville Park Environmental Education Center. This building is used by groups for environmental and outdoor programs. Between this building and the workshop, plans are being developed to create an open air pavilion, where the public may enjoy the magnificent views of the fields.

#### Area # 12 - Workshop

Originally used as a machine shop while the farm was in operation, this building is now home to the Tarryville Park Grounds & Buildings crew and serves as the park maintenance workshop.

#### Area # 13 - Silo & Milking Parlor

The milking parlor and silo area were once the center of dairy operations. Plans are being developed to renovate the milking parlor to house a maintenance facility, office and ranger station. Plans also include the restoration of the silo. The old water trough was turned into a planter to add color and beauty to the entrance way to the trail system.

#### Area # 14 - Trails

The trails are a highlight of the park. Trail exploration is always adventurous as well as educational. The trails will take you through vast open fields with spectacular views, past natural patches of blueberries and blackberries and beautiful ponds, or over rugged, rocky terrain. Tarryville is home to many flora & fauna. The trails are open to the public year round (weather permitting), seven days a week, sunrise to sunset and free of charge. Trail conditions vary depending upon seasonal conditions and natural occurrences. A "Hiking Trails Guide" and a "Tarryville Nature Trail" guide are both available in the Mansion office or from the Park Ranger.

#### Area # 15 - Parks Pond & Footbridges

Parks Pond was the last of the three ponds or lakes to be designed and dug. Mr. Alfred Davis was hired in the early 1920's to design and engineer Parks Pond for the family's use after the family had leased Tarryville Lake to the City for use as a reservoir.

The footbridges located near Parks Pond dam and at the far end of the pond were built by various Boy Scouts as part of their Eagle Scout projects. These footbridges allow hikers to avoid the swampy areas around the trails.



*We hope you have enjoyed your tour of Tarryville Park. We invite you to return often to observe our progress and perhaps to utilize some of our facilities. A complete history of Tarryville Park is available at the Tarryville Park & Mansion Office located on the second floor of the Mansion. The office is open 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Information is available from the Park Ranger during the weekend. Please call (203) 744-3130 for more information.*

### Tarryville Park Self Guided Tour

*The Tarryville Park Authority and its staff, invite you to tour Tarryville Park. This brochure will guide you through the property and help you to learn a little about Tarryville, both past & present.*



*Purchased in 1985, Tarryville, a 654 acre passive recreation park, is managed for the City of Danbury by the Tarryville Park Authority to provide appropriate community activities, passive recreation, environmental education, wildlife management, watershed protection, scenic views, agriculture and forestry, while maintaining a sustained balance of historic preservation. Visitors to Tarryville can enjoy activities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, orienteering, scouting events, primitive camping and cross-country running.*