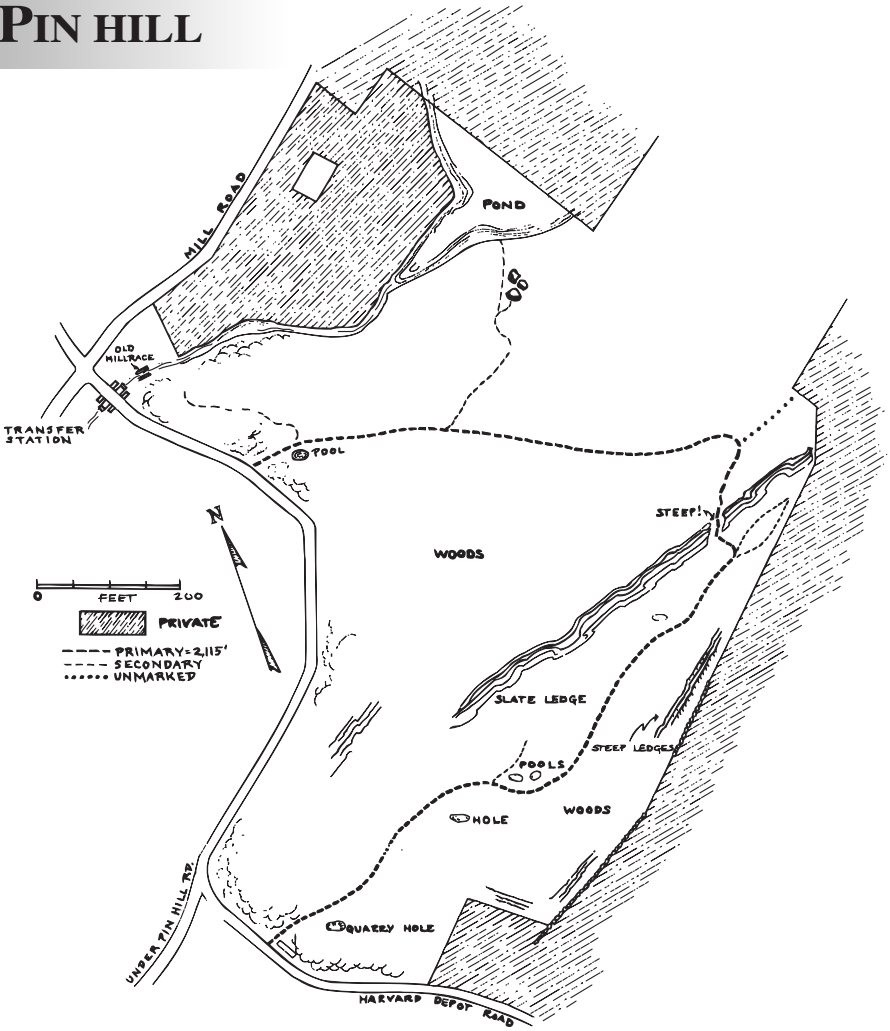


PIN HILL



Pin Hill is one of Harvard's most important geological and historical landmarks. Over a quarter billion years ago, the tilted beds of dark gray slate-like phyllite and the pebbly conglomerate that now comprise the rocks of Pin Hill were then layers of black mud and gravel, probably lying at the bottom of a pond. Although conglomerate is a common rock type throughout the world, it is rare in central Massachusetts. The band which appears in Harvard is almost totally confined to the town, and is listed on geological maps as the "Harvard Conglomerate". The slate quarries that dot the hill-side were once the site of a flourishing stonecutting trade. Gravestones cut from Pin Hill are to be found in many nearby old cemeteries.

Harvard residents used the power generated by the brook for numerous small mill enterprises for over a hundred years. There are remains of an old wooden mill race along Bowers Brook.

Steep sections - difficult