

The Ridge Hill Trail is 2.02 miles long with a peak elevation of 1,564 feet and runs between Route 112 and Bailey Road in Ashfield. The trail from 112 is notable for a steep ascent and switch backs among hemlocks and other conifers while the Bailey Road section is marked by a long dense stand of red pine trees that changes to mixed deciduous forest as the trail ascends gradually to the long ridge line. The ridge provides distinct views of several interesting sections of Ashfield:

Mt. Owen at 1,486 feet in elevation is seen to the southeast and is named after Daniel Owen, a surveyor who became lost on the mountain and spent the night there in the early 1700's.

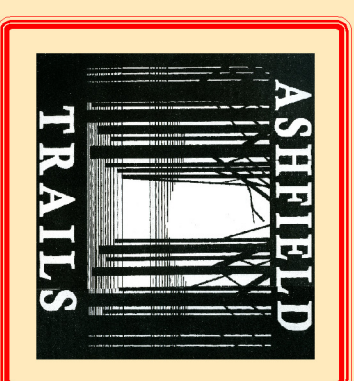
Little Switzerland, to the southwest, is supposedly named for the similarity in the views with the Swiss Alps described by visitors to the Hall family around 1837.

Apple Valley, seen to the west, has been an area known for apple production since the early 1800's when Daniel Forbes began grafting apple trees there. Some of these orchards continue to be commercially farmed today.

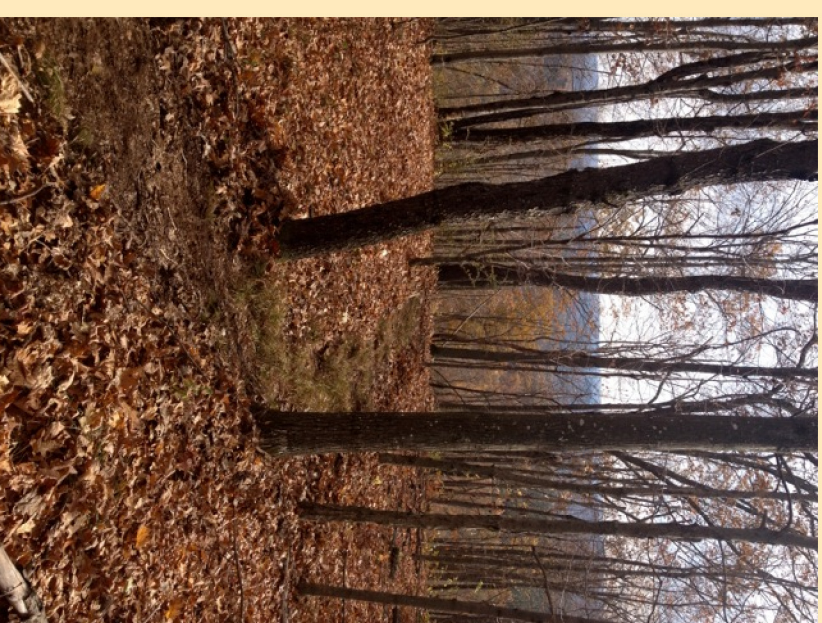
Views to the east are characterized by the long fairways and hilly terrain of Edge Hill Golf course on land currently owned and once operated as a 150 acre dairy farm by members of the Graves family.

Most of the trail is on private property - its use is a privilege granted by the land owner. Please stay on the marked trail. The following are NOT permitted: motorized vehicles, littering, camping, campfires, hunting, trapping, picking and removing any plants, wildflowers, trees or other vegetation.

To volunteer or make a contribution to Ashfield Trails, please contact Phil Pless at [philpless@verizon.net](mailto:philpless@verizon.net) or at 413-628-3959

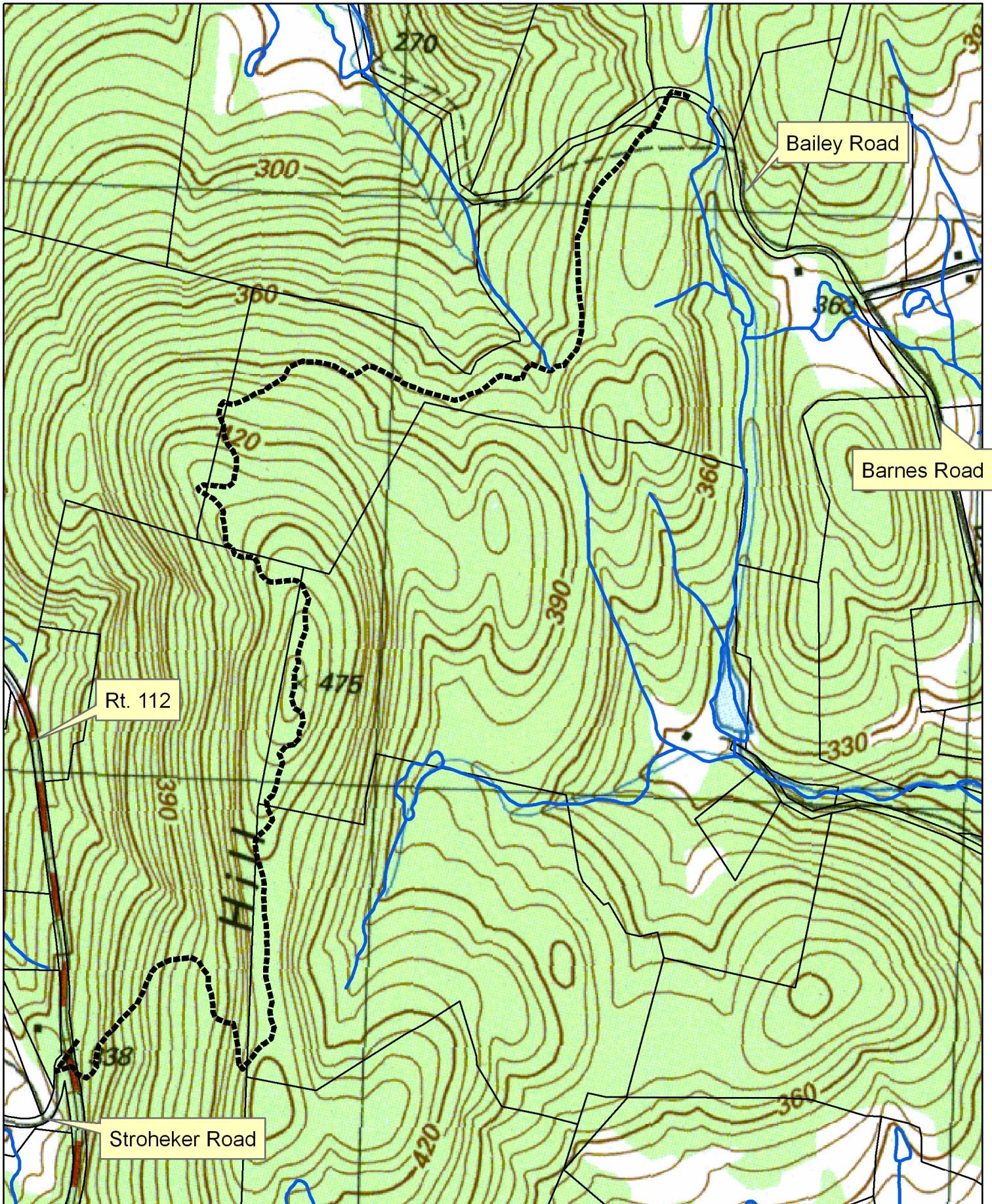


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# Stroheker Road to Bailey Road (Ridge Hill) Trail



Scale: 1" = 700'

Trail Length: 2.02 Miles (10,687 Feet)

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