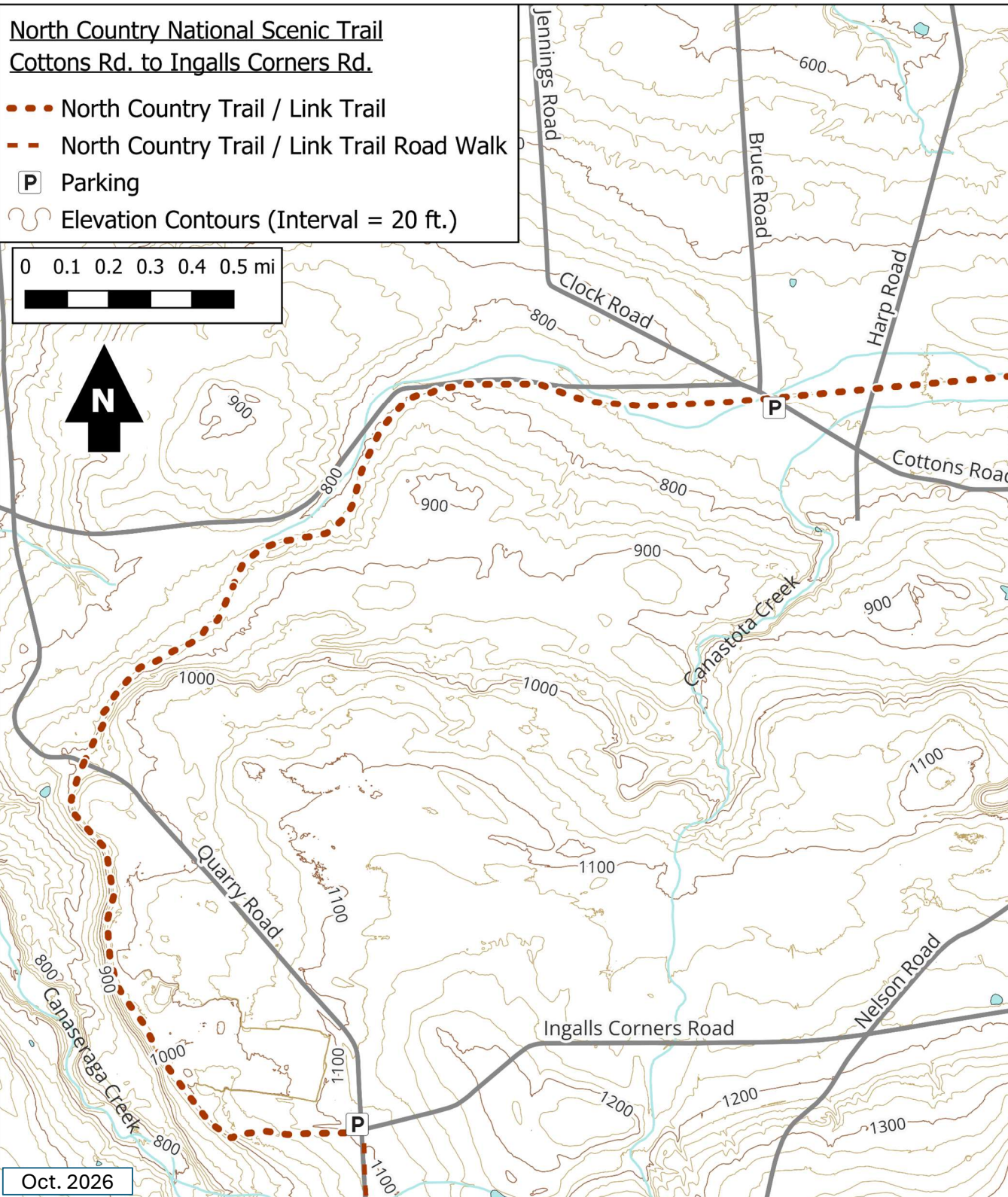


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- Elevation Contours (Interval = 20 ft.)

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National Scenic Trail**

Section Map and Description

**Cottons Rd. to
Ingalls Corners Rd.**
Southwest of Canastota, NY

This 3.5-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail follows the route of the Cazenovia & Canastota Railroad (later part of the Lehigh Valley Railroad), including a long section “benched out” from a steep hillside. From Cottons Road to the base of the escarpment (at mile 3.2) the trail inclines gradually upward, engineered to accommodate the power limitations of 19th century train locomotives. Trains traveled this section from 1870 to 1967. Now the peaceful foot trail offers the hiker a secluded walk through woodland and fields, along the headwaters of Canastota Creek and Canaseraga Creek. The trail passes historic structures including a lime kiln from the late 1800s and the ruins of facilities where stone from the quarry was loaded on railroad cars.



This section of the North Country Trail (NCT) follows the route of the Link Trail. The trail is marked with blue rectangular blazes indicating the NCT and orange blazes indicating the Link Trail.

Miles	Description of Trail from Cottons Rd. to Ingalls Corners Rd. <i>Follow the blue blazes</i>
0.0	You begin at Cottons Road in farm country. Water trickles on both sides of the trail. Birdsongs can often be heard.
0.6	Cross what appears to be the edge of the front lawn of three residences.
0.9	Don't follow the trail bearing to the left up the hill – that's for snowmobiles. Continue straight, through what appears to be a residential backyard.
1.0	The grass can be high; the trail continues roughly parallel to Cottons Road. Good-looking dairy farm across the road.
1.1	An old, small sawmill is on the left; the owner apparently uses it occasionally.
1.3	Scenic pond, depending on the season. Stop and listen for the frogs.
1.6	Memorial bench, with a scenic view; shortly thereafter another residence, with its locally-famous railroad crossing sign.
1.7	The trail re-enters the woods and inclines gently upward towards Quarry Road.
2.2	Quarry Road crossing; across the road the trail crosses another residential yard; the owner is a friend of the trail but his dogs don't know that. The dogs appear to be constrained by an invisible fence.
2.4	Another bench with a scenic view.
2.7	On the left is an old lime kiln, a stone chimney for converting limestone into quicklime. Workers would load in limestone and fuel from the top of the chimney, then light it from the bottom, to burn at more than 1400 degrees Fahrenheit for several days.
3.0	The old quarry; one structure appears to be a loading dock for rail cars. Watch overhead for turkey buzzards on the hunt.

3.2	The trail leaves the roadbed and heads uphill to the left. The adjacent owner has blocked the railroad bed from this point. The steep trail up the 45-foot escarpment is in a reverse-single-Z switchback pattern, mostly on natural stones. Follow the blue blazes. Trekking poles or a stout stick are helpful here.
3.3	A small cleared area with a bench provides a scenic view across the "Perryville Valley."
3.5	Reach trailhead at intersection of Quarry Road and Ingalls Corners Road.

To continue hiking beyond this section...

Southbound Hikers

From this junction begins a 3.2-mile road walk (described and mapped on a sign at the stile near the junction), taking you south to the hamlet of Perryville, then south and west on Seibenbaum Road, briefly north on Irish Hill Road, then west on Freber Road to the Freber Road trailhead.

Northbound Hikers

To continue north follow the blue blazes 3.3 miles to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery trailhead and kiosk. Beyond the kiosk it is another 1.3 miles (mostly road walk) to the junction with the Erie Canalway Trail.

Trail Etiquette

Portions of this trail segment located on the abandoned railroad right-of-way are owned by the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. All property on either side of the trail is private land. Please stay on the trail and do not trespass on private property. Take only pictures and leave only footprints.

The trail is maintained by local volunteers. You can help us by picking up trash that you find on the trail. Dog walkers, please keep your pet on leash and clean up after your dog. Do not leave dog waste in the trail, or at the trailhead.

**Enjoy your walk on the
North Country Trail!**

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