

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts	
COUNTY: Berkshire and Franklin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE APR 3 1972



1. NAME			
COMMON: Mohawk Trail			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
Congressional District			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Charlemont (Franklin Co.) Florida, Savoy (Berkshire Co.)			
STATE Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY: Franklin, Berkshire	CODE 011, 003

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Site ☐ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress Yes: ☒ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☒ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☒ Other (Specify) <u>conservation</u> <u>recreational</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Department of Natural Resources, Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
STREET AND NUMBER: 100 Cambridge Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION see continuation Sheet			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Department of Natural Resources			
STREET AND NUMBER: 100 Cambridge Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Inventory of Historic Assets, Commonwealth of Massachusetts			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Massachusetts Historical Commission			
STREET AND NUMBER: State House			
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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COUNTY: Berkshire
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	? ☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The proposed section of the Mohawk Trail is located in the Mohawk Trail State Forest in the towns of Charlemont, Savoy and Florida, Massachusetts. It is 3.76 miles long and runs in an east/west direction along the north bank of the Cold River. The eastern terminus of the trail is at the confluence of the Cold and Deerfield Rivers. The western terminus is at the confluence of the Cold River and Manning Brook. An area 2500 feet wide on each side of the trail is included as the trail boundaries.

Except for the state highway (Route 2) which runs along the south bank of the Cold River in an east/west direction until it crosses the river and turns north, the area is wholly forested with a variety of northern hardwoods and with some hemlock, pine and spruce. Man-made intrusions are minimal and restricted to fire roads, camp grounds, roadside picnic grounds and small maintenance buildings.

The hilly, forested environs have changed little since the time of the Indian and white settlements which were limited to a hardy few who attempted farming the difficult soil. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, active farming stopped and the area returned to its natural state. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began to purchase the area in the 1920's for conservation purposes. During the 1930's, Civilian Conservation Corps camps were set up in the area and made several improvements such as service roads, foot trails and recreational facilities. Today, the area is maintained by the Department of Natural Resources for recreational and conservation purposes.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Mohawk TRAIL

Form 10-300a
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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(Continuation Sheet)

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5. Location of Legal Description (continued)

Berkshire County Registry of Deeds
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 025

Franklin County Registry of Deeds
Greenfield, Massachusetts 025



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☒ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☒ Historic☒ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☒ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☒ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☒ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mohawk Trail was an Indian pathway which led from the Hudson and Mohawk River Valleys in New York to the Deerfield and Connecticut River Valleys in Massachusetts. Named after the Mohawk Indian Nation, the trail followed the Hoosic River into Massachusetts, turned east, crossed the Hoosac Mountain Range and descended into the Deerfield and Connecticut River Valleys. The Mohawks, before the permanent incursions of the white settlers, journeyed over the trail to fish during the spring salmon runs up the Connecticut and Deerfield Rivers and to hunt the lush valleys. They also used the trail to make raids on their enemies. In 1667, the Mohawks descended on the Pecumtucks and decimated this central Massachusetts nation. During King Philip's War, Philip, the leader of the Wampanoags, traveled along the trail to Schaghticoke, near present-day Troy, New York, in an unsuccessful attempt to enlist the Mohawks in his war against the New England settlers.

During the struggle between England and France for control of North America, the trail was one of the principal routes of the French and Indians in their expeditions against the English settlements in western Massachusetts. During the American Revolution, Colonel Benedict Arnold rode along part of the trail towards Fort Ticonderoga with his letter of command from the Massachusetts Committee of Safety.

In the nineteenth century, the area of the Mohawk Trail in Massachusetts developed into a farming community. Farming declined in the latter part of the century and the land returned to nature. In 1920, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts purchased over 5000 acres for a state forest. During the Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps made substantial improvements in the area.

Although the trail is no longer extant, its course along the shores of the Cold River is preserved today in its natural setting.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Sheldon, George. "The Pecumtuck Confederacy." Papers and Proceedings of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society, Vol. II, 1882-1903 (June 16, 1890).

Vaughan, Alden T. New England Frontier, Puritan and Indians, 1620-1675. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1965.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	42 ° 38 ' 59 "	72 ° 55 ' 17 "				"
SE	42 ° 37 ' 31 "	72 ° 55 ' 17 "				"
SW	42 ° 37 ' 31 "	72 ° 59 ' 08 "				"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: C.2275

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Massachusetts	025	Franklin	011
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Massachusetts	025	Berkshire	003
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Polly Ann Matherly, Historian (phone: 617-727-8470)	
ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission	DATE October 5, 1972
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 Beacon Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Boston	STATE Massachusetts
	CODE 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name John F. X. Davoren
JOHN F. X. DAVOREN
Secretary of Commonwealth,
Title Chairman,
Mass. Historical Commission
Date 10/6/72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/3/73

ATTEST:
Wm. M. Matherly
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-26-73

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Mohawk Trail STATE Mass

Working number 10,24,72,1591

Berkshire

TECH REVIEW
Photos 1
Maps 1

REVIEW

HISTORIAN worried about Highway but appears good otherwise Accept
AmL
3/7/73

ARCHEOLOGIST Cs. 4 square miles Accept
Jay
3-14-73

ARCHITECT accept
cell
3-14-73

BRANCH CHIEF OK
3/26/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW

KEEPER Wm
3/26

National Register write-up _____
Federal Register entry 6-5-73
Acknowledge 10/26/72
Send-back _____
Re-submit _____
Register no. APR 3 1973



Mohawk Trail

Florida, Mass.

East

72,269

NPS Number 4/3/73

Title: Mohawk Trail

Loc. Berkshire, Franklin Counties, Mass.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Charlemont (Franklin Co.) Savoy, Florida (Berkshire Co.)

STATE:

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY:

Berkshire, Franklin

CODE

003, 011

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Anne R. Wardwell

DATE OF PHOTO: February, 1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Massachusetts Historical Commission, 40 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. 02108

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Mohawk Trail in Florida, Mass., looking east.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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STATE: Massachusetts	CODE 025	COUNTY: Berkshire, Franklin	CODE 003, 011
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. Rowe, Mass.--Vermont

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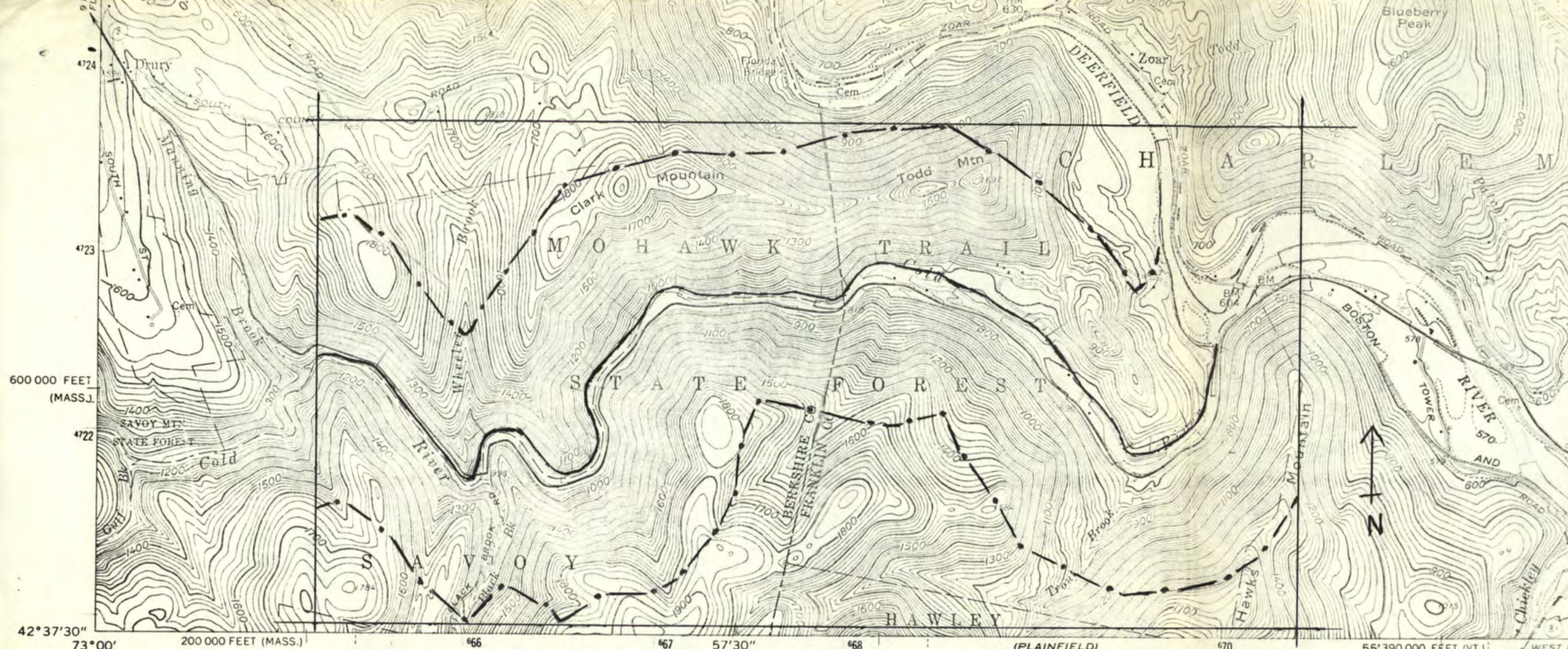
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

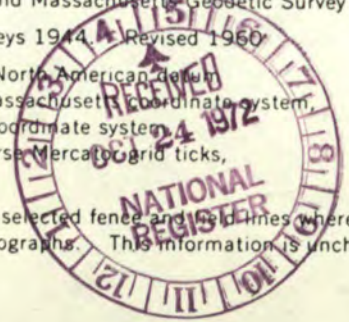
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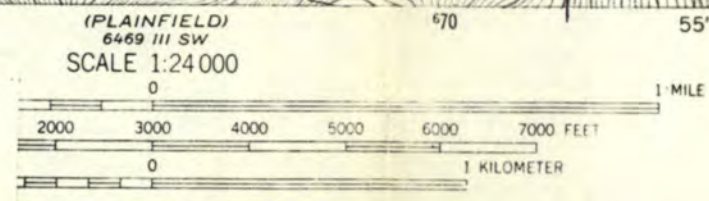
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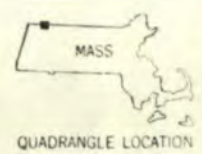
CHARLEMONT, FLORIDA, SAVOY, MASSACHUSETTS MOHAWK TRAIL

U.S.G.S Rowe, Mass.-Vt.
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1960
AMS 6469 III NW - SERIES V814

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CONFORMS WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
GRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 3 1973

Name

Location

City Hall

Salem
Essex County

Lenox Library

Lenox
Berkshire County

Mechanics Block Historic District

Lawrence
Essex County

Bowe Village Historic District

Boxford
Essex County

Claflin-Richards House

Wenham
Essex County

Mohawk Trail

vicinities of Charlemont, Florida, and
Savoy
Berkshire and Franklin Counties

Fort Washington

Cambridge
Middlesex County

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