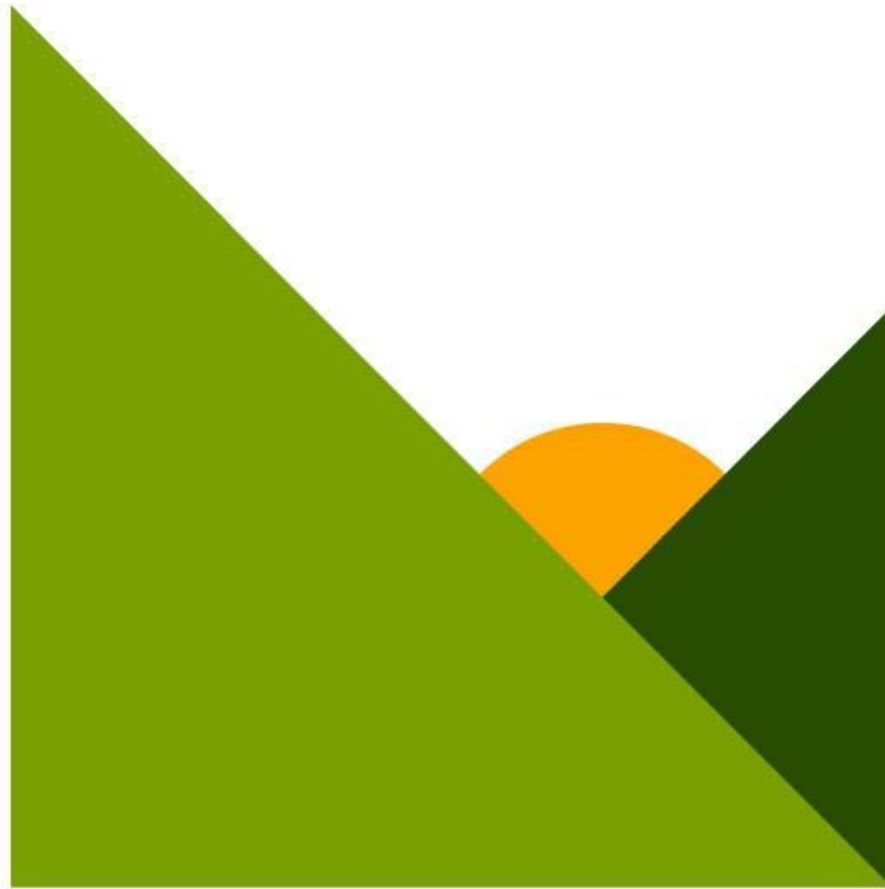


# **STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT OF HIKING TRAIL ECOTOURISM IN ARMENIA**

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# **HIKE**Armenia

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# Our Goal





# Best Practices











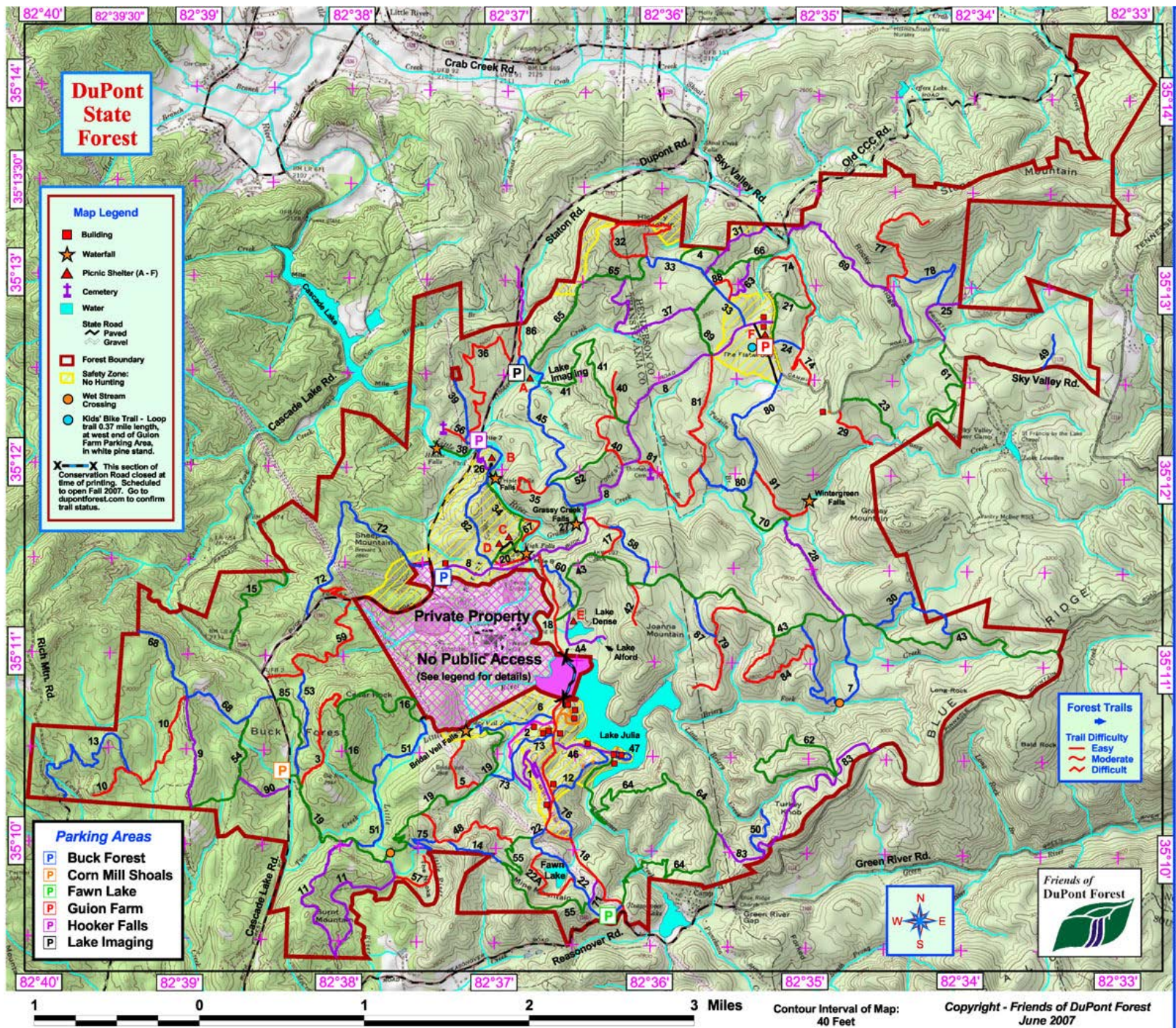
# Components

- Clear, visible and marked paths
- Maintenance system
- Single and multiple day options for beginners and advanced hikers
- Easy access to information
  - Maps, logistical info, technical support, access to guides, online resources
- Conservation of surrounding nature

# High Potential Hiking Trail Circuits

- Dilijan National Park
- ARK Bridge Project
- Caucasus Wildlife Refuge
- Vayots Dzor
- Janapar Trail
- Lake Arpi National Park
- Scouting for more...





# DuPont State Forest

## Map Legend

- Building
- Waterfall
- Picnic Shelter (A - F)
- Cemetery
- Water
- State Road
- Paved
- Gravel
- Forest Boundary
- Safety Zone: No Hunting
- Wet Stream Crossing
- Kids' Bike Trail - Loop trail 0.37 mile length, at west end of Guilon Farm Parking Area, in white pine stand.

X—X This section of Conservation Road closed at time of printing. Scheduled to open Fall 2007. Go to [dupontforest.com](http://dupontforest.com) to confirm trail status.

## Parking Areas

- Buck Forest
- Corn Mill Shoals
- Fawn Lake
- Guilon Farm
- Hooker Falls
- Lake Imogene

## Forest Trails

- Trail Difficulty
- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult





# Moving Forward

- Coordinated actions
  - Coalition of Hiking Stakeholders
  - Connection with local communities
  - Combine with other attractions / activities
- Standards and best practices
- Easy access to information for tourists
- Resources and equipment for tourists



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