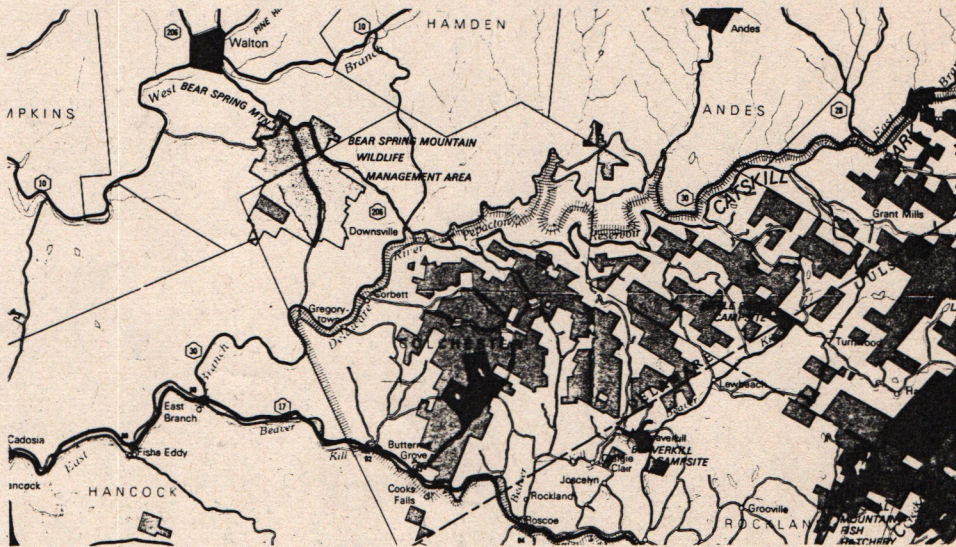


A NEW PARK

BEAR SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT Area in Delaware County became the state's 50th state park in May. The property, totalling just over 7,000 acres, is located just east of the Village of Walton, and is accessible from Route 206. The state's management plan for the area calls for 'primitive' camping facilities, with most of the actual development concentrated near Launt Pond and Spruce Grove.

The land was originally purchased by the federal government in the late 1930's and early 1940's through a program to acquire submarginal farmland and relocate farm families to more productive areas. Since that time, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and its predecessor agency, the Conservation Department, has managed the area for wildlife and wildlife habitat even though the federal government did not transfer ownership of the property to the state until 1962.



The original wildlife management plan has been changed to accommodate 52 campsites, volleyball courts, two play areas and flush toilets. Future plans include expanding the number of campsites to 70, a picnic pavilion

and a nature trail along Launt Pond. The property is being upgraded to a park to enable it to remain as unique as possible while generating revenue to cover its upkeep.

BEAR SPRING MOUNTAIN
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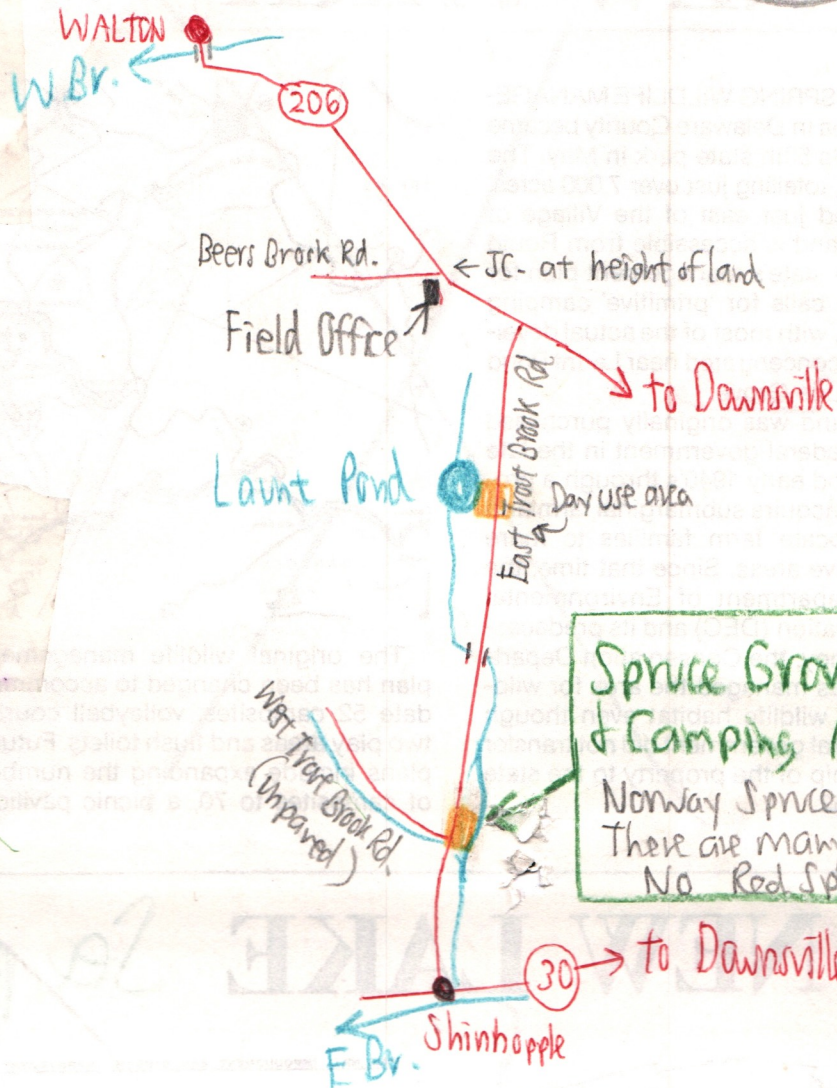
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at Downsville
Covered bridge
(planted?)

Sycamore at
Shinhopple

Walden
206
Spruce Grove
from down E Trout Brook Rd
part Laut Pond
2 to 3 mi beyond
Pratt gra
Intersection from W (Trout Brook Rd)