

Additional Connecticut Trails Day Events

ASHFORD

Multiple Activities. Saturday, June 5. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Church Farm.** The Church Farm BioBlitz is a celebration of local bio-diversity that runs from 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 4 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5. Scientists will be racing the clock to identify all living species on this diverse 228-acre preserve. The public is invited to observe the scientists and take part in a number naturalist-led outings at Church Farm (406 Route 89 in Ashford). Visit www.joshuaslandtrust.org online for more details. Sponsored by Joshua's Trust. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Joan Hill, (860) 228 2849, jhill003@charter.net, except May 10 to 24. During that period contact Dan Mullins, (860) 455-1539.

Easy (Most level terrain with a likeliness to encounter few, if any, obstacles)

Great for Families

No Dogs Permitted

EAST LYME

Nature Walk. Saturday, June 5. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Camp Pattagansett.** Join Jane Ferrall for an easy paced, family-friendly hike in a beautiful setting. Meet at the camp's parking lot, where we will begin our 2.5-mile adventure. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle and healthy snack. Sponsored by Girl Scouts of Connecticut (www.gsofct.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jane Ferrall, wmferrall@sbcglobal.net or Valorie Rykowski, (860) 522-0163 ext 3235, vrykowski@gsofct.org.

Easy (Most level terrain with a likeliness to encounter few, if any, obstacles)

Great for Families and New Hikers

No Dogs Permitted

MANCHESTER

Hike. Saturday, June 5. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Laurel Marsh/Hockanum River Hiking Trail.** Join Dick Don and Nola Currie for a 3.5-mile hike with opportunities to view great water birds. Recommended for hikers 18 and older. Bring a snack, beverage, and walking stick; wear good hiking boots. Meet at the Laurel Marsh stone dust parking lot on Route 6/44, just east of Exit 60 off I-84. Sponsored by Hockanum River Linear Park Committee. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Dick Don, Arb02@aol.com , (860) 647-0688.

Moderate (Gently rising terrain with a likeliness to encounter occasional obstacles)

No Dogs Permitted

REDDING – RIDGEFIELD – DANBURY

Hike. Saturday, June 5. 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Ives Trail.** Join Mike Cunningham for the grand opening of this brand-new, multi-town trail. We'll cover the full 15 miles of trail and encounter three very steep hills. Bring a flashlight, 2 liters of water, a whistle, and lunch. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, meeting place details, and to register: contact Mike Cunningham, hikermiker@yahoo.com , (203) 748-7233.

Challenging (Steep terrain with a likeliness to encounter periodic obstacles)

Great for Experienced Hikers

No Dogs Permitted

STAMFORD

Nature Walk. Sunday, June 6. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens.** Enjoy a 1-mile hike through the forest in honor of Connecticut Trails Day. Botanist, Carol Levine will highlight native trees and plants, as well as lead you through the fascinating 7-acre red maple swamp. Meet at the lower parking lot gazebo. Sponsored by Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens (www.bartlettarboretum.org). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Barbara Rossi, (203) 322-6971 ext. 15.

Easy (Most level terrain with a likeliness to encounter few, if any, obstacles)

Great for Families

No Dogs Permitted

STONINGTON

Paddle. Saturday June 5. 7:30 a.m. **Sandy Point Nature Preserve.** Enjoy a morning paddle in Little Narragansett Bay and meet up with an US Fish & Wildlife Service environmental interpreter on island. Meet at the Connecticut State boat launch area of Barn Island WMA (Palmer Neck Road, Stonington). Bring your own kayak, personal flotation device, and beverage/snack as appropriate. Sponsored by Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. Heavy rain cancels. Limited to 10 to 12 paddlers. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Anne Roberts-Pierson, (860) 464-8101.

WETHERSFIELD

Nature Walk. Saturday, June 5. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Connecticut River Floodplain.** Join Jim Woodworth, GMCT Stewardship Chairman, and Bruce Morton, Goodwin College's Program Director of Environmental Studies for an exploration of the 300+ acre Crow Point property, newly acquired by Goodwin College, along with the GMCT's Standish Parcel, and Hale Easement. During this 3-mile walk over flat terrain, we'll observe the process of nature reclaiming the land and waterways excavated for fill to build Route 3 and I-91 across the ancient farmland and wetlands of the fertile flood plain of the Connecticut River. Bring binoculars, beverage, snack, and bug spray; dress for the weather and ground conditions (long sleeves, long pants recommended). Trash bags will be available to gather flotsam left by the spring freshet. Meet at the Putnam Park parking lot, 100 Great Meadow Road, just north of the Putnam Bridge in Wethersfield. Sponsored by Great Meadows Conservation Trust (www.gmct.org) and Goodwin College. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jim Woodworth, (860) 808-9968, info@gmct.org.

Easy (Most level terrain with a likeliness to encounter few, if any, obstacles)

Great for Families

Leashed Dogs Permitted

Updates/Corrections

BOLTON

3. **Multiple Activities.** Saturday, June 5. 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.**

Update: Leader, Hans DePold, has new telephone number and email address: (860) 647-7377, depoldh@gmail.com

MANSFIELD

3. **Hike.** Sunday, June 6. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Mansfield Hollow State Park.**

Update: This event is now being led by Dave Morris. Participants may direct questions to Dave at starfly209@yahoo.com.

LEDYARD – PRESTON

Paddle. Saturday, June 5. 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Poquetanuck Cove.**

Update: Sponsored by Avalonia Land Conservancy.
