

## EV-HENWOOD

Ev-Henwood, a 174-acre tract located in a rural setting of Brunswick County, North Carolina, possesses outstanding natural and cultural resources. Through a vision of conservation and preservation, Mr. Troy Henry has donated this land to the University of North Carolina Wilmington for education and research activities in perpetuity. In accordance with Mr. Henry's wishes, use of the entire area will be guided by emphasis on nature observation and nature education.

UNCW's goal is to manage the site as a natural area for the education of the undergraduate students and graduate students, short-term and long-term ecological research, and educational services for the people of the region and the state.

Ev-Henwood borders Town Creek, a major black water, tidally-influenced creek which empties into the Cape Fear River. Town Creek is navigable from the property to the Cape Fear River by canoe. The majority of the property ranges from 10 to 25 feet in elevation; the lowest elevations are along Town Creek and the branches that empty into the creek. The intervening high ground possesses both forested and open land. The majority of the vegetation cover was either selectively cut over or farmed in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

A bottomland hardwood forest, dominated by red maple, black gum and sweet gum and highlighted with large bald cypresses, meanders, along the south and west boundaries. The forest is a relatively undisturbed example of this important coastal plain forest type. Several small creeks or branches drain the upland areas of Ev-Henwood.

Ev-Henwood is unique to southeastern North Carolina because the climax community of the region, hardwoods, dominates a considerable portion of the area. American beech and several species of oaks and hickories dominate large areas of uplands. Although loblolly pine is a common associate, few longleaf pine remain.

Adding to the diversity of the vegetative and animal communities, approximately 25 acres of Ev-Henwood are maintained as grassy fields. Man-made ponds add variety to the landscape and serve as an important habitat for many species of plants and animals, including alligators.

## GUIDELINES

1. Ev-Henwood is open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. The Grounds Manager must be notified of any activities requiring use of the property at other times.
2. Park motorized vehicles in designated areas. No bicycles, horses, or pets are allowed on the trails.
3. Respect the plants and animals. Please do not break off leaves or stems. Leave the flowers, fruits, and seeds for all to enjoy. Please do not pick up or remove animals. Do not remove plants, tags, or markers.
4. Do not litter. Please do not leave paper or other debris on the ground. It is harmful to animals and unsightly.
5. Be considerate of others. Please respect private areas and avoid loud noises and horseplay.
6. Observe your pathway carefully. No management of dangerous animals or poisonous plants has been undertaken on the property.

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For information about research opportunities or visits, write or call:

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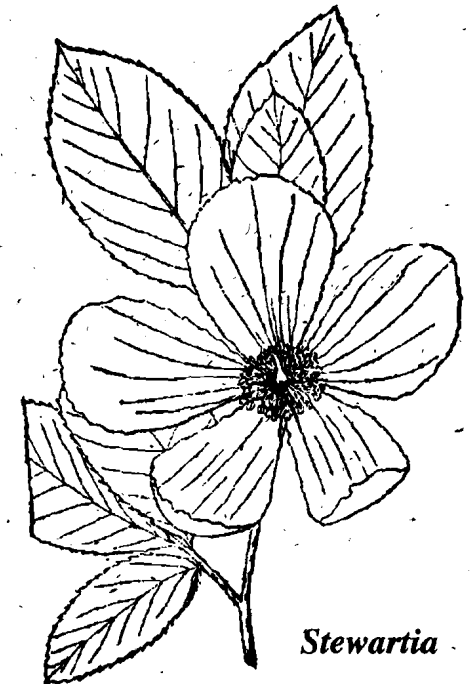
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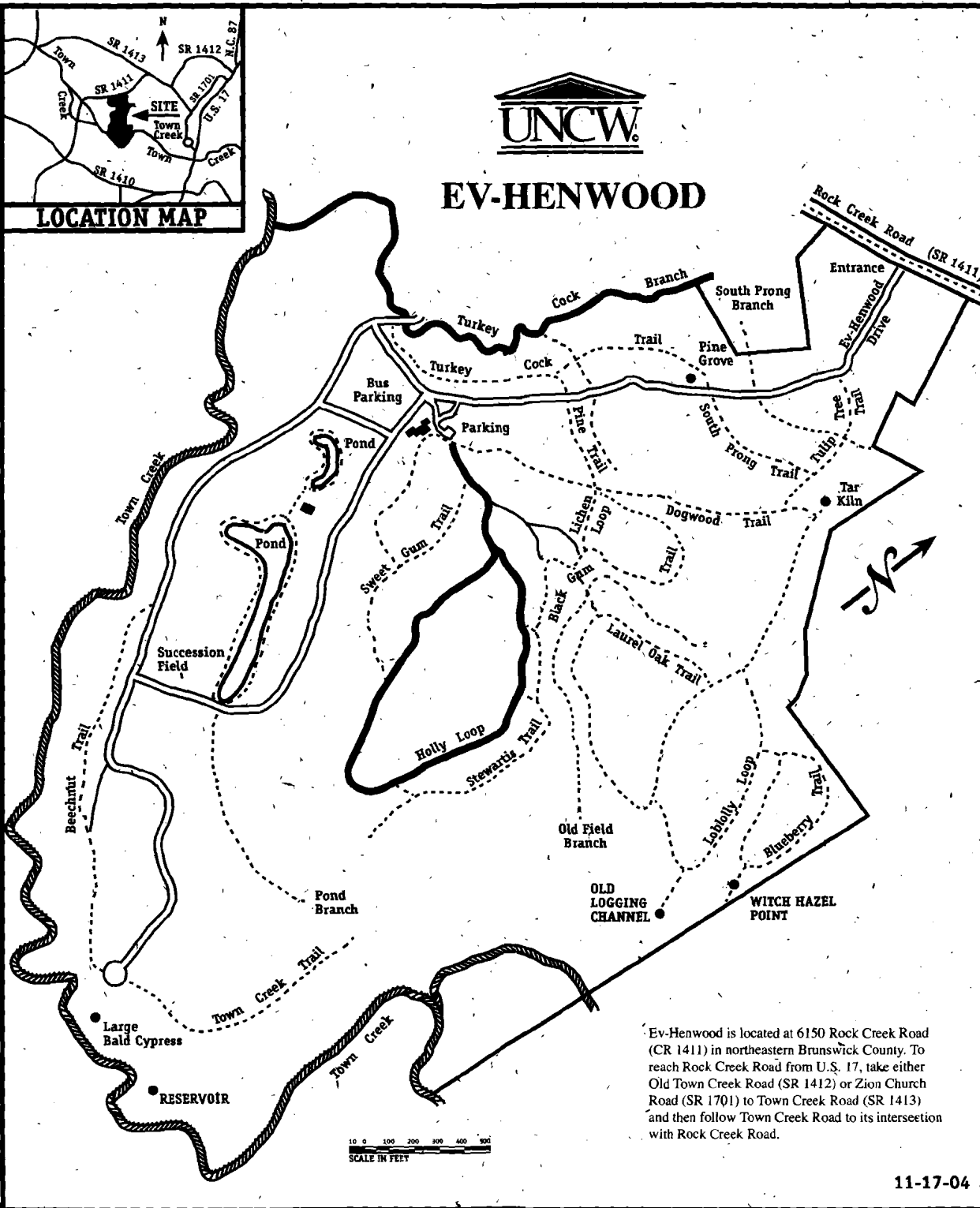
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Town Creek, North Carolina



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## EV-HENWOOD WALKING TRAILS

**BEECHNUT TRAIL:** Meandering along the bank of Town Creek, the Beechnut Trail may be part of the old Wilmington to Charleston Road. Beeches, oaks, and hickories are common. (15 minutes)

**BLACK GUM TRAIL:** Adjacent to low woods for a portion of its length, this trail exhibits lowland vegetation including black gums, sweet gums, red bays, loblolly bays, red maples, titis, fetterbushes, and water oaks. (20 minutes)

**BLUEBERRY TRAIL:** A loop trail which follows a scenic fern gully and returns along the northeastern boundary of the Preserver. Several tree species including oaks, hollies, and devilwood can be observed along with a number of blueberry shrubs. (15 minutes)

**DOGWOOD TRAIL:** The eastern portion of this trail was originally a road which led to a tenant house, the site of which is now on property adjacent to Ev-Henwood. Along this trail may be seen large dogwoods, wax myrtles, sweet bays, hollies, and sassafras. (10 minutes)

**HOLLY LOOP:** An upland trail dominated by oaks and hickories. American hollies are common. Also has sweet gums, dogwoods, beeches, and sassafras. Lichens and mosses are abundant in open sandy areas, and grapes and sparkleberries are frequent. (30 minutes)

**LAUREL OAK TRAIL:** Laurel oaks dominate an old-road portion of this trail, forming a canopy overhead. Another length of the trail follows Old Field Branch where several large hollies can be seen. (35 minutes)

**LICHEN LOOP:** Leads past an extensive area covered by a lichen commonly called reindeer moss. (5 minutes)

**LOBLOLLY LOOP:** Passes through a mixed woods containing many loblolly pines, dogwoods, tulip trees, hollies, and several species of oaks. (15 minutes)

**PINE TRAIL:** This trail connects Dogwood Trail with Ev-Henwood Drive, and leads through a loblolly pine woods and past numerous dogwoods. (10 minutes)

**SOUTH PRONG TRAIL:** Exhibits both upland and lowland woods as it follows along the South Prong Branch of Town Creek. (5 minutes)

**SWEET GUM TRAIL:** Passes through a mixed forest dominated by sweet gums, loblolly pines, hollies, and oaks, and follows an old road for a portion of its length. Woodland wildflowers such as pipissewas can be seen along the trail. (10 minutes)

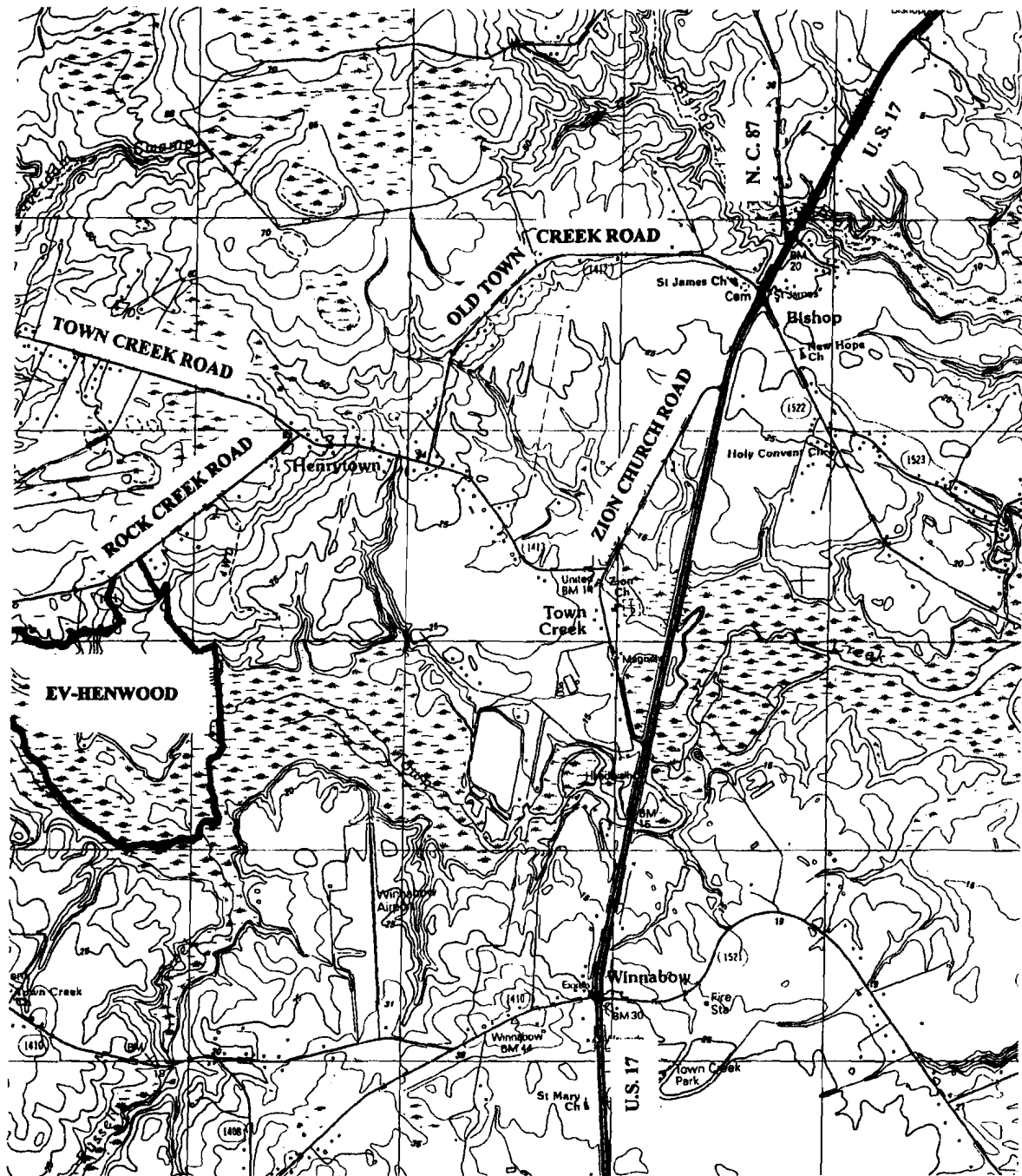
**STEWARTIA TRAIL:** Bordered by Old Field Branch on one side and upland woods on the other, this trail exhibits many different plants including oaks, stewartias, witch hazels, beeches, dwarf, pawpaws, southern sugar maples, and sweet bays. (20 minutes)

**TOWN CREEK TRAIL:** Follows Town Creek through low woods with one of the largest bald cypresses on the property. (10 minutes)

**TULIP TREE TRAIL:** Leads by several large tulip trees and crosses South Prong Branch. Chain ferns and cinnamon ferns are frequent in the vicinity of the branch. (10 minutes)

**TURKEY COCK TRAIL:** This trail follows Turkey Cock Branch which forms a portion of the western boundary of Ev-Henwood. It passes through mixed woods of many species including one of the few remaining longleaf pines on the property. (20 minutes)

## DIRECTIONS TO EV-HENWOOD



Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve is about 10 miles south of Wilmington, North Carolina. To reach the Preserve from route U.S. 17, follow Old Town Creek Road to its intersection with Town Creek Road, turn right and go about 3 blocks to Rock Creek Road. The Preserve is at 6150 Rock Creek Road.