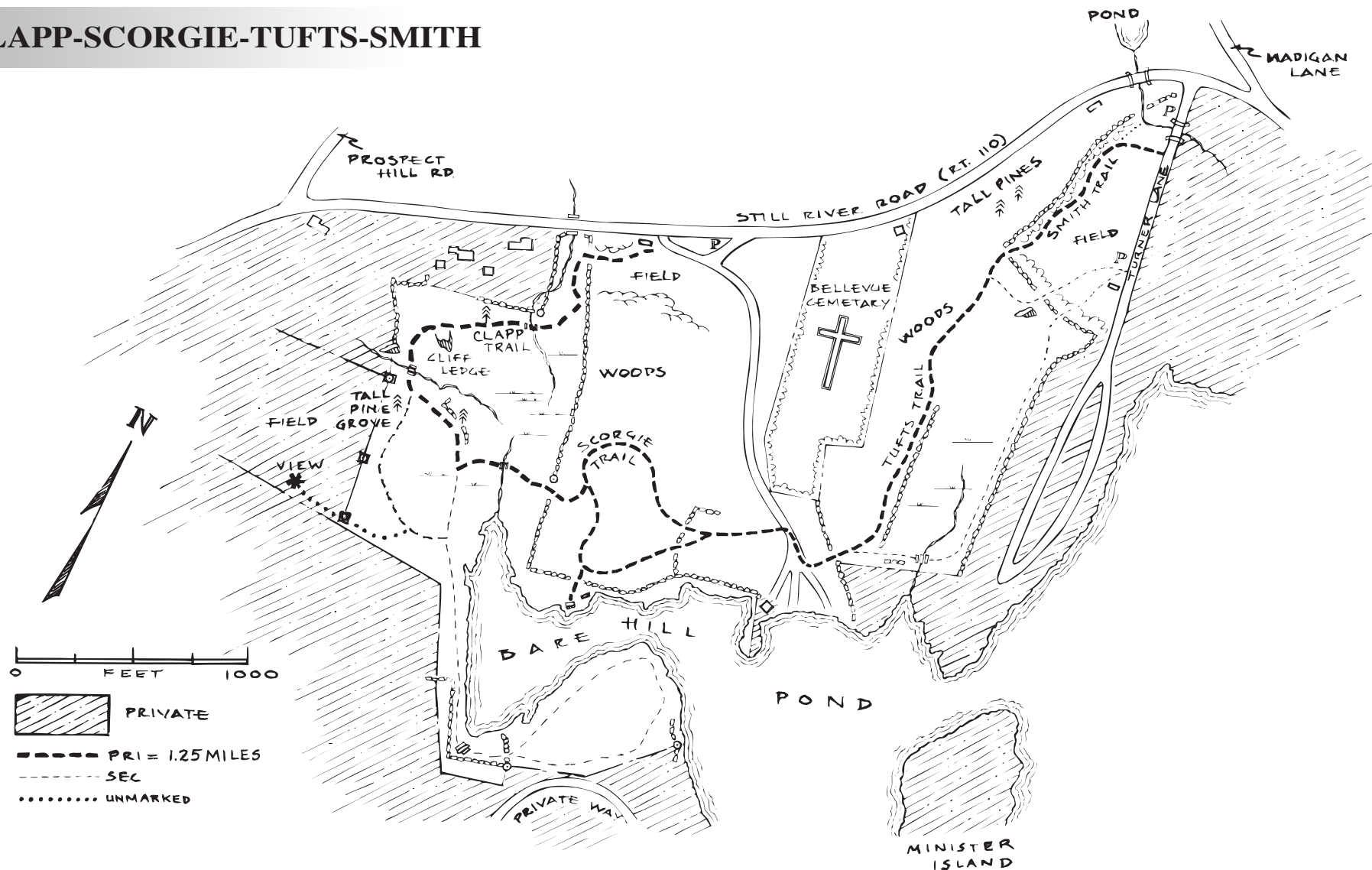


CLAPP-SCORGIE-TUFTS-SMITH



This 117-acre property, with dramatic views of Bare Hill Pond, was acquired by the Conservation Commission over a ten year period, starting in 1969 with two parcels owned by Helen Scorgie and Lena Tufts. In 1974 another piece of Tufts land was added, together with the Smith land along Still River Road. In 1979 Mary Clapp gave a further 37 acres to the Town, with extensive frontage on Bare Hill Pond and attractive woodlands as well.

The trails may be approached from Turner Lane or Still River Road. In walking along the Tufts trail you will see spruce and fir trees -- the last survivors of a commercial Christmas tree plantation started by Miss Tufts' brother in the 1930s.

The land to the west of Bellevue Cemetery was pasture land and orchard, and some of the old apple trees can still be seen. The Scorgie trails make a loop through the woods close to Bare Hill Pond and connect with the trails on the Clapp land. You will encounter a variety of habitats as you pass through meadows, descend through hardwoods, cross brooks and wetlands.

The secondary trails lead to especially lovely views across Clapp's Cove and Bare Hill Pond. Ted Maxant has generously permitted access to a hilltop that offers a spectacular view over the Nashoba Valley to the north.

Moderate