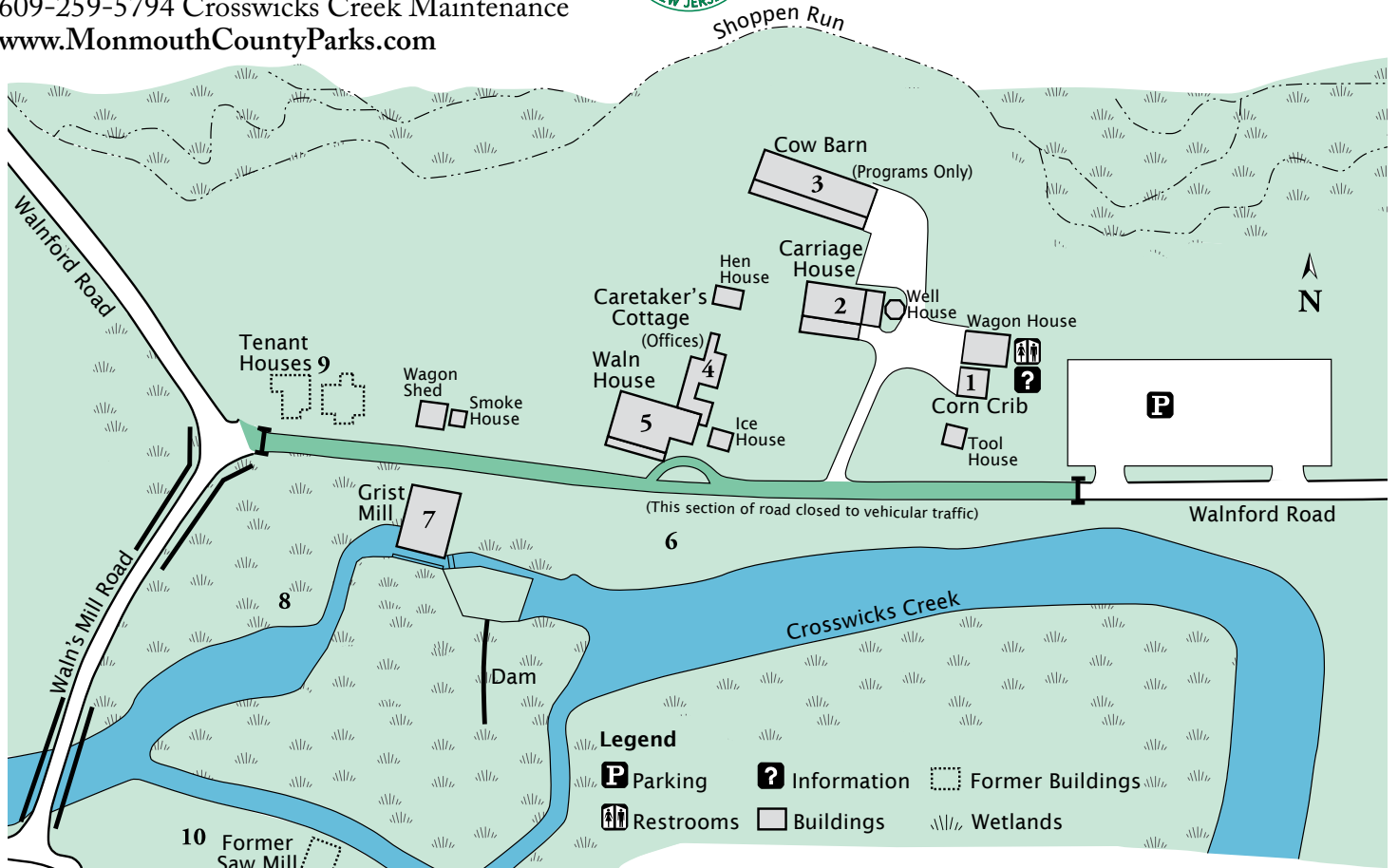




# HISTORIC WALNFORD

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**1** Entering through the *Corn Crib* serves as a reminder that Walnford was a working farm until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**2** The 1879 *Carriage House* was built for the Walns' carriages and the horses that pulled them. Look up to see the running stag weathervane.



*Carriage House, Today*

**3** In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, dairy farming was popular in this area. Forty-eight Guernseys were milked here in the *Cow Barn*. Today the barn provides program space.

**4** The *Caretaker's Cottage* was added to the rear of the house in 1910-12. The White Pine trees separating the house and farm were planted around the same time. Now the building serves as offices for park staff.



*Mill Pond, 1890s*

**5** The elegant *Waln House* built in 1773, is the largest existing pre-revolutionary home in Monmouth County.

**6** *Remnants of a Formal Garden* are seen along the stream bank in front of the house. A horticultural enthusiast, Ann Weightman Meirs planted the landscape that gives Walnford its picturesque character today.

**7** *Waln's Mill*, powered by a turbine rather than an external water wheel, represented the peak of stone grinding gristmill design when it was rebuilt in 1872 after a disastrous fire.

**8** *Crosswicks Creek and the surrounding wetlands*, once a source of power for the mill and a scenic feature, are today an important resource and flood plain protected by state and federal law. The creek travels through four counties before it joins the Delaware River.

**9** Two 18<sup>th</sup> Century *Tenant Houses* were located here until 1969 when they were destroyed by arson.



*Tenant Houses, 1960s*

**10** Another important water-powered industry at Walnford was the *Saw Mill*, in operation on the opposite bank from Waln's Mill through the 1870s.

*We interpret this site spanning the 200 years of Waln Family ownership to acknowledge Walnford as an evolving story. Changing exhibits, demonstrations and programs are designed to encourage you to visit often, experiencing both the old and new at this important site.*