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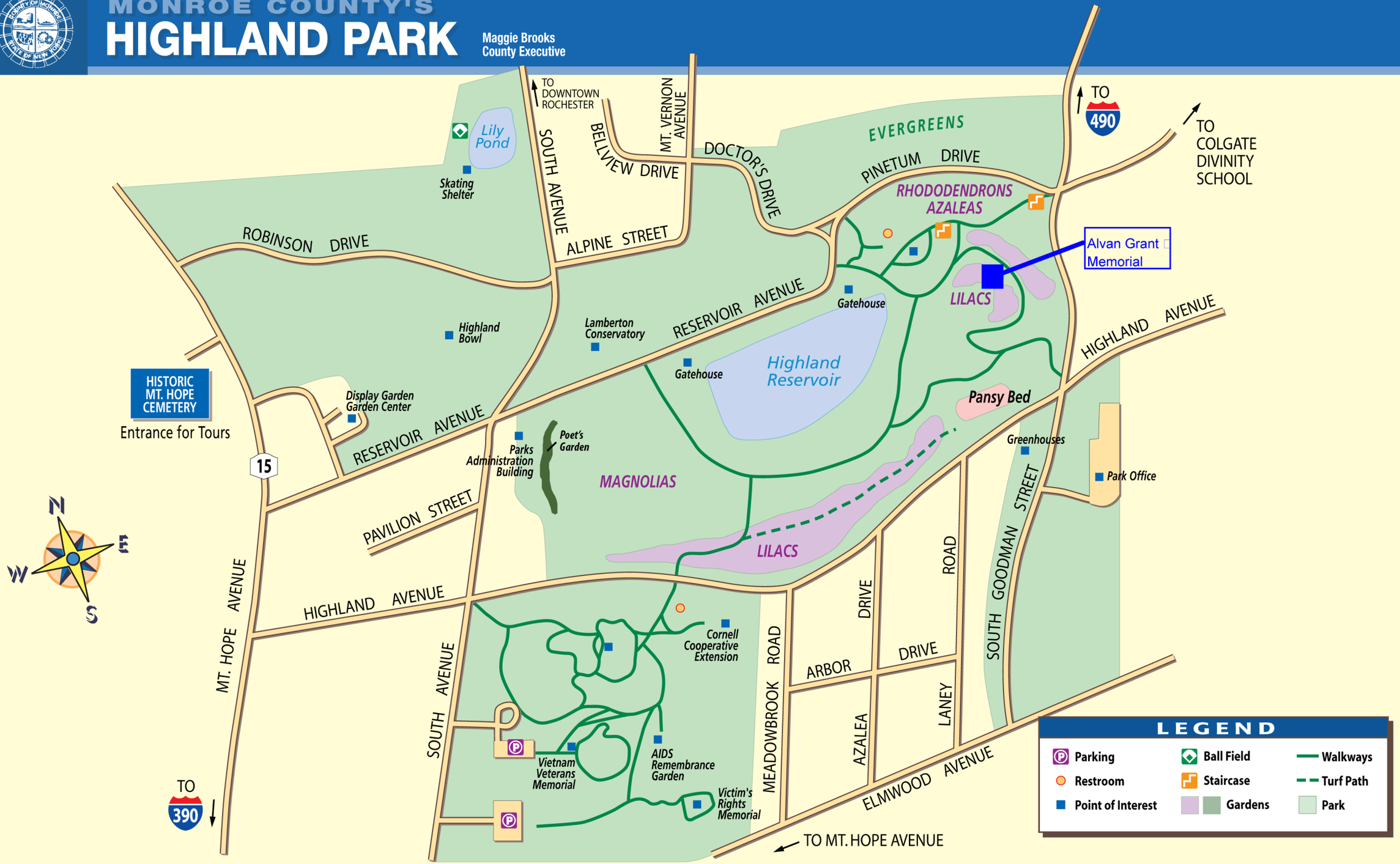

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A brochure and self guide detailing the botanicals is available at the the Highland Park Conservatory and the Parks Administration Office at 171 Reservoir Avenue.

Trails are multiple use, unless noted otherwise. Enjoy walking, running, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

Please be aware of seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural environment such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.

Monroe County's Park Staff Assistance:
271-5420 or 509-2869

Information, Reservations and
Wedding Pictures: 753-PARK (7275)

Lamberton Conservatory: 753-7270
www.monroecounty.gov

Points of Interest

Highland Park

Highland park contains various botanical and floral collections including the Poet's Garden, a large number of Azaleas and Rhododendron, the famous Pansy Bed, numerous Evergreens, Magnolias and the nation's largest Lilac Collection.

Highland Park is included in the Mount Hope Preservation District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Portions of the park were designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. He is universally known as America's greatest Landscape Architect. Highland Park is unique among the Olmsted designed parks. Highland Park was conceived as an arboretum to display trees and shrubs for the education of the public. Highland Park is noted for its collection of mature, rare and unusual plants.

■ Warner Castle

Warner Castle and the Castle Garden's landscape were developed as residence for Horatio Gates Warner. The landscape was created by Landscape Architect, Alling DeForest. The structure and gardens were incorporated into Highland Park in 1951. Warner Castle is now the headquarters of the Rochester Civic Garden Center, a private, non-profit organization which functions as a public, horticulture educational resource.

■ Lamberton Conservatory

The Lamberton Conservatory is an indoor, year round plant and floral display. It includes a changing seasonal room, rain forest room, economic plants room, desert and houseplant rooms. There is also a lily pond and stream with goldfish. It is open daily. Call 753-7270 for more details.

Highland Park South

Highland Park South was developed as an expansion to the park in the early 1980's as a staging area for the Lilac Festival, and to provide relief to the historic portion of the park from the intensity of the festival crowds. This area is also home to the:

■ Vietnam Veterans Memorial

"To commemorate...To educate...To heal..."

A memorial that commemorates the service, valor, and sacrifice of more than 28,000 Vietnam Veterans from our county region as well as the 280 men who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

■ AIDS Remembrance Garden

"A place of hope and healing..."

An honorarium to those impacted by AIDS and the HIV virus.

■ Victim's Rights Memorial

This memorial ensures that crime victims in our community are not forgotten. It offers crime victims and their families a place for quite reflection, and a place to find comfort, support, inspiration and hope. It stands out as a powerful symbol of Monroe County's commitment to victims of crime.

■ Iris Friendship Garden

This garden was established as a sister cities participation and celebration of Pacific Flora 2004, an international horticulture exposition at Hamamatsu, Japan. The friendship garden features a collection of Louisiana Irises and companion plantings. The educational piece will be the inclusion of the five original species of Louisiana Irises (Original parentage). The display bed will include a progression of hybridization of the Iris from species to the most recent cultivated varieties.

■ Lilac Festival Site

Highland Park supports the nation's largest lilac collection and attracts thousands of visitors to the annual Lilac Festival during May. Additional information is available at www.lilacfestival.com.