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Powerlines

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Rivers

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Red Trail — 2.2 miles

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White Trail — 1 mile

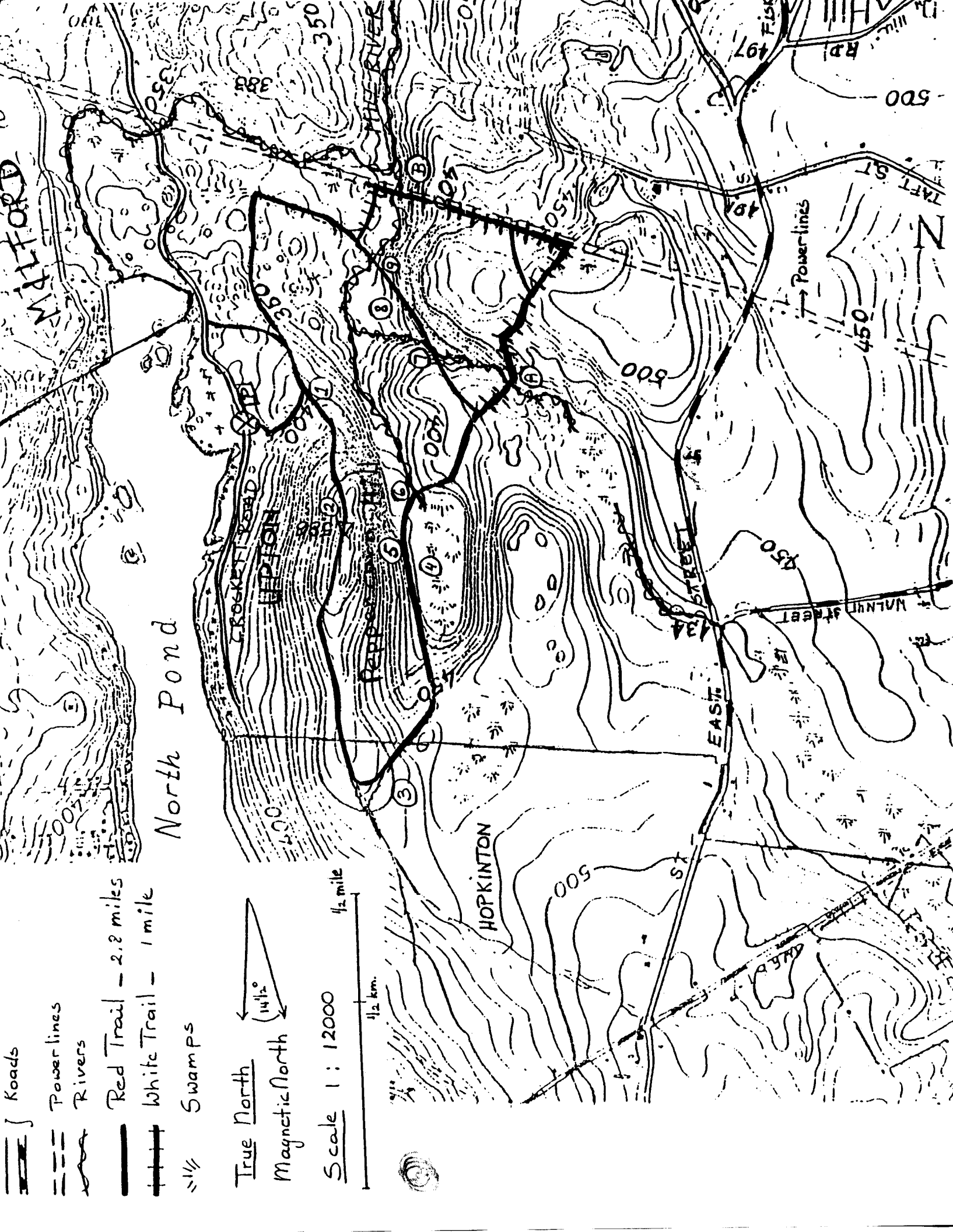
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Swamps

True North
↙ 14 1/2° ↘

Magnetic North

Scale 1 : 12000

1/2 mile
1/2 km.



WELCOME TO PEPPERCORN HILL !!!

- DID YOU KNOW THAT: ----Parts of Peppercorn Hill, where you will be hiking, are privately owned, so please, respect these private properties.
- Peppercorn Hill is not Upton's highest point. Pratt Hill is 595 ft.
- If you look around quietly and patiently, you may be lucky to see hawks, red foxes, snakes and partridges, etc.
- The name "Peppercorn" is said to be a bastardized version of "Peck of Corn". The Indians supposedly traded their land to the White Men for a peck of corn.
- The Indians taught the White Men how to harvest cranberries.
- Several Indian caves can be found in the rocky area near the swamp.
- Peppercorn Hill area was originally part of Hopkinton.
- Peppercorn Hill area became part of Upton in 1735.
- Developing this area was prevented, when the citizens of Upton voted to keep this land open to enjoy for everyone. Upton bought it from the last owner with help of a federal grant in 1984.
- The built-up stone walls used to be property lines.
- The area south of Peppercorn Hill used to be "Industrial", there were mills near the river.

INTERESTING FACTS AROUND THE RED AND WHITE TRAILS !!!

Follow the red fleur-de-lis(iris) markings, starting at the X on the map, and the corresponding numbers on the map.

- # ① Here used to be a cranberry bog, which the Indians harvested.
- Take care going up hill, trail can be slippery.
- # ② Summit-- 586 ft. above sea level. The official marking, a chiseled triangle, can be found in the flat rock near the "fire place", where you probably stand on.
- Note the stumps and bushes of different lengths, several fires have taken place here, most of them caused by careless visitors.
- # ③ Old Indian Settlement.
- Walk carefully, rocky trail can be slippery.
- # ④ "Swamp City".
- In the Spring. this part can be very muddy.
- # ⑤ See if you can see "Mr. Turtle" rock formation from the trail.
- Explore the Indian caves.
- # ⑥ Cross the Mill River carefully.
- # ⑦ Cross another branch of the Mill River.
- # ⑧ Old Indian Settlement. The Indian had built their settlement on this flat grassy area near the rivers.
- # ⑨ Cross the Mill River again, and follow the markings back to the road.

Follow the white markings for an extra loop after going straight out instead of turning sharp left on the red trail after # 6.

- # ⑩ Look at this big American Beech tree, after crossing the bridge.
- Following the path on the powerline, be careful, it is steep.
- # ⑪ Here used to be a Mill-factory, supposedly a horse hair mattress and upholstery factory. See if you can find the old foundations.
- Join up with the red trail to return.

HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE PEPPERCORN HILL AREA !!!

- PLEASE ABIDE BY THESE RULES OF NATURE !!!
- PREVENT FOREST FIRES.
- TAKE OUT WHAT YOU TAKE IN.
- RESPECT AND CONSERVE MOTHER NATURE.