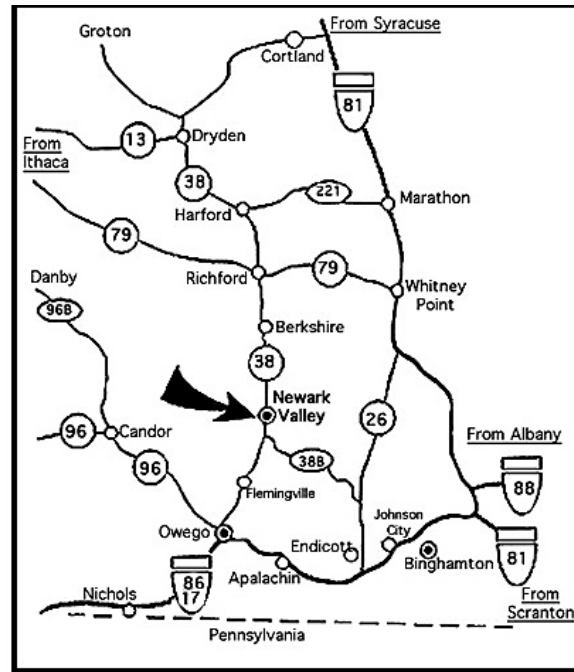


The Newark Valley Historical Society is the proud owner of the Bement-Billings Farmstead Museum, which includes property on both sides of State Route 38. Approximately 18 acres of this land is on the western edge of the site, accessible via a foot bridge across the east branch of the Owego Creek. Interpretive signs on the nature trails identify various trees, shrubs, and vines, including:


- American Elm (white elm)
- American Hornbeam (ironwood, water-beech)
- Basswood
- Black Cherry
- Black Locust
- Black Willow
- Box Elder
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Butternut
- Common Apple
- Eastern Cottonwood
- Hawthorn (thorn apple)
- Japanese Knotweed
- Multiflora Rose
- Quaking Aspen (popple)
- Red Maple (soft maple)
- Shadbush (serviceberry)
- Shagbark Hickory
- Silky Dogwood
- Sugar Maple (hard maple)
- Sumac
- Sycamore (buttonwood)
- White Ash
- Wild Grape Vine



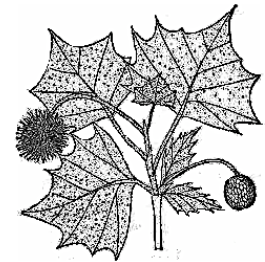
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Route 38, 1 mile north of the traffic light in Newark Valley



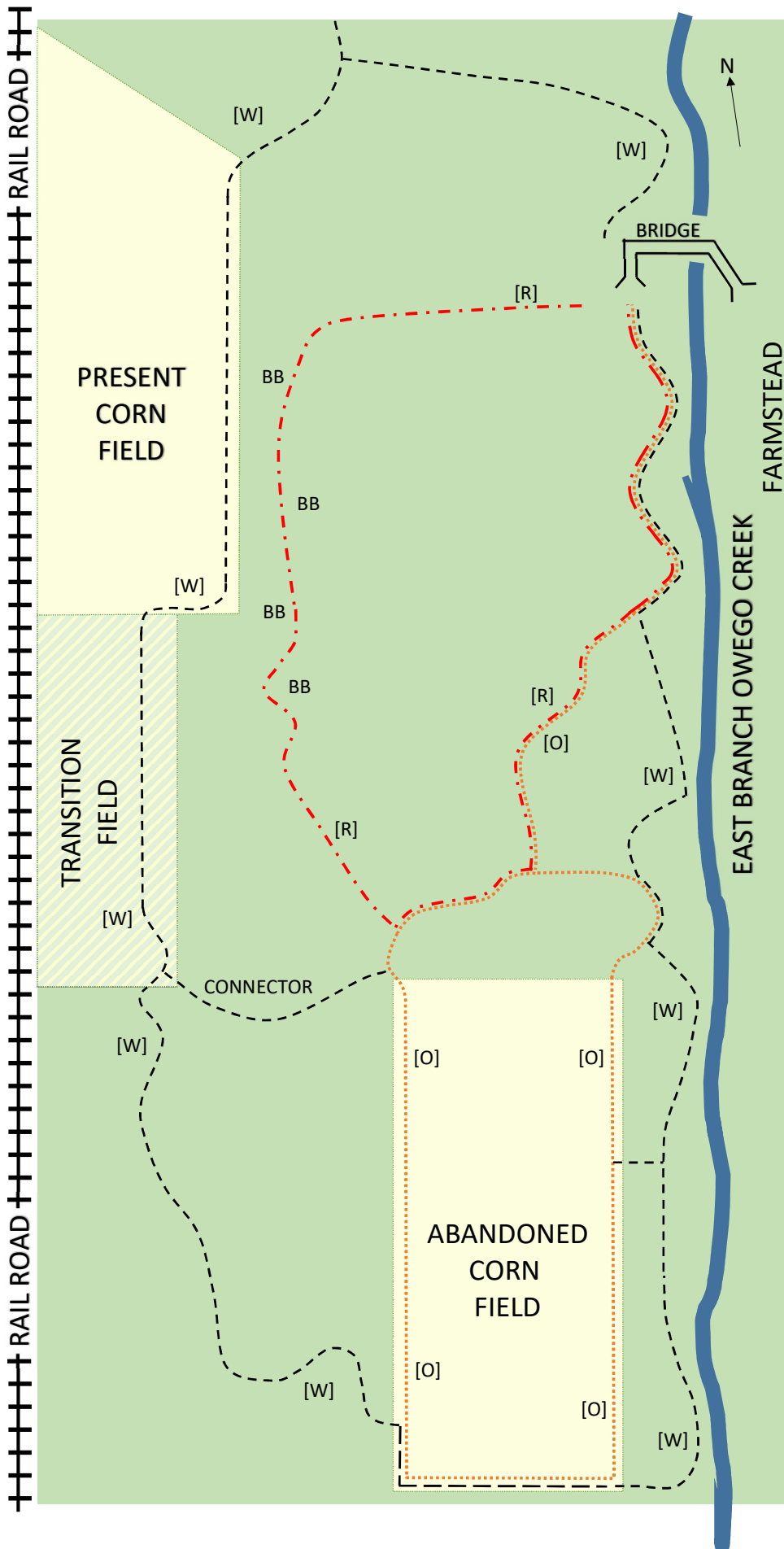
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The Trails at Sycamore Bridge



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Welcome to the trails at Sycamore Bridge. There are three loop trails that begin and end at the west end of the bridge. The total length of the trails is approximately 1.5 miles.

[R] RED TRAIL

Inner loop - shortest
Mostly among trees.

[O] ORANGE TRAIL

Middle length
A mix of treed forest and a loop around an abandoned corn field.

[W] WHITE TRAIL

Outer loop - longest
This loop goes around the perimeter, along the creek and edge of fields.

A connector path allows the hiker to switch loops near the middle of the trail system.

BB - Bluebell Flower areas
(early to mid May)

Interpretive signs along the trails help identify various trees and shrubs that grow in this unique area.

The "Abandoned Corn Field" is going through the early stages of a process called succession, whereby the corn crop is replaced by grasses and herbs, that will in turn be replaced by shrubs and shade intolerant small trees, and eventually become a shade tolerant, mature, climax forest.

The "Transition Field" is a former farm field that is further along in the process of succession and is currently supporting taller growing trees.

**These trails are for foot travel only.
Motor vehicles, ATVs and bikes are not permitted.**