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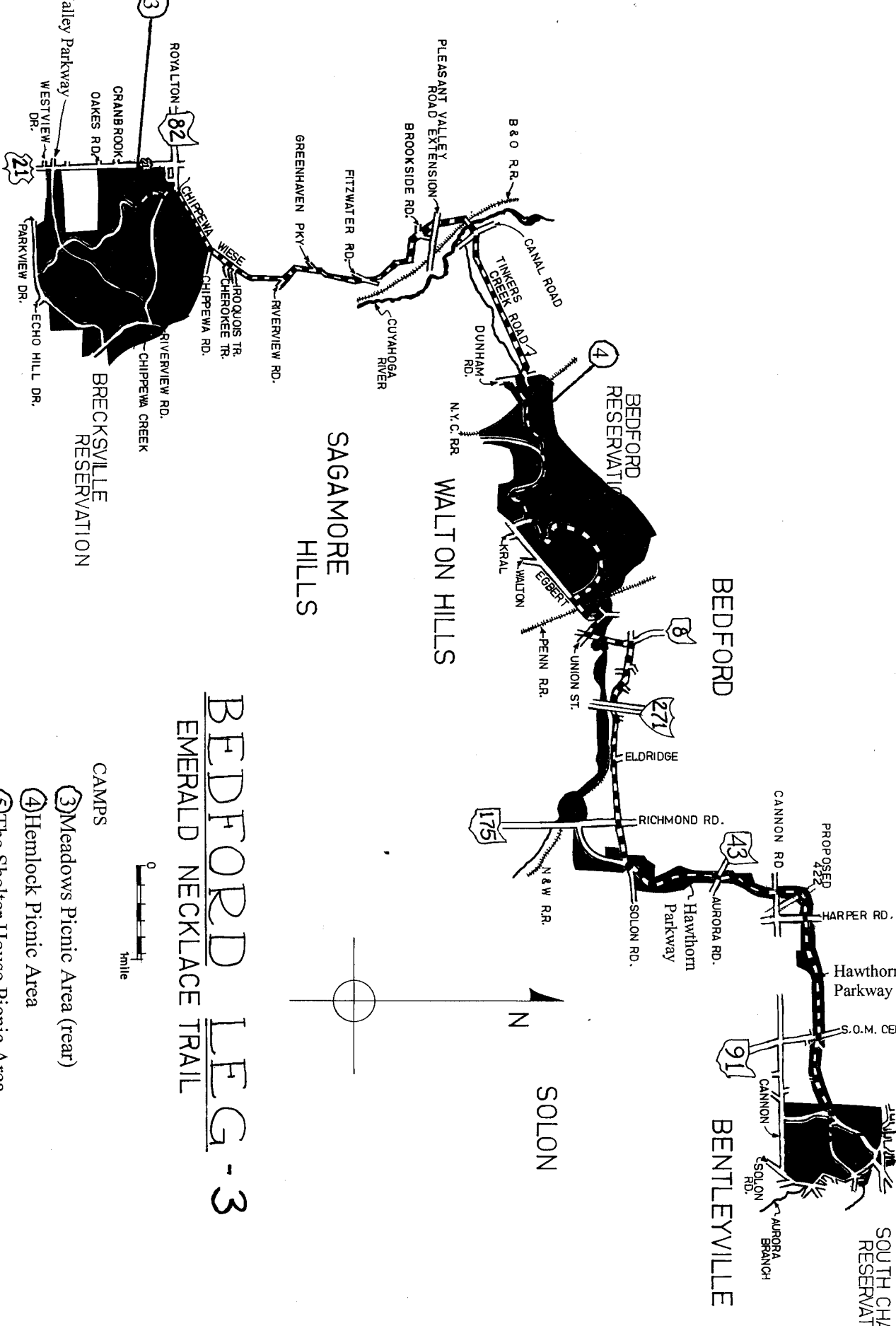
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# BEDFORD NECKLINE TRAIL

## CAMPS

- ③ Meadows Picnic Area (rear)
- ④ Hemlock Picnic Area
- ⑤ The Shelter House Picnic Area

## BEDFORD RESERVATION TRAIL CLEVELAND METRO PARKS LEG 3

At the northern end of the Brecksville Reservation the Trail follows the old Ohio Canal northward toward the Bedford Reservation. Here Tinkers Creek forms a deep ravine and it is here that Moravian Missionaries had an early settlement before the coming of Moses Cleaveland to this area. Remains of this settlement names Pilberruh and Pilgrims Rest, have been located in recent years. Indian mounds can be identified in this general area where in 1755, the Indians hunted bear, deer, and elk and fished the streams that a short 175 years ago abounded with fish and were clear and clean.

The Erie Indians who lived in this area had been exterminated by the Iroquois with areas sold by white traders. The entire park area was visited by the tribes on hunting and fishing expedition but was home to only these Indians. Pilberruh. Records indicate that wolves roamed the plains and valleys and that wild turkeys were abundant along with a game of all kinds. In those times, virgin "climax" forest of beech and maple, oak and hickory, along with stands of white pine, hemlock and red cedar found their preferred terrain. The valleys and higher plains provided excellent conditions for growth so that many types of trees made up the local forest. Over 70 species of trees remain in the park. In the 1940's some were marked as Moses Cleaveland Trees to indicate that they were standing when Moses Cleaveland and his party first surveyed the lands. Fossils can be found in the Bedford Reservation as elsewhere in the park system. If fossil hunting becomes tiresome there are over 30 species of birds nesting in the park and these along with many more birds that migrate through the park both spring and fall, fill the park with sod and color.

From the Bedford Reservation, the Trail leads eastward to the South Chagrin Reservation where the Aurora branch meets the Chagrin River. This beautiful river derives its name from its earlier description as a Chaquin or "Chagrin" river. Beaver have made a come-back in this area at the Aurora branch near Miles Road and, have been reported in the Chagrin River Valley. "Ripple Rocks" can be found here that display a ripple pattern left by the receding waters of ancient bodies of water. Squaw Rock at the South Chagrin Reservation is a sandstone formation weathered by centuries of wind and water and sculptured by an early resident. Also at South Chagrin are sulfur springs that serve curiosity far better than thirst.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL HIKERS

All camping equipment used must be backpacked by hikers.

Responsibility adult leadership must be present at all overnight camps. If the adult is not taking the Trail arrangements should be made to meet at campsite.

Camping is permitted only in the specified Park areas. Local tour permits are required and can be obtained by applications through the Greater Cleveland Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2241 Woodland Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44115, Phone number 216-861-6060. Reservation may be made at Cleveland Metroparks Visitor Services, 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Phone number 216-351-6300.

Firewood, if available, may be secured by calling or visiting the Park District Maintenance Headquarters in the reservation in which you are camping. The Park Ranger will direct you to the nearest Maintenance Headquarters. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should any tree or vegetation, be touched.

**"No Trespassing"** posters must be honored

Hikers must be at their campsite by 11:00 p.m.