CONNECTICUT 2014 Trails Day Weekend

Saturday & Sunday JUNE 7 & 8

258 Events Statewide

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Variety - The Spice of CT Trails Day

When National Trails Day (NTD) first launched in 1993 by the American Hiking Society (AHS), it focused on hiking events with the goal to familiarize more people with fun and healthful outdoor recreation. Since then, NTD has evolved to be a greater selection of event types. If you look through this booklet, you’ll see an array of activities that we hope will interest most, or even all, of you. Hikes are still common, but even there you can find a range of hike lengths and difficulty. Among other types of events are paddles, bike rides, equestrian rides, geocaching, letterboxing, runs, trail maintenance, rock climbing, and a great mix of educational & nature walks, which focus on everything from history to wildlife and other fields in between! Events are also aimed at a variety of people from young children to expert adults.

Check the listings for your local town and other nearby towns first, to see if there is an event that interests you. If not, look in other parts of the state. Connecticut is small enough that no place is terribly far away and it can be enjoyable to broaden your horizons by visiting other parts of the state with unique features. Don’t forget to thank your event leaders. Without them, we wouldn’t have a trails day!

Connecticut Trails Day Weekend (CTDW) is run by the non-profit Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA), and has always been a major part of the AHS-sponsored NTD. Participation by the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, land trusts, town agencies, nonprofit groups, outdoors-oriented businesses, volunteers, and many generous sponsors, is key to the success of CTDW. Jen Benner, CFPA’s Trails Promotion Manager & Engagement Advocate, continues to work tirelessly to coordinate the effort and create/edit this booklet. The rest of the CFPA staff, especially Terri Peters and James Little, along with Trails Day Committee members Hans DePold, Paul Mei, and Dave Boone, have all worked hard to solicit events, drum up support, and help prepare this booklet. Also, hundreds of volunteer trail workers put in thousands of hours maintaining trails for use during CTDW and throughout the year!

Happy Hiking,
– Chuck Sack, Connecticut Trails Day Committee Chairman

Join the Great Park Pursuit

This multi-week outdoor family adventure connects Connecticut children and their families with the wonders of our state parks and forests. This year the 7-week contest will have you decoding clues and participating in fun activities and challenges. Families participating in The Great Park Pursuit (GPP) 2014 are invited to attend Connecticut Trails Day Weekend events as part of their adventure. Choose from a mix of activities and difficulty levels—just look for events with the GPP logo. For more details about participating in GPP, visit www.nochildleftinside.org.

Connecticut’s State Parks & Forests are Waiting for You

With 139 state parks and forests in Connecticut, you are sure to find fun and adventure no matter where you live. Take advantage of these resources and participate in one of the many CT Trails Day Weekend events happening at a state park or forest—PARKING FEES WILL BE WAIVED. The success of this celebration would not be possible without support from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and the National Recreational Trails Program. For more information about our state parks and forests, visit www.ct.gov/deep/stateparks.
Connecticut Forest & Park Association has been the state coordinator for the Connecticut Trails Day Weekend, part of the American Hiking Society’s National Trails Day, since 1993. This map gives an overview of where the 2014 events are taking place (in the towns highlighted in green). Participating in these events is a great way to experience the many trails around the state, including the three National Trails highlighted here.

Connecticut is also fortunate to have four National Recreation Trails (NRT): Air Line State Park Trail (South), Quinebaug River Water Trail, Sleeping Giant Trail System, and Willimantic River Water Trail. An NRT is designated by the U.S. Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to recognize exemplary trails of local and regional significance as part of America’s national trail system. To learn more visit, www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails.

Appalachian Trail (AT) - National Scenic Trail
This footpath extends approximately 2,181 miles from Maine to Georgia. Nearly 52 miles of the trail pass through the northwestern corner of Connecticut, which is maintained by the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. To learn more about the AT, visit www.appalachiantrail.org.

New England Trail (NET) - National Scenic Trail
This trail includes the Metacomet, Mattabesett, and Menunkatuck Trails in Connecticut and the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail in Massachusetts, and winds over 200 miles of rugged, classic New England landscape. The trail is jointly managed by the National Park Service, Connecticut Forest & Park Association, and Appalachian Mountain Club. To learn more about the NET, visit www.newenglandtrail.org.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) - National Historic Trail
This route encompasses 600 miles of Revolutionary War history, winding from Newport, Rhode Island through Connecticut and eight other states to Yorktown, Virginia. Many organizations, including the National Park Service, and state, town, and historical groups, helped to establish the route and continue to develop its management plan. To learn more about the W3R, visit www.w3r-us.org.

Want to stay informed about other CFPA events? Sign up for our e-newsletter at www.ctwoodlands.org or text CFPA to 22828 to join the mailing list.
8 Ways to Prepare for a Fun Trails Day Outing

1. **Choose the right event for you.** Long-distance hikes are great for those who exercise daily, while short, flat adventures are better for less active individuals and/or small children.

2. **Follow the leader.** Arrive at least 15 minutes before the event to sign in. Inform the leader if you have any medical conditions (allergies, etc.) that might become an issue while out. Always stay with the leader and group.

3. **Wear appropriate gear.** Above-ankle boots (or sturdy shoes) and socks are recommended for most events. Bike participants must wear an approved helmet. Paddle participants must wear an approved personal flotation device.

4. **Pack some essentials.** Bring plenty of water and high-energy snacks or lunch. Having sunscreen and an insect repellent of your choice is a good idea too. Carry a cell phone for emergencies, but leave it in the off mode.

5. **Use the loo.** Depending on the event’s location, bathroom facilities might not be available.

6. **Leave no trace.** Pack out what you pack in. Respect private property, stay on the trails, and obey all rules. Be a good steward; do not leave rubbish, start fires, or injure vegetation.

7. **Ask questions.** If you have any questions prior to the outing, contact the event leader or coordinator at the e-mail address or phone number provided in the event description.

8. **Join CFPA.** Support and stay informed about CT Trails Day Weekend (CTDW). Connecticut Forest & Park Association members receive a copy of the CTDW booklet directly in their mailbox. To join, visit www.ctwoodlands.org/join-us.

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**Have You Seen These BUGS?**

*Damage by these insects is devastating to trees. Early detection and preventing their spread is critical.*

**Asian Longhorned Beetles** are 0.75 to 1.25 inches long, with a shiny black body and white spots on their backs. Their long antennae have distinctive, alternating black and white bands. Watch for dime-sized holes in trees and accumulations of coarse sawdust.

**Emerald Ash Borers** are small beetles with green wing covers that look like polished metal. Adult insects are between 0.3 to 0.55 inches in length. The first symptom of an infested ash tree is often thinning and dieback in the tree’s upper canopy. A definite sign is the presence of a D shaped exit hole in the bark.

For more information, visit [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep) (search Asian Longhorned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer). Immediately call (203) 974-8474 if you think you have seen either of these insects. And remember, don’t move the insects or firewood.

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**Find Your Next Adventure with the New BBHT Online Map**

Whether you’re a devout hiker of the Blue Trails or a walker looking for a local escape, our new interactive online map will help you plan your outing before your boots hit the ground. Scan here or visit [www.ctwoodlands.org/bluetrailsmap](http://www.ctwoodlands.org/bluetrailsmap) to start planning your next adventure today!

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**Project Learning Tree® Connecticut**

An award-winning environmental education program designed for educators, naturalists, and community leaders. Engaging and empowering the stewards of the future.

Learn more at [www.ctwoodlands.org/PLT](http://www.ctwoodlands.org/PLT).
1. ANDOVER
Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Daniel White’s Black Horse Tavern and Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail. Join National W3R Association-CT Chapter Chairman Hans DePold and historic descendant Eric Rochambeau for a 0.5-mile journey along a section of the original revolutionary road. We will take time to view the Daniel White’s Black Horse Tavern where General Rochambeau stayed before and after his meeting with General Washington in Hartford. Come experience the undisturbed views of the American Revolution found along this abandoned road. Meet at the roadside parking area at the tavern (take Hendee Road off Route 6 for 200 feet; turn right onto Hutchinson Road; and go 1200 feet to the tavern/parking area). Later, continue your journey and visit Camp 46 at the other end of Hutchinson Road. Sponsored by National W3R Association, Inc.-CT Chapter (w3r-us.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Hans, depoldh@gmail.com.

2. ANSONIA
Nature Walk
Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center/Raptor Woods Trail. Get acquainted with our park’s trail system and the extension onto the adjacent state forest land. Join naturalist/guide Alison Rubelmann for an educational and entertaining nature exploration. Dress for hiking: sturdy shoes, long pants, and water recommended for this 2- to 3-mile hike over moderate terrain. Meet at the nature center parking lot (at 10 Deerfield Lane) for a prompt departure. Sponsored by Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center (AnsoniaNatureCenter.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Alison, (203) 736-1053, ansnaturectr@ansoniact.org.

3. ASHFORD
Hike
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Josias Byles Sanctuary. Explore the biodiversity of a climax forest and glacial moraines during a 1.5-mile hike through this 69-acre sanctuary. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water and snacks if desired. Meet leaders Nord Yakovleff and Margaret Rux at the trailhead parking area (look for the “Byle’s Sanctuary” sign on Route 44 across from the North Veterinary Clinic); additional parking available at the vet clinic. Sponsored by Joshua’s Trust (joshuaslandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Nord, (860) 429-8762, nordy177@gmail.com.
4. ASH福德

Educational Walk ◆ 🍃 🐐 🍁 🍖
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Old Connecticut Path/Natchaug Trail/Nipmuck Trail. Take a 2.6-mile hike back in time and journey along the historic Old Connecticut Path as part of the Ashford 300th anniversary celebration. We will follow along sections of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Natchaug and Nipmuck Trails to reach the path. Discover the history of Connecticut’s founders with the natural history of the land while exploring Natchaug State Forest. Park and meet leader Jason Newton at the roadside of the intersection of Eastford and Axe Factory Roads. Sponsored by Old Connecticut Path (sites.google.com/site(oldconnecticutpath). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jason, oldconnecticutpath@gmail.com.

5. ASH福德

Educational Walk 🍃 🐐 🍁 🍖
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Fliegel Farm Woods and Langhammer Woods/Old Connecticut Path. Bring the family for a 2-mile walk along the Old Connecticut Path as part of the Ashford 300th anniversary celebration. This adventure will connect the history of Connecticut’s founders with the natural history of the land while exploring the Joshua’s Trust Fliegel Farm Woods preserve and Ashford’s Langhammer Woods. Park and meet leader Jason Newton at the roadside of the intersection of Zaicek and Howey Roads. Sponsored by Old Connecticut Path (sites.google.com/site(oldconnecticutpath), Ashford Historical Society, and Ashford Conservation Commission. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jason, oldconnecticutpath@gmail.com.

6. AVON

Hike & Trail Maintenance 🍃 🐐 🍁 🍖
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Fisher Meadows. Enjoy an unexpectedly quaint nature hike near an area bustling with constant activity. This guided hike will also be accompanied by a trail maintenance experience with student volunteers along 2 miles of trail. Meet leaders Alexis Lin and Jeffrey Lyle next to the Fisher Meadows soccer fields (look for signs directing people to our tables). Sponsored by The Student Initiative (studentinit.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Alexis, (917) 428-9699, alexis_lin@hotmail.com.

AVON see BLOOMFIELD and FARMINGTON
BANTAM see LITCHFIELD

7. BARKHAMSTED (PLEASANT VALLEY)

Educational Walk 🍃 🐐 🍁 🍖
Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Peoples State Forest. Come join this moderate hike and discuss the interaction between the trees, forests, wildlife, natural history, and local history. We will travel 3 to 4 miles, traversing CFPA Blue-Blazed Trails of Peoples State Forest. Bring binoculars, if you have them, for birding discussion. Meet leaders Ralph Scarpino, Geoff Krukar, Paul Hart, and David Leff at the Squires Tavern on East River Road in Pleasant Valley (1 mile north of the steel bridge). Sponsored by CT DEEP Forestry and Wildlife Divisions, and Barkhamsted Historical Society. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Ralph, rascarpino@snet.net.

8. BEACON FALLS - BETHANY

Hike 🍂 🐐 🍁 🍖
Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Naugatuck State Forest/Naugatuck Trail. Join CFPA volunteer trail manager Elizabeth Buckley for a 5.5-mile hike in the Naugatuck State Forest along an east-west CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail. Because of its high ridges and rocky terrain, this 12,000-acre section of forest is undeveloped and virtually roadless—resulting in a rare island of green in the midst of an urban landscape. The journey will be steep in places. A bring-your-own lunch break is planned. Meet at the commuter parking lot off exit 25 (Cross Street) of Route 8. We need to do a car spot, so please arrive well before 9:00 AM. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Elizabeth, (203) 393-0141, epbuckley@optonline.net.

9. BERLIN

Hike 🍃 🐐 🍁 🍖
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Hatchery Brook Conservation Area. This 3-mile hike will explore trails that are part of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System in a conservation area that features fields, streams, small ponds, and open forest with some steep terrain. Highlights will include the former Girl Scouts Camp Meribrite site and a wetlands restoration area. Meet leader and guest WalkCT Family Guide Jim Mahoney at the Hatchery Brook Conservation Area parking lot on Orchard Road (0.25 miles east of Chamberlain Highway). Sponsored by Town of Berlin (www.town.berlin.ct.us), Berlin Land Trust (berlinlandtrust.org), and WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jim, (860) 250-0317, jmahoney@town.berlin.ct.us.

10. BERLIN

Hike 🍂 🐐 🍁 🍖
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Ragged Mountain Preserve. Join us for a hiking adventure that will follow a 6-mile route along CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails, including the Metacomet Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). We will stop for lunch along the traprock ridge and enjoy beautiful views of the reservoirs. Bring your own food and water. The terrain will be steep and rugged at times. Meet leader Rebecca Brooks at the trailhead located on West Lane/Wigwam Road. Sponsored by Denali Stores (shop-denali.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Rebecca (203) 250-3830, RBrooks@DenaliSport.com.

Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Ralph, rascarpino@snet.net.
11. BERLIN (KENSINGTON)

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park. Come take a “Habitat Walk” and help us find hidden animal mounts on the trails. We will discuss habitats and why animals live where they do. The walk will be less than 1 mile. Meet leader Holly Gillette at the picnic shelter by the green fence at 191 Farmington Avenue Kensington (GPS-Berlin). After the walk, visitors are welcome to explore the Museum/Nature Center (museum admission $4 adults, $3 seniors, $2 children, under age 2 are free). Sponsored by The New Britain Youth Museums (newbritainyouthmuseum.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Holly, (860) 827-9064, NBYM.Hungerford@gmail.com.

12. BERLIN

Nature Walk
Saturday, June 7. 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Pistol Creek Park. Discover the paved walking paths at Pistol Creek Park. This 2-mile walk will follow the cart paths of the former Pistol Creek Golf Course. The property is interspersed with wetlands and bordered by Spruce Brook and an historic factory site. Bring your binoculars and tricycles or wagons for the kids. Meet leader and guest WalkCT Family Guide Jim Mahoney at Pistol Creek Clubhouse parking lot on Spruce Brook Road (just west of Savage Hill Road). Sponsored by Town of Berlin (www.town.berlin.ct.us), Berlin Land Trust (berlinlandtrust.org), and WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jim, (860) 250-0317, jmahoney@town.berlin.ct.us.

13. BERLIN (KENSINGTON)

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park. Join us for a “Sensory Walk” that will discover plants using our senses. We will look at, smell, and even taste some of the plants in our forest and meadow as we learn interesting facts about them. The walk will be less than 1 mile. Meet leader Holly Gillette at the picnic shelter by the green fence at 191 Farmington Avenue Kensington (GPS-Berlin). Prior to the walk, visitors are welcome to explore the Museum/Nature Center (museum admission $4 adults, $3 seniors, $2 children, under age 2 are free). Sponsored by New Britain Youth Museums (newbritainyouthmuseum.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Holly, (860) 827-9064, NBYM.Hungerford@gmail.com.

14. BERLIN - SOUTHINGTON - MERIDEN

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Lake Chamberlain Recreational Area. Come experience the beauty of this Regional Water Authority (RWA) property. We will enjoy a leisurely hike on a relatively flat, unpaved trail that circles picturesque Lake Chamberlain, taking time to observe wild flowers, wildlife, and nesting birds. The total distance will be less than 3 miles—appropriate for families with children older than age 6. Bring a snack for a stop along the trail. Meet leaders Bea Holt and Janet Ainsworth inside RWA gate on Sperry Road on the right after it becomes unpaved south of Morris Road (west of Litchfield Turnpike-Route 69). Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org) and WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Bea, (203) 430-6712, beaholt45@gmail.com.

15. BETHANY

Hike
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Lake Chamberlain Recreational Area. Come experience the beauty of this Regional Water Authority (RWA) property. We will enjoy a leisurely hike on a relatively flat, unpaved trail that circles picturesque Lake Chamberlain, taking time to observe wild flowers, wildlife, and nesting birds. The total distance will be less than 3 miles—appropriate for families with children older than age 6. Bring a snack for a stop along the trail. Meet leaders Bea Holt and Janet Ainsworth inside RWA gate on Sperry Road on the right after it becomes unpaved south of Morris Road (west of Litchfield Turnpike-Route 69). Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org) and WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Bea, (203) 430-6712, beaholt45@gmail.com.

16. BETHEL - NEWTOWN

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 1:15 PM to 4:00 PM. Franc Property and Bruno Preserve. Discover the woods and open fields of Bethel’s Franc Property and the adjacent Newtown Bruno Preserve. Several different trail routes will be available. The hike length will be modified to the desires of group. Boots and water are recommended. Call the leader or see bethellandtrust.org (or BLT’s Facebook page) for meeting place details and other notices. Sponsored by Bethel Land Trust. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact leader John O’Neill, (203) 748-3801, dantec@juno.com.

17. BETHLEHEM

Nature Walk
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Ferriday Garden and Bellamy Preserve. Join Kristin Havill, Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden site administrator, and Mary Hawvermale, Bethlehem Land Trust president, for an exploration of the history, flora, and fauna of these two contiguous parcels preserved in perpetuity by their last private owner, Carolyn Ferriday (a founder of the Bethlehem Land Trust). The total distance: 1.2 miles. Meet at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden Visitor Center, 9 Main Street North. Sponsored by Connecticut Landmarks (www.ctlandmarks.org) and Bethlehem Land Trust (bethlehemlandtrustct.org). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kristin, (203) 266-7596, bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.
18. BLOOMFIELD - SIMSBURY - AVON

Fitness Walk 🍀 IPA 🌈 🏃
Sunday, June 8. 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Penwood State Park/Yellow Trail. Join hike leader Steve Grant and yoga teacher Leslie Gordon for a well-rounded outing. There will be a brief warm-up with yoga poses and then a hike (approximately 3 miles) over moderate terrain on the Yellow Trail to Cedar Ridge Lookout, with expansive views to the west and south. After the hike we will gather nearby at the Be Yoga studio (17 West Main Street, Avon) for 45 minutes of yoga poses that will gently stretch and rejuvenate muscles worked while hiking. No yoga experience required; maximum 20 participants. Meet at the Penwood State Park entrance parking lot, north side of Route 185. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Steve, (203) 733-0079, Steve@thestevegrantwebsite.com.

BLOOMFIELD see SIMSBURY

19. BOLTON

Educational Walk 🍀 IPA 🌈 🏃
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Bolton Heritage Farm and Hop River State Park. Join Conservation Commission Chairman Rod Parlee, Tree Hugger Matt Largess, Town Historian Hans DePold, and historic descendant Eric Rochambeau and discover the best-preserved CT Revolutionary War campsite on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail. Thousands of French troops and followers, and four continental units camped at the farm, while General Rochambeau, Washington, Hamilton, Lafayette, Knox, and many other patriots visited the property. The first part of the 2-mile hike will concentrate on the historic and natural heritage of the farm and then will continue on into the Hop River State Park and back up to the farm. Meet at Bolton Heritage Farm, 266 Bolton Center Road. Sponsored by Bolton Conservation Commission (bolton.govoffice.com) and National W3R Association, Inc.-CT Chapter (w3r-us.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Rod, Bolton Town Hall, (860) 649-8066 x6110, captundra@aol.com.

20. BOLTON

Hike 🍀 IPA 🌈 🏃
Saturday, June 7, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Bolton Heritage Farm. Bring the family and join the fun on this children’s scavenger hunt hike on an historic farm. The terrain will be rolling and mostly in fields. The total distance: 1 mile. Meet leader Debbie Livingston at the Bolton Heritage Farm barn at 266 Bolton Center Road. Sponsored by Bolton Land Trust (boltonlandtrust.org). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Debbie, deb@fitinspiration.com.

21. BOLTON

Educational Walk 🍀 IPA 🌈 🏃
Saturday June 7. 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Bolton Notch State Park, Freja Park, and East Coast Greenway. Take a 4-mile Bolton Notch sunset hike to Squaw Cave with Conservation Commission Chairman Rod Parlee, nationally known Arborist and Tree Hugger Matt Largess, Town Historian Hans DePold and a special guest “Peter Hager” by Ray Hardy. Learn about the myriad of open space and natural features in the Bolton Notch watershed, the story of the legendary Dutchman Peter Hager and his Native American princess Wunnee, and how they lived in Squaw Cave. The history of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) National Historic Trail will also be discussed. Meet at the Bolton Notch Pond Boat Launch and East Coast Greenway (tunnel) parking lot on Route 44. Sponsored by Bolton Conservation Commission (bolton.govoffice.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Rod, Bolton Town Hall, (860) 649-8066 x6110, captundra@aol.com.

22. BOZRAH

Multiple Activities 🍀 IPA 🌈 🏃
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Maples Farm Park. Come celebrate 2.4 miles of newly constructed (2014) hiking and mountain biking trails. Join us anytime during the scheduled hours throughout the day. Rose City Cycle of Bozrah will be on hand in the morning to demonstrate trail etiquette and safety. The Hansen Family will be available to assist with a geocaching experience. Meet at Maples Farm Park, 45 Bozrah Street (Route 163). Please park in the gravel parking lot and walk to the kiosk at the base of the woods; volunteers will be available and providing direction. Sponsored by Town of Bozrah Maples Farm Park (Bozrahfarmersmarket.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:00 AM. Change notices will be posted at facebook.com/BozrahFarmersMarket. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Kitty McCue, (860) 889-2689 press 5.
**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 11:35 AM. **Pisgah Brook/Lake Saltonstall.** Join us for a 3.5-mile walk along Pisgah Brook and on Saltonstall Ridge, a southern component of the Metacomet Ridge system of traprock ridges that stretches from the shore of Long Island Sound through Connecticut into Massachusetts. The Pisgah Brook/Saltonstall Ridge Preserve is the northern end of nearly 1,000 acres of preserved land in Branford’s Pisgah Brook/Supply Ponds watershed. Meet leader Bill Horne at the end of Laurel Hill Road (right turn off of Brushy Plain Road about 1.2 miles north of Route I-95 Exit 54). Sponsored by Branford Land Trust (branfordlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Bill, (203) 488-6146, billhorne48@yahoo.com.

**BRANFORD see EAST HAVEN**

**24. BRIDGEWATER**

**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Sunny Valley Preserve/Wolf Pit Mountain Trail.** Take in the views and enjoy the scenery of this yellow blazed trail that is part of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. The main footpath goes through the woods before splitting into a loop that encircles the mountain. We will follow the route along the hillside’s contours to an elevation of 740 feet, which offers seasonal views. The total distance: 1.2 miles. Meet at parking entrance through the stone wall near 154 Henry Sanford Road (additional parking available along the roadside). Sponsored by Bridgewater Recreation Commission (bridgewatertownhall.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact recreation@bridgewatertownhall.org.

**BROAD BROOK see EAST WINDSOR**

**25. BRISTOL**

**Trail Maintenance**
Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. **Hoppers Birge Pond Nature Preserve.** Roll up your sleeves and give back to the trails. This light maintenance workparty will take place on 1.5 miles of trail and include: construction of a natural border around a historic charcoal pit area and pruning on the West Birge Pond Trail. Other light maintenance projects may be added, depending on the number of attendees. Appropriate clothing for working in the woods and bug spray are recommended. Bottled water will be provided. Bring your own pruning shears and work gloves. Meet leaders Patricia White, Jean Letourneau, and Sue Zaremba at the Preserve’s main parking lot at the corner of Beech Street and Crescent Drive. Sponsored by City of Bristol Hoppers Birge Pond Nature Preserve Committee (City of Bristol Parks and Recreation). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Patricia, trishwhite@sbcglobal.net.

**26. BROOKFIELD**

**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Birch Rocks Nature Sanctuary.** There is no place like it! Join us for a 1- to 2-mile hike at this 101-acre sanctuary of mixed hardwood and hemlock forest. The Yellow Trail follows a gentle slope to Lake Lil-linonah. The Red Trail is a rugged 1-mile loop to an ancient oak tree. A stream through the sanctuary flows into the lake. Thick stands of trees filter outside noise and a sense of isolation is sure to be enjoyed. Park at the parking area on Merwin Brook Road, approximately 1/8 mile from the trailhead (look for parking attendant). Meet leaders Kathy Wandelmaier and John Miller at the large boulder, sign, and kiosk at the trailhead (between #40 and 42 on Obtuse Road North). Limited parking for 1-2 vehicles is available across the street. Sponsored by Brookfield Open Space Legacy Inc. (bosl.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM; see www.facebook.com/brookfield.openspace for change notices. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Kathy, (203) 740-8335, bkwandel2@att.net.

**27. BROOKFIELD**

**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Williams Park.** Join us for a guided hike through this 20-acre park in the heart of Brookfield. The journey will begin at the park entrance and encompass both wooded areas and open fields with views. The total distance: 3 miles. Meet leader Jeff Brion at the park entrance across from The Brookfield Library (on Route 25/Whisconier Road). Sponsored by Brookfield Conservation Commission (brookfieldct.gov). Rain postpones June 8, 12:00 PM. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Jeff, bronntisaurus@gmail.com.

**28. BROOKLYN**

**Nature Walk**
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Riverside Park Nature Trail.** Enjoy a leisurely 1-mile walk along the nature trail with views of the Quinnipiac River. We will be keeping an eye out for wildlife. The nearby meadow is a habitat for many birds and small mammals. Meet leader Jeannine Noel at Riverside Park parking area located off of Greenway Drive. Sponsored by Brooklyn Conservation Commission (brooklynct.org/conservation.htm). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jeannine, (860) 779-3411, conservation@brooklynct.org.

**29. BURLINGTON**

**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area/Tunxis Trail.** Join CFPA volunteer trail manager Jan Gatzuras and trail manager/board member Jeff O’Donnell for a 5.5-mile hike that will travel over varied terrain on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Tunxis Trail. The pretty woodland loop includes the Great Wall, a steep rock escarpment, nearly 70 feet high. Meet at the Sessions Woods parking lot (341 Milford Street/Route 69). Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jan, (860) 212-6067, jan.gatzuras@gmail.com.
### 30. Burlington

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. **Tunxis Mainline and Purple Dot Trails.** Climb a variety of hills on this out and back 3.2-mile hike to visit the Old Jail in Burlington. Learn about the history of the jail and Camp Nepaug as we traverse sections of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. Directions: From the junction of Routes 4 & 69 in Burlington, travel east on Route 4 for 2.2 miles; turn right (south) onto Punch Brook Road; go 1.1 miles to Ryan’s Way; turn right and park by trees. Sponsored by Burlington Land Trust (burlingtonlandtrust.org). Rain cancels, check the BLT website for cancellation notices. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact leader Karen Geitz, karen@burlingtonlandtrust.org.

### 31. Burlington

**Educational Walk**

Saturday, June 7, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. **Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area/Beaver Marsh Trail.** Take a 1-mile educational hike to the beaver marsh with Wildlife Division staff at Sessions Woods. The hike will focus on wildlife, habitat, and wildlife management areas. Participants can return the same way or continue on their own to complete a 3-mile loop of the property. Meet leader Laura Rogers-Castro at the flagpole in front of the Conservation Education Center at Sessions Woods (341 Milford Street/Route 69). Sponsored by CT DEEP Wildlife Division (www.ct.gov/deep). Rain cancels, Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Laura, (860) 675-8130, laura.rogers-castro@ct.gov.

### 32. Burlington

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. **Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area/Beaver Pond and Tunxis Trails.** Join Wildlife Biologist and Habitat Manager Peter Picone for a 2-mile (round-trip) interpretive nature walk along the Beaver Pond Trail and a portion of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Tunxis Trail. Come learn about the inextricable link between wildlife and the seasonal importance of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses. Also discover how this 771-acre state-owned property is being managed to increase wildlife diversity. Meet in front of the Conservation Education Center at Sessions Woods (341 Milford Street/Route 69). Sponsored by CT DEEP Wildlife Division (www.ct.gov/deep). Rain cancels, Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Peter, (860) 919-7236, peter.picone@ct.gov.

### 33. Canterbury

**Paddle & Bike**

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Quinebaug River and Canterbury Bike Route.** Bring your paddling equipment or bike and join us for the “2nd Annual Paddle Peddle Picnic.” Choose to paddle on the scenic Quinebaug River (6 miles) or paddle through the Quiet Corner town of Canterbury (20 miles). Approved personal flotation device (paddle) or helmet (bike) is required. Bring lunch and join the group for a picnic back at the starting point. Meet leader Jill Fritzsche at 1 Municipal Drive. Sponsored by Canterbury Economic Development Commission (canterburyct.org). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Jill, (860) 908-2497, canterbury_estates@charter.net.

### 34. Canton

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. **Mary Conklin Sanctuary.** Join us for a morning bird and wildlife walk, led by Dr. Sarah Faulkner. All ages are welcome to take part in this 1.5-mile leisurely hike through fields and woodlands. We will stop frequently for wildlife observations and to learn about interconnections of the Connecticut ecosystem. Bring binoculars and a bird book, if you have them. Wear comfortable walking shoes and the usual protection from insects for spring in New England. Meet at the Mary Conklin Sanctuary at 144 Indian Hill Road. Sponsored by Canton Land Conservation Trust (cantonlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Sarah, (860) 693-8540, sffaulkner@comcast.net.

### 35. Canton

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Sun, Wind, and Woodland to Capen Cabin.** This outing especially welcomes young people between 7 and 15 years of age. The 2-mile hike will include varied terrain that starts at the Canton Land Conservation Trust property Sun, Wind and Woodland and continues to the Capen Cabin for a cookout. Meet leader Jennifer Mason at the Sun, Wind, and Woodland parking lot at 200 Breezy Hill Road. Sponsored by Trailblazer (shop-denali.com) and Canton Land Conservation Trust (cantonlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jennifer, (860) 352-2360, jmason242@comcast.net.

### 36. Chaplin

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7, 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. **Hubbard Sanctuary.** This easy to moderate 2-mile hike explores Hubbard Sanctuary—one of Joshua Trust’s prize properties. The sanctuary includes two ponds, a large hay field, a forested ridge, and an abandoned pasture. Come enjoy a rich and varied experience with notable geological features and other open space points of interest. Meet leader Warren Church at the Garrison Park parking lot on Route 198 (2.2 miles north of the intersection of Route 6 and Route 198 in Chaplin). Sponsored by Joshua’s Trust (joshuastandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Warren, (860) 455-0724, wchurchchp@earthlink.net.

**Canaan see North Canaan**
will follow a moderate pace and break for lunch at the falls or pond. Bring lunch and liquid. Meet leader, CFPA volunteer trail manager Dave Boone at the Comstock Covered Bridge parking lot, north of side of Route 16. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Dave, (860) 228-3875, david.boone@glastonbury-ct.gov.

**40. COLCHESTER**

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Babcock Pond Wildlife Management Area.** Enjoy a 2-mile guided hike (approximately 1.5 hours) along trails on mostly level terrain passing through forests and with views of Babcock Pond. Meet leader John Barnowski at the parking area adjacent to the pond on Miles Standish Road (from Colchester take Route 16 West for 1.5 miles, passing Standish Road, to Miles Standish Road on the left; the parking area is 0.6 miles down on the right on Miles Standish Road). Sponsored by Colchester Land Trust (colchesterlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact John, (860) 659-7386, johnbarn@comcast.net.

**COLCHESTER see HEBRON**

**41. COLUMBIA**

**Multiple Activities**

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Szegda Farm Open Space.** Come enjoy a celebration of trails and agriculture at a historic former farm, now preserved as open space and community agriculture. Join a 1.5-mile naturalist-led Butterfly Walk and guided hikes throughout the property’s woodlands. Festivities will also include historic agriculture displays, black smith demonstration, live folk music, and concessions. Meet at Szegda Farm Open Space (use 46 Szegda Road, Columbia for online driving directions); from the junction of Routes 66 and 87, travel south on Route 87 to the first left Szegda Road; the event will be on the right. Sponsored by Szegda Farm Management Committee, Town of Columbia (columbiact.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Ann Dunnack, adunnack@charter.net.

**42. CORNWALL**

**Nature Walk**

Sunday June 8. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Cathedral Pines and Ballyhack Preserves.** Explore two major old-growth forest preserves, and learn about the rich history and area residents (birds, insects, wildflowers). The route will follow a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Mohawk Trail while enjoying signs of nature. Meet leader Ron Hummel at The Nature Conservancy’s Cathedral Pines Preserve and view regrowth after the 1989 tornado, and then drive a short distance to Ballyhack Preserve to explore a stand of 200-year-old white pine and hemlock. To reach the Cathedral Pines parking area, at the junction of Routes 4 and 125 follow Pine Street to the end; turn left onto Valley Road; in 0.3 miles go left onto Essex Hill Road; travel 0.2 miles to the parking area. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Ron, (860) 672-2325, gobibear@icloud.com.
43. CORNWALL

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. **Pine Knob Loop Trail.** Kids (age 6+) will love this fun, steep scramble up from the Housatonic River to the Appalachian Trail ridgeline. We will take our time to enjoy great views of the Housatonic Valley and beautiful waterfalls along the descent. The total distance: 3 miles. Bring plenty of water. Meet leader and CFPA trail volunteer Eric Stones at the trailhead parking area on Route 7, 1 mile north of the intersection with Route 4. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Eric, (203) 797-9175, estones01@snet.net.

44. COVENTRY

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. **Nathan Hale Homestead.** Take a “Walk into History.” Join Connecticut Landmarks staff for a 2-mile stroll down an 18th-century road toward Norwich. This unimproved dirt road into the Nathan Hale State Forest is the route that the Hale family used to take their livestock to market in Norwich. Explore the agricultural history of this once extensive farm—a site with ties to the National Historic Trail, Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. Meet leader Beverly York at the Nathan Hale Homestead Visitor Center at 2299 South Street. Sponsored by Connecticut Landmarks (ctlandmarks.org). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Beverly, (860) 742-6917, hale@ctlandmarks.org.

45. CROMWELL

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. **River Highlands State Park.** Diverse flora and fauna, as well as spectacular views of the Connecticut River, await as we explore a loop trail in one of Connecticut’s lesser-known park treasures. Bring binoculars and field guides (if you have them) as well as a snack and beverage. We will enjoy a snack and game break mid-way through at a scenic overlook. The total distance: 1.5 miles. Meet WalkCT Family Guide Lynn Kochiss at the park entrance parking lot on Field Road. Sponsored by WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Lynn, lk12tree@gmail.com.

46. DANBURY

**Trail Maintenance**

Saturday, June 7. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. **Tarrywile Park.** Join us, as we work on a trail maintenance project in celebration of National Trails Day. Water, a light snack, and all tools will be provided. Please wear steady shoes and bring work gloves. Park in the lower parking lot at Tarrywile Park (70 Southern Boulevard) and then proceed to meet leaders Becky Petro and Sam Crews at the Red Barn Environmental Center. Sponsored by Tarrywile Park and Mansion (tarrywile.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Becky, (203) 744-3130, tarrywile.mansion@snet.net.

47. DANBURY

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Bear Mountain Reservation.** Come enjoy two fun-filled family hikes. An “I Spy Scavenger Hunt” is planned for families with children age 6 and over. Follow each clue and stamp your answer sheet as you discover interesting facts about nature. For younger children, there will be a “Book Walk” with pages of the book located along the meadow trail. The total distance: 1.5 miles. Meet leaders Linda Murray and Kim Botelho at The Red Trail by the JFK Hiking Trails sign. Sponsored by Danbury Conservation Commission. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Linda, littlel1225@yahoo.com.

48. DANBURY

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. **Old Quarry Nature Center.** Choose from two hour-long guided hikes for adventurers of all ages. Hike leaders Elyse Jasensky and Ed Moore will take the time to observe varied ecosystems and wildlife as well as visit the quarry site, remains of the dynamite shack, a giant stone fireplace, and a stone chair. The Field House will be open with live animal exhibits, educational displays, and hands-on activities for young people. The total distance: 2 miles. Park at the grassy parking area just inside the Maple Lane entrance (off of Mountainville Road) and then meet at the amphitheater on the left, just beyond the parking area. Sponsored by Danbury Conservation Commission. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Elyse, (203) 417-3914, jasensky1@comcast.net.
49. DANBURY

Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Westside Nature Preserve. This will be an easy 2-mile hike for all ages. Join Western Connecticut State University (WCSU) biology professor Frank Dye, Ph.D. for a journey that will traverse two trails to observe the wetlands, uplands, brook, wildflowers, and invasive, aromatic, and nonflowering plants found on this WCSU property. There will be an optional quiz with prizes. Meet by the tennis courts on the Westside Campus; see website with interactive map, www.wcsu.edu/wnp. Sponsored by Westside Nature Preserve. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Frank, dyef@wcsu.edu.

DANIELSON see KILLINGLY

50. DEEP RIVER - ESSEX

Hike

Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Canfield-Meadow Woods Nature Preserve. Take a 5.5-mile hike on the perimeter of this beautiful preserve. Canfield-Meadow Woods Nature Preserve has over 300 acres of forest extending between Deep River and Essex. We will encounter hilly terrain with a couple of steep spots. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Bring a quart of water and snack. Meet leader Bob Foltz at the trail entrance on Route 154 (0.6 miles north of Exit 4 on route 9, opposite the Deep River Market where extra parking is available). Sponsored by Deep River Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission. Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Bob, (860) 388-8834.

51. DERBY

Nature Walk

Sunday, June 8. 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Osbornedale State Park. Take a “Walk on the Wild Side” to celebrate Connecticut Trails Day Weekend with The Kellogg Environmental Center. We will enjoy a 1-mile walk while on the lookout for wildflowers. Come learn about the origins, medicinal and agricultural uses, and folk tales about your favorite wildflowers in bloom while playing fun activities. Meet leader Susan Robinson at The Kellogg Environmental Center, 500 Hawthorne Avenue. Sponsored by CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (ct.gov/deep). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Susan, (203) 734-2513, susan.d.robinson@ct.gov.

52. DURHAM

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Mattabesett Trail. Come hike scenic areas of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Mattabesett Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) from Old Blue Hills Road to Bear Rock and back. We will take time to view Coginchaug Cave and enjoy lookouts at Pine Knob and Bear Rock. The total distance: 6.5 miles. Bring a snack and drink to enjoy while we break at Bear Rock. Meet leaders, CFPA Trails Committee Chair Chuck Sack and Beagsley the Trail Beagle at the parking area on Old Blue Hills Road (from the junction of Routes 17 & 79 in Durham, go South on 79 for 0.8 miles, then east on Old Blue Hills Road for 0.6 miles). Limited parking. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain postpones to June 14, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Chuck, (860) 644-9575, happihiker@yahoo.com.

53. EAST GRANBY

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Metacomet Trail. This will be a mostly moderate hike along the CFPA Blue-Blazed Metacomet Trail on the eastern side of the Metacomet Ridge in East Granby. We will take time to stop at the historic smallpox cemetery on our 2- to 3-mile route, which is also part of the New England Trail (NET). Be prepared for rocky terrain mixed with lowland wetlands. Meet leader Cathy Delasco at the East Granby High School parking lot (95 South Main Street) at 8:45 AM for transportation to the trailhead by bus. Sponsored by East Granby Land Trust (eglt.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Cathy, (860) 324-4709, cathy_cosgrove@yahoo.com.

EAST GRANBY see SIMSBURY

54. EAST HADDAM

Trail Maintenance

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. I-Park. Come to help I-Park pick-up and chip-up downed limbs, rake out debris, make safety improvements, and otherwise prepare the trails and grounds for the following day’s “Art & Nature Walk,” which is also a part of CT Trails Day Weekend. I-Park has a system of 26 scenic trails, several with environmental art installations along the way. No technical experience is needed. Tools, training, and lunch will be provided (please pre-register). Meet leaders Joanne Paradis and Ralph Crispino, Jr. at the I-Park main campus at 428 Hopyard Road; look for “Trail Maintenance Party” signs. Sponsored by I-Park Foundation, Inc. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Register online at i-park.org. Questions and rain plan: contact Joanne, (860) 306-0636, joanne@i-park.org.

EAST GRANBY see SIMSBURY

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55. EAST HADDAM

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Devil’s Hopyard State Park.** We will be following the Red and Orange Trails through the park with stops at a scenic view for lunch and a visit to Chapman Falls. Bring your own food and water. There will be a few steep sections, but otherwise this will be a moderate hike. Meet leader John Sahadi at the covered bridge inside the main entrance (on Hopyard Road). Sponsored by Trailblazer (shop-denali.com). Rain cancells. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact John, (203) 458-1639, jsahadi@tbtalk.com.

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56. EAST HADDAM

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Sheepskin Hollow Preserve.** This will be a short 2-mile hike with some steep and wet sections and varied terrain of easy to moderate difficulty. A beaver pond will be the main attraction of this popular annual outing. Participants will enjoy close-up views of beaver activity from the trail. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet leader Chad Peterson at the trailhead at the end of Ridgebury Road. Sponsored by East Haddam Land Trust (ehlt.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Chad, (860) 705-4019, chad2605@MSN.com.

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57. EAST HADDAM

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8, 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. **I-Park.** Join us for a 2+ mile “Art and Nature Walk.” Spend an afternoon exploring I-Park’s 26 trails and experiencing the exceptional natural beauty that they reveal. There will be an opportunity to get up close to several examples of “environmental art,” site-specific installations that have been created over the years in conjunction with I-Park’s international artists-in-residence program. Meet leaders Joanne Paradis and Ralph Crispino, Jr. at I-Park’s main campus at 428 Hopyard Road. Sponsored by I-Park Foundation, Inc. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Register online at i-park.org. Questions: contact Joanne, (860) 306-0636, joanne@i-park.org.

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58. EAST HAMPTON

**Educational Walk**

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. **Hurd State Park.** All are invited to this great family outing suitable for all ages. Anthony Zemba, Director of Conservation Services for the Connecticut Audubon Society, will lead a 3-mile bird walk and demonstrations of various bird management practices. Along the way, he will also point out natural ecological features of park. Visit the CFPA Facebook page (facebook.com/CTForestandParkAssociation) or Rep. Ziobron’s website (melissaziobron.blogspot.com) for the meeting location and additional details. Sponsored by State Rep. Melissa Ziobron. Rain postpones to June 8, 8:30 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Rep. Ziobron’s office, melissa.ziobron@housegop.ct.gov.

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59. EAST HAMPTON

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Hurd State Park.** Come join us for a 3-mile hike covering some of the beautiful locales in Hurd State Park. We will explore varied terrain, including rocky outcroppings, a pond, and views of the Connecticut River. Included will be a 300-foot climb. Be sure to wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water. Meet leader Tony Razel at the Hurd State Park picnic area shelter (from the main park road, turn right and go uphill to the parking lot). Sponsored by Meshomasic Hiking Club (meshomasichikingclub.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions: contact Tony, arazel@comcast.net.

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60. EAST HARTFORD - WETHERSFIELD - GLASTONBURY

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Connecticut River Floodplain.** Walk along the mighty Connecticut River with Goodwin College environmental studies students. We will observe birds and wildlife, flood plain forest reclaiming farm fields, and invasive species control experiments. The 3-mile walk will include a visit to the “Wethersfield triangle” and Glastonbury’s Keeney Cove, which was left behind by the meandering river. Meet leaders Bruce Morton and Rick Doran at Hockanum Park (324 High Street); from Route 2 West or East, take Exit 5A, go south on High Street, and past the elementary school. Sponsored by Goodwin College (goodwin.edu) and Great Meadows Conservation Trust (gmct.org). Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Bruce, (860) 913-2027, BMorton@goodwin.edu.

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EAST HAMPTON see HEBRON
61. EAST HARTFORD

Educational Walk •  
Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bicentennial Square to the Hockanum River. Learn about General Rochambeau’s encampment in East Hartford during the War of Independence and then take a short walk over to the bridge across the Hockanum River falls, where the earliest industry east of the Connecticut River was started during the 1640s. There will be an optional tour on the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. Meet leader Craig Johnson at Bicentennial Square on Forbes Street (take Roberts Street Exit from I-84). Sponsored by the Historical Society of East Hartford (hseh.org). Rain Cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Craig, (860) 568-2884, hseh@hseh.org.

62. EAST HARTFORD

Trail Maintenance •  
Sunday, June 8. 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Martin Park/Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. Donate some time to support local trails. We will be working on some maintenance on a 2-mile stretch of trail (that heads south to Town Hall) in celebration of National Trails Day. Bring a rake and have some fun. Meet leaders Logan Gauvin and Christine Durrer at the trail entrance at Martin Park (307 Burnside Avenue, head down driveway to the maintenance garage). Sponsored by Hockanum River Commission and East Hartford Parks & Recreation. Rain or shine. See easthartfordct.gov for any event updates. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions or to register: contact Logan, (860) 291-7163, lgauvin@easthartfordct.gov.

63. EAST HAVEN - BRANFORD

Multiple Activities •  
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Shoreline Greenway Trail. Something different! A new adventure! The Branford and East Haven Shoreline Greenway Trail teams (shorelinegreenwaytrail.org) and the Shore Line Trolley Museum (shorelinetrolley.com) are cosponsoring a 2-mile walk and trolley ride in celebration of Connecticut Trails Day Weekend. We will start at the Shore Line Trolley Museum (17 River Street, East Haven), which houses nearly 100 vintage transit vehicles. A museum volunteer will lead a brief tour before we take a trolley trip along their scenic track. Participants will disembark to walk and learn about the proposed Shoreline Greenway Trail to the Farm River. Area history will also be discussed. The trolley will return the group back to the museum. The end time will be somewhat flexible. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact leader Judith Miller, (203) 481-3870, j.miller@snet.net.

64. EAST LYME (NIANTIC)

Educational Walk •  
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve. Join David Putnam and Greg Decker, of the Friends of Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve, for this 5th Annual Connecticut Trails Day Weekend Hike. Points of interest will include: Smith Cove Overlook, Clark Pond Vista East and West, Rocky Ledge Overlook, Granite Quarry, and Mount Tabor. Open to all ages and abilities. Meet at the Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve trailhead at Veterans Memorial Park (Memorial Drive, Niantic) at the registration tent that will be in the parking lot adjacent to the softball field. Sponsored by East Lyme Parks and Recreation (eltownhall.com) and Friends of Oswegatchie Hills (oswhills.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact David, dputnam@eltownhall.com.

65. EAST WINDSOR - ELLINGTON - SOMERS - ENFIELD

Bike •  
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Area Road Bike Route. This will be a pleasant 32.8-mile ride over rolling terrain (with a couple modest hills) through open spaces devoted to dairy and small farms with roadside stands, nurseries, and tobacco fields in several area towns. We will follow a social pace (12-15 mph) and experience a 810-foot elevation gain as we enjoy the beautiful scenery. Bring lunch to enjoy in Somersville (Somers) overlooking a mill pond and dam. Don’t forget your bike helmet. Meet leader Shirley Breuer at the East Windsor High School at Route 5 and Trolley Road in East Windsor; take I-91 Exit 44 onto Route 5 south, go 1.1 miles, turn right at traffic light into East Windsor H.S. parking area. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and rain plan: contact Shirley, (860) 402-2840, sbreuer@snet.net.

66. EAST WINDSOR (BROAD BROOK)

Hike •  
Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Scantic River State Park. Take in the sights and sounds on a 2.1-mile hike on a multi-use trail along the scenic Scantic River. The area is rich with recreational opportunities, from canoeing and kayaking to hiking, bird watching, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Meet leader Alan Baker near the Old Melrose Bridge (take Route 140 to Melrose Road in Broad Brook/East Windsor, turn west at the light, and go to the end of Melrose Road). Sponsored by American Heritage River Commission (find us on Facebook - American Heritage River Commission). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Alan, (860) 543-4309, alan.baker2@gmail.com.

67. EASTFORD

Hike ◆  
Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Nipmuck Trail. Participants will hike a 5-mile loop on the Nipmuck Trail, part of the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System that is maintained by the CT Forest & Park Association. This is a remote section of the trail with some steep sections. Most of the route will be within the Yale-Myers Forest, a working forest managed by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The trail also goes through property owned and managed by Hull Forestlands, LP Products. Meet leader Bill Reid at the trailhead roadside parking area on Barlow Mill Road. Sponsored by The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV.org) Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. This hike is limited to only 25 hikers due to parking limitations at the trailhead. Questions and to register: contact Bill, (860) 774-3300, bill@tlgv.org.
Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Hockanum River Linear Park Trail. Join us for mostly flat and easy 2.5-mile hike along the Hockanum River. The trail splits into three different directions and we will take the time to explore each segment. We will pass through woodlands and enjoy panoramic views of the river, marshland, and a small pond. Wear good, sturdy walking shoes. Meet leaders Ann Harford and Doug Smith at the ball fields on Pinney Street near Windermere Avenue, the newest entrance to this trail system. Sponsored by Hockanum River Trail Committee. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and to register: contact Ann, (860) 872-0406, alharford@att.net.

ELLINGTON see EAST WINDSOR

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Scantic River State Park. Take a 2-mile hike along beautiful cascading rapids and view the remains of Colonel Augustus Hazard’s mid-1800s gunpowder company (an area called Powder Hollow). Bring a canned good to donate to a local food shelf (optional). Meet leader Patrick Sharron at the Powder Hollow Red Barn (32 South Maple Street). Arrive at 9:30 AM to view artifacts from the Hazard Gunpowder Company. Sponsored by Scantic River Watershed Association (srsa.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Patrick, (860) 331-6743, garftcv@sbcglobal.net.

ENFIELD see EAST WINDSOR

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The Millrace. Come explore this historic, 6-acre Essex Land Trust property on the Falls River with Ivoryton Town Historian Chris Pagliuco. Named for the still visible millrace, or water channel, this site is where water was once carried downstream from the ivory factory mill wheel. We will follow the trail as it crosses the river and the millrace on wooden foot bridges, keeping an eye out for markers that share the ivory production history of the area. Opportunities to observe small amphibians and plant life surrounding the wetlands and spring vernal pools will also be enjoyed on this 0.5-mile journey. Those who are unable to join the guided hike are invited to visit The Millrace on their own—the property is open to the public and signage is excellent. Meet at the Ivory Street entrance in Ivoryton section of Essex, where parking is available. Sponsored by Essex Land Trust (essexlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Judith, (860) 581-8108, judith.saunders@comcast.net.

70. Essex (Ivoryton)

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Saugatuck River. Come enjoy a beautiful 3.5-mile (round-trip) journey on the water with leaders Kim Hooper Stanley and Shannon Hanley. Bring your own boat or rent one from Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS). Also bring paddle, paddle gloves, life vest, safety whistle, snacks, lunch, and water. If you need to rent a boat, please arrive at 9:30 AM at the store so we can secure it to your vehicle. You can coordinate with Kim if you do not have transportation racks for a rental boat. All participants meet at the EMS Fairfield store (1939 Black Rock Turnpike) at 10:00 AM. The launch will be at the public boat launch in Westport under I-95 South. Sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports Fairfield (ems.com). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kim, (203) 334-7006, e0027st@ems.com.

71. Essex

Paddle

Saturday, June 7. 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM. Essex Harbor and South Cove. Come explore Essex’s coves on the Connecticut River. Points of interest will include: historic shipyard sites, historic battle sites, and extensive tidal marshes. The 2-mile paddle will begin at 10:00 AM and we will conclude with a bring-your-own-lunch picnic on the lawn at the Connecticut River Museum (CRM). Life vests are required. Meet leaders Bill Yule and Jennifer White-Dobbs in front of the CRM to launch kayaks/canoes at the Essex boat launch at the end of Main Street. Sponsored by Connecticut River Museum (ctrivermuseum.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Bill, (860) 767-8269, byule@ctrivermuseum.org.

ESSEX see DEEP RIVER

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Larsen Sanctuary. Take a leisurely, guided 1.5-mile hike through this magnificent Connecticut Audubon Society sanctuary located at the Center at Fairfield. We will discover temperate deciduous forest, ponds, garden marsh, meadow, and swamp ecosystems, while observing several bird habitats and ecological points of interest with discussion on efforts to protect them. The varied terrain will be of easy-to-moderate difficulty; wear sturdy footwear. Meet the leader in the Connecticut Audubon Society’s Center at Fairfield Nature Store (2325 Burr Street)—where all are invited to browse and enjoy a 20% discount on select items. Sponsored by Connecticut Audubon Society (ctaudubon.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact the Center at Fairfield, (203) 259-6305, jwinter@ctaudubon.org.

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Paddle

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Saugatuck River. Come enjoy a beautiful 3.5-mile (round-trip) journey on the water with leaders Kim Hooper Stanley and Shannon Hanley. Bring your own boat or rent one from Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS). Also bring paddle, paddle gloves, life vest, safety whistle, snacks, lunch, and water. If you need to rent a boat, please arrive at 9:30 AM at the store so we can secure it to your vehicle. You can coordinate with Kim if you do not have transportation racks for a rental boat. All participants meet at the EMS Fairfield store (1939 Black Rock Turnpike) at 10:00 AM. The launch will be at the public boat launch in Westport under I-95 South. Sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports Fairfield (ems.com). Heavy rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kim, (203) 334-7006, e0027st@ems.com.
74. FARMINGTON - AVON - SIMSBURY

Paddle 🌳💦 facebook

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Farmington River. Come enjoy a beautiful 8-mile flat water paddle on the scenic Farmington River. Leaders Rana Swistak and Mike Lloyd will share the river’s history and discuss area wildlife. Kayak rentals are available at Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS). Please rent ahead or bring your own boat. Children are welcome (parents please know your child’s limitations). Life jackets required. Bring snacks, water, sunscreen, bug spray, water shoes, and change of clothes. Park and meet at the parking lot on Route 4 across from Modern Tire. Arrive promptly so we are able to shuttle cars. The paddle ends at “The Big Sycamore Tree.” Sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports Avon and West Hartford (ems.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Rana, (860) 561-4302, rswistak@ems.com. Call (860) 930-9411 on day of event only.

75. FARMINGTON

Nature Walk 🌳🐱 facebook

Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Metacomet Trail. Walk the CFPA Blue-Blazed Metacomet Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) on the eastern ridge of Hill-Stead Museum’s spectacular grounds, and learn its history from museum interpreter Betty Collins. We will traverse 1.5 miles of the trail on this moderate level walk. Meet at the Museum Shop (35 Mountain Road). Sponsored by Hill-Stead Museum (hillstead.org). Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and rain plan: contact Amanda Guay, (860) 677-4787 x111, guaya@hillstead.org.

76. GLASTONBURY - MARLBOROUGH

Hike 🌳🐱 facebook

Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Shenipsit Trail. Join CFPA volunteer trail manager Dave Boone for a 6-mile hike—moderate terrain and pace. The Route 2 to Hebron Avenue section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Shenipsit Trail we will traverse passes through the Meshomasic State Forest and town open space to the old Firetower site on John Tom Hill. Bring lunch/snack and water. Meet at the cul-de-sac at the end of Toll Gate Road (from Route 2 West take Exit 11, turn right onto Toll Gate Road; from Route 2 East take Exit 10, turn right onto New London Turnpike, left onto Wassuc Road, cross overpass, and turn right onto Toll Gate Road). Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Dave, (860) 228-3875, david.boone@glastonbury-ct.gov.

77. GOSHEN

Nature Walk 🌳🐱 facebook

Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Pie Hill Marsh Preserve. Take a 4.1-mile hike with Chris Craig, a certified forester and retired environmental science teacher. The trail winds through many different habitat types and passes several old mill sites. The terrain will be easy to moderate with a little rock hopping. Bring water and a camera, and enjoy a great trail. Meet Chris and co-leader Joyce Mowrey at the Pie Hill Marsh on Pie Hill Road (road opposite the Goshen Fair Grounds on Route 63). Sponsored by Goshen Land Trust (goshenlandtrust.org) and Goshen Conservation Commission. Rain postpones to June 8, 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Chris, (860) 491-2076, c.craig@goshenlandtrust.org.

78. GRANBY

Educational Walk 🌳🐱 facebook

Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Godard Preserve. Come explore this Granby Land Trust 100-acre parcel on a 3-mile “Children’s Hike,” appropriate for all ages. We will be on the lookout for items of natural interest. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. We will be tramping across wetlands and forest trails, so please dress accordingly. Meet leader Dave Emery at The Godard Preserve trailhead on Donahue Road in North Granby (GPS address: 35 Donahue Road). Sponsored by Granby Land Trust (granbylandtrust.org). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Dave, dwemery79@gmail.com.

79. GREENWICH

Hike 🌳🐱 facebook

Saturday, June 7. 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Babcock and Westfall Preserves. Join The Greenwich Land Trust (GLT) on a 1.5-mile guided hike/nature walk through the town and land trust’s two largest preserves. A great event for families or first-time hikers! GLT staff naturalists will lead the adventure and discuss native flora and fauna along the way. Scouts, families, and people of all ages are welcome! Meet leaders Matt Spinner, Steve Conaway, and Michelle Spinei at the Town of Greenwich Babcock Preserve parking lot, approximately 0.5 miles north on North Street, off of Exit 31 of the Merritt Parkway. Sponsored by The Greenwich Land Trust (gltrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Matt, (203) 629-2151, matt@gltrust.org.
80. GREENWICH

Hike

Sunday, June 8. 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Audubon Greenwich Main Sanctuary. Join Audubon’s new hiking tradition “Second Sunday Hikes” every month. All ages are welcome but the moderately-paced outings are most suitable for energetic children, 8 years and older. Like the other hikes in the series, this June hike will be led by an Audubon naturalist and include brief stops to observe nature and take photos along the way. The total distance: 3 miles. Meet leader Jeff Cordulack in the Audubon Greenwich Kimberlin Nature Education Center building (613 Riversville Road) at 9:15 AM for a prompt 9:30 AM hike departure. Sponsored by Audubon Greenwich (greenwich.audubon.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact James, (860) 447-8448, e0168mg@ems.com.

81. GROTON

Multiple Activities

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Sparkle Lake Conservation Area. Celebrate Connecticut Trails Day Weekend with the Town of Groton. We will offer short (0.5 miles) guided tours of the property, with views of Birch Plain Creek and Sparkle Lake. There will also be opportunities for kayaking, bird watching, and fishing. Meet leader Brae Rafferty, Conservation Commission Chairman, at the Sparkle Lake Conservation Area parking lot at 155 Thomas Road, Groton. Sponsored by Town of Groton Conservation Commission (groton-ct.gov). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact (860) 536-5680 or visit www.groton-ct.gov/depts/parksrec.

82. GROTON

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Open Space Trails. Join us for a “Cross-Town Hike.” We will embark on a 5- to 6-mile moderately-paced journey from the Poquonnock River at Bluff Point State Park to Haley Farm State Park, continuing on to Beebe Cove on the Mystic River and through Town of Groton parks and land owned by the Groton Open Space Association and Avalonia Land Conservancy. Minimum road walking. Meet at the Bluff Point State Park parking lot. Please arrive a little early for a prompt hike departure. A bus will meet us at the end of the hike at the Beebe Pond for our return to Bluff Point. Participants are responsible for their own beverage, snacks (no water available along the way). Toilet facilities are available at Bluff Point and Haley Farm. Sponsored by Groton Open Space Assoc. (gosaonline.org), Avalonia Land Conservancy (avalonialandconservancy.org), and the Town of Groton Parks & Recreation Dept. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUESTED. Questions and to register: contact Sidney Van Zandt, (860) 572-5715, svanzandt3@aol.com.

83. GROTON

Paddle

Saturday, June 7. 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Bluff Point State Park. Join James and Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS) Waterford for a casual stand up paddle through the salt marshes of Bluff Point State Park. Come enjoy this area, which is rich in beauty and wildlife habitats. The total distance: 2 miles. Meet leader James Stringer by the picnic tables near the Bluff Point State Park Boat Launch. Sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports (ems.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact James, (860) 447-8448, e0168mg@ems.com.

84. GROTON

Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Historic Sheep Farm and Fort Hill Brook. Take a 2-mile hike through meadows, forests, and mountain laurel glens to Fort Hill Brook. A gristmill dam from the early 1700s and a 10-foot waterfall over one of the many ledges found on the property will be some of the highlights. Colonial era stone walls and roads as well as many natural features will also be noted. Meet leader Joan Smith at 245/255 Hazelnut Hill Road (up from the Pequot Health Center entrance). Sponsored by Groton Open Space Association (gosaonline.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Sue Sutherland, (860) 574-5111.

GROTON see LEDYARD
Town of Guilford’s 375th Anniversary

The Town of Guilford is celebrating its 375th Anniversary. Join the fun and take part in the many CT Trails Day Weekend events taking place in Guilford. In addition to opportunities to explore amazing recreational trails, highlights of the weekend will include a signing re-enactment of the Town Covenant (June 7, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM) and the Dedication of the New England Trail’s Southern Gateway (June 8, 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM, see page 48). Come celebrate with us! Visit www.ctwoodlands.org/NETGatewayDedication for more details.

85. GUILFORD

Paddle

Friday, June 6, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Long Island Sound. This paddle is the kickoff event for a 3-day (June 6-8) town and trail celebration taking place in Guilford. We will paddle the Guilford coast in the vicinity of the southern NET Gateway at Chittenden Park. The 6-mile round trip will include the mouth of the East River, Grass Island, Guilford Harbor, West River, Chittenden and Chaffinch Island Parks, and more. Experienced paddlers only. Participants must supply their own canoe/kayak, and paddle gear. PFDs required. Bring lunch, water, sunblock, camera, etc. Meet leaders Janet and Bill Blaha at the East River State Boat Launch on Neck Road. Sponsored by New Haven Hiking Club (nhhc.info). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Janet and Bill, (203) 453-4277.

86. GUILFORD

Hike

Friday, June 6, 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. East River Preserve. Take a “Historic Hike.” This adventure will follow a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) to the Foote Bridge and visit the Ward/Foote Graveyard. Dennis Culliton, Adams Middle School history teacher, will lead a discussion on area history as we pass by the homestead of General Andrew Ward, Roxanna Foote, Hattie Ward, Foote Hawley, as well as the favorite family estate of Harriet Beecher Stowe. The total distance: 2 miles. Meet at the East River Preserve parking lot on Sullivan Drive. Sponsored by Historic Guilford Walking Tours (HistoricGuilford.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Dennis, (203) 233-1026, info@historicguilford.org.

87. GUILFORD - MADISON - NORTH BRANFORD

Run

Saturday, June 7, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Braemore Preserve. Join us for an early morning trail run in celebration of Connecticut Trails Day Weekend! Starting and finishing at the Braemore Preserve in Guilford, we will run east along the CFPA Blue-Blazed Lone Pine Trail to the Mattabesett Trail section of the New England Trail (NET), across the Broomstick Ledges, up to scenic Bluff Head, and along Totoket Mountain before returning on the Lone Pine Trail back to the start for a great day in the Connecticut woods. The total distance: 9.5 miles. The finish time is a function of pace. Meet WalkCT Family Guide Riley Flanagan-Brown for a prompt departure at the Braemore Preserve parking lot on Route 77 in North Guilford (address for car navigation systems: 4855 Durham Road, Guilford, CT). Sponsored by WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Riley, rileyflanaganbrown@sbcglobal.net.

88. GUILFORD

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. East River Preserve. Come enjoy a kid-friendly family nature walk, exploring for critters under rocks, on the ground, and in the air. We will view marshes from the bluff and also at the river while following along a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). The total distance: approximately 1.5 miles. Heads-up, you may get muddy! Meet leader Heather Allore at the Clapboard Hill Road trailhead/parking area across from the Guilford Riding School. Sponsored by Guilford Land Conservation Trust (guilfordlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 14, 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Heather, (203) 494-3886, heather.allore@yale.edu.

89. GUILFORD

Hike

Saturday, June 7, 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. East River Preserve, Nut Plains Woods, and Eastwoods. Take a 7-mile hike traversing three of Guildford’s beautiful open space properties. We will follow trails, including the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET), that will feature woodlands, fields, streams and rivers, and rocky bluffs. Wear good hiking shoes, and bring water and lunch. The hike may vary in duration depending on the speed of the group. Meet leaders George Goss and Heather Allore at Clapboard Hill Road trailhead/parking area across from the Guilford Riding School. Sponsored by Guilford Land Conservation Trust (guilfordlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Heather, (203) 494-3886, heather.allore@yale.edu.

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90. GUILFORD

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Historic Guilford Downtown Loop. This walk will be along the roads and sidewalks of Historic Guilford with highlights including four houses on the National Register of Historic Places, two historic neighborhoods, and the oldest house in Connecticut at the Henry Whitfield State Museum. The 1.67-mile route will follow a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). Meet leader Dennis Culliton at Guilford’s Town Hall at 31 Park Street, on the Historic Guilford Green. Sponsored by Historic Guilford Walking Tours (HistoricGuilford.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Dennis, (203) 233-1026, info@historicguilford.org.

91. GUILFORD

Hike
Saturday, June 7. 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. East River Preserve. Explore the East River Preserve, from the East River to Eastwoods. This 3.5-mile hike will follow along a new trail that extends across the beautiful preserve property and connects the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) with older established trails. Meet leader Geoffrey Smith at Sullivan Drive (also known as the Stump Dump) off Goose Lane, near the intersection with Nut Plains Road. Sponsored by Branford Walkers. Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Geoffrey, isput@sbcglobal.net.

92. GUILFORD

Paddle
Saturday, June 7. 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. West River. Come enjoy an afternoon on the water as we take in the sights around Chaffinch Island and paddle up the West River to visit Jared Eliot Preserve and the New England Trail (NET) Gateway at Chittenden Park. Must provide own equipment (boat, paddle, personal flotation device) and be able to enter and exit the boat unassisted. Must have some experience paddling in light wind and current, and be able to swim and exit the boat if capsized. The total distance: 4 miles. Arrive on time for a prompt 1:00 PM launch. Meet leaders Caroline Zeiss and Ron Gautreau at Chaffinch Island Park at the end of Chaffinch Island Road. Sponsored by Town of Guilford 375th Anniversary (guilfordct375.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Caroline, (203) 988-2722, caroline.zeiss@yale.edu.

93. GUILFORD

Hike
Saturday, June 7. 1:45 PM to 4:00 PM. Timberland Preserve. This hike will go out and back on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) to a point in Timberland Preserve where the Iron Stream (headwater of the East River) feeds into Upper Guilford Lake. Come join the fun while we appreciate nature. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and all participants must sign an AMC volunteer release agreement. The total distance: under 3 miles. Meet leader Janet Ainsworth at the trailhead parking lot on the north side of Route 80, opposite Maple Hill Road, at 1:45 PM for a prompt 2:00 PM departure. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Janet, (203) 530-7826, janetkainsworth@gmail.com.

94. GUILFORD

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM. Cockaponset State Forest. Enjoy a hike along a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). From the trailhead, we will travel through the beautifully wooded Cockaponset State Forest to the Our Lady of Grace Monastery property. If time allows we may hike a short distance into the Genesee RWA (Regional Water Authority) portion of the trail as well. This hike will be out and back, and less than 5 miles. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and all participants must sign an AMC volunteer release agreement. Meet leader Janet Ainsworth at the trailhead parking lot on the north side of Route 80, opposite Maple Hill Road, at 8:45 AM for a prompt 9:00 AM departure. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Janet, (203) 530-7826, janetkainsworth@gmail.com.

95. GUILFORD

Paddle
Sunday, June 8. 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. East River. Depending on the weather and tide, we will cruise up East River, stop at Rocky outcropping and/or head to Chittenden Park to view the New England Trail (NET) Gateway, and paddle around the East River Wildlife Management Area and Jacobs Beach area. Must provide own equipment (boat, paddle, personal flotation device). Must have some experience paddling in light wind and current, and be able to swim and exit the boat if capsized. The total distance: 4 miles. Arrive on time for a prompt 1:00 PM launch. Meet leaders Caroline Zeiss and Jerry Polinsky at East River State Boat Launch on Neck Road. Sponsored by Town of Guilford 375th Anniversary (guilfordct375.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Caroline, (203) 988-2722, caroline.zeiss@yale.edu.

96. GUILFORD

Educational Walk
Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Guilford Green to Chittenden Park. Hike to the Dedication of the new NET Gateway. This will be a 2-mile journey past the Henry Whitfield State Museum and many historic houses. We will follow a route that is a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Menunkatuck Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) on the green and leads visitors to the NET Gateway on the Long Island Sound. The walk will bring guests to the dedication of the NET Gateway at Chittenden Park (the dedication event is from 4-6 PM). Meet leader Dennis Culliton at the Guilford Town Hall at 31 Park Street, on the Historic Guilford Green. Sponsored by Historic Guilford Walking Tours (HistoricGuilford.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Dennis, (203) 233-1026, info@historicguilford.org.
97. HADDAM

Trail Maintenance
Saturday, June 7, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cockaponset State Forest/Purple Trail. Give a helping hand at this “all hands” trail maintenance event. We will focus on a 2-mile section of trail, working on blasing, brushing, drainage projects, and a reroute. Tools will be provided, but bring gloves and a bow saw or loppers (optional). Dress for a day in the woods and bring water, a snack, sun screen, and bug spray. The end time is approximate. The workparty will be followed by a cookout provided by LCRVHC-bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck. Meet leaders Rob Butterworth and Melissa Evarts at the roadside parking area on Filley Road (on the right 0.5 miles south of the Filley Road and Jericho Road intersection). The way will be signed. Sponsored by BPC (Bridle Path Conservancy), CFPA, CT-NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association), and LCRVHC (Lower CT River Valley Horsemen’s Club). Rain postpones to June 8, 8:30 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Rob, (860) 526-3210, Robert.Butterworth@arrisi.com.

98. HADDAM (HADDAM NECK)

Nature Walk
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Pine Brook Preserve. Explore this Haddam Land Trust property on a moderate 1.5-mile walk along Pine Brook in the Salmon River watershed. We will take time to explore and discover the history of the nicely wooded area. Keep an eye out for ruins from two colonial-era mill dams, which include sluice ways and cellar holes. Meet leader Peter Smith at the Pine Brook Preserve sign on Pine Brook Road in the Haddam Neck village of Haddam. Park along the road by the preserve entrance. Sponsored by Haddam Land Trust Inc. (hltrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Peter, (860) 267-9223, pluto90520@mail.com.

99. HADDAM

Horseback Ride & Trail Maintenance
Saturday, June 7, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cockaponset State Forest. Join the Lower CT River Valley Horseman’s Club, along with your horse, for a 10-mile trail clearing ride. Bring clippers and/or portable saws. After the ride, we will meet a work party from the Bridle Path Conservancy and other area organizations for a picnic lunch-hot dogs, sides, and bottled water will be provided. Meet leaders Lynda Perry and Frank Kulick at the sand pit on Jericho Road. Be ready to ride promptly at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Lower CT River Valley Horseman’s Club (lcrovhc.org). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Lynda, cymaronfarm@snet.net.

100. HAMDEN - BETHANY - CHESHIRE

Nature Walk
Saturday, June 7, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Naugatuck State Forest/Quinnipiac Trail. Enjoy a 5-mile birding hike on the oldest hiking trail in Connecticut-the CFPA Blue-Blazed Quinnipiac Trail. We will pass through mountain laurel, beech, birch, hickory and oak forest; then up and over Mt. Sanford (elevation of 890 feet) for beautiful views to the east. Possible birds we may see include veery, wood thrush, scarlet tanager, hawks, and warblers. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring water and trail snacks. Meet leader Craig Repasz at the Downes Road parking area entrance of the Naugatuck State Forest. Sponsored by New Haven Bird Club (newhavenbirdclub.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 8:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Craig, (203) 230-1697, crepasz@hotmail.com.

101. HAMDEN

Hike
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 1:45 PM. West Rock Ridge State Park/Red & Blue Trails Loop. This 7-mile hike will take in the panoramic view from South Overlook and explore other trail highlights, including historic Judges Cave and Konold’s Pond overlook. The journey will encounter rocky ups and downs, flat to rolling terrain, and a walk up 22 stone steps that were installed by West Rock Ridge Park Association trails crew. We will follow a moderate pace (2 mph), and take 30 minutes for lunch and short breaks. Meet leader George Schott at the Lake Wintergreen parking lot (29 Main Street). Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact George, (203) 223-1677, geosteven@aol.com.

102. HAMDEN

Trail Maintenance
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Brooksvale Park. Join park staff and the Friends of Brooksvale Park to work on various trail projects at this 500+ acre town-owned park. Meet leader at the Veterans’ Memorial Building located up the park drive, past the big red barn (Brooksvale Park is 1 mile off Route 10 at 524 Brooksvale Avenue). Sponsored by the Hamden Department of Arts, Recreation & Culture. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact (203) 287-2669, staff@brooksvale.org.

103. HAMDEN (HADDAM NECK)

Nature Walk
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Pine Brook Preserve. Explore this Haddam Land Trust property on a moderate 1.5-mile walk along Pine Brook in the Salmon River watershed. We will take time to explore and discover the history of the nicely wooded area. Keep an eye out for ruins from two colonial-era mill dams, which include sluice ways and cellar holes. Meet leader Peter Smith at the Pine Brook Preserve sign on Pine Brook Road in the Haddam Neck village of Haddam. Park along the road by the preserve entrance. Sponsored by Haddam Land Trust Inc. (hltrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Peter, (860) 267-9223, pluto90520@mail.com.

104. HAMDEN

Horseback Ride & Trail Maintenance
Saturday, June 7, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Cockaponset State Forest. Join the Lower CT River Valley Horseman’s Club, along with your horse, for a 10-mile trail clearing ride. Bring clippers and/or portable saws. After the ride, we will meet a work party from the Bridle Path Conservancy and other area organizations for a picnic lunch-hot dogs, sides, and bottled water will be provided. Meet leaders Lynda Perry and Frank Kulick at the sand pit on Jericho Road. Be ready to ride promptly at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Lower CT River Valley Horseman’s Club (lcrovhc.org). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Lynda, cymaronfarm@snet.net.
103. HAMDEN

Hike  🌟  🐾  🌡  🌡
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Sleeping Giant State Park. Come out for a fun, challenging hike along several trails within the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. The first section of our route will ascend Sleeping Giant to the tower at the top of Mt. Carmel. We will stop for a beautiful, scenic lunch break at the peak, and then descend via several trails back to the main entrance. Come prepared for steep and rugged terrain at times. Bring your own food and water. Meet leader Chris Mejias inside the main park entrance at the water spigot located just before the picnic area. Sponsored by Denali Stores (shop-denali.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Chris, (203) 495-9355, CMejias@tbtalk.com.

104. HAMDEN - CHESHIRE

Multiple Activities  🌟  🏞  🌋  🌡
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. Walk the Locks on the former Farmington Canal, now a Greenway, from northern Hamden into southern Cheshire. Begin at the Keeper’s House at Lock 14 in Hamden, where you can pick up a trail map, trail mix, and a drink and view an exhibit of the former canal and railroad. Then walk (or bike, blade, or jog) north to the Lock Keeper’s Museum at Lock 12 in Cheshire, a distance of 3 miles. Some spaces will be available in the leader’s vehicle to bring people back to the start, or participants can arrange their own shuttle or return via the same route for a total of 6 miles. Self-guided or leader accompanied (leader starts at 11:00 AM). Meet leaders Lisa Fernandez and Bill Horowitz at Lock Keeper’s House in Hamden, off of Whitney Avenue/Route 10 across the street from the Sleeping Giant Country Club and Aunt Chilada’s. Park on the grass. Sponsored by Farmington Canal Rail-to-Trail Association (farmingtoncanalgreenway.com). Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Lisa, (203) 654-1795, lofernande@gmail.com.

105. HAMDEN

Nature Walk & Trail Maintenance  🌟  🌋  🌡
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Johnson’s Pond. Make a difference in your local landscape. Join us for a short walk (less than a mile) through this small preserve as we learn about wildlife and the challenges of controlling invasive plants. Then spend an hour helping to clear a few invasives from the site. Meet leader Jim Sirch at the entrance to Johnson’s Pond preserve (by the HLCT sign) on Thornton Street, between #273 and #279. Sponsored by Hamden Land Conservation Trust (hlct.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jim, (203) 258-1388, james.sirch@yale.edu.

106. HAMDEN

Hike  🏞  🌡  🌡
Sunday, June 8. 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Sleeping Giant State Park. Choose from several hikes of varying difficulty and duration. There will be a relatively easy, slow-paced hike for inexperienced hikers and children on the Nature Trail, which is a 1.6-mile loop with uneven terrain and moderate ups and downs. The intermediate- and advanced-level hikes will cover more difficult, uneven, rocky terrain with a degree of rock scrambling and last for 3 to 4 hours. Hikers should be in good physical condition. Meet at the bulletin board by the kiosk near the entrance to the Sleeping Giant State Park. Sponsored by The Sleeping Giant Park Association (sgpa.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact hike_the_giant@yahoo.com.
James L. Goodwin State Forest Offers Something for Everyone

Join the Friends of Goodwin Forest (FGF) and Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) for a weekend of fun-filled activities. Throughout the weekend, visitors are invited to explore this 2000+ acre natural treasure, which is home to 3 large ponds, 17 miles of trails, demonstration areas, wildlife observation platforms, and beautiful native plant wildlife gardens. While you are there, stop into the Conservation Education Center and Nature Museum, which contain a variety of exhibits.

All events will leave from the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond on the grounds of the Goodwin Forest Conservation Education Center (GFCEC) at 23 Potter Road, off Route 6 in Hampton, CT. On Saturday, June 7th, refreshments will be available from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and a FGF-sponsored native plant sale will be open until 3:30 PM. FGF docents and Master Gardeners will be on hand throughout the day to assist with information about the forest, its trails, and the gardens. To learn more about the James L. Goodwin State Forest and the Friends of Goodwin Forest, go to www.friendsofgoodwinforest.org or www.ct.gov/deep/Goodwin.

107. HAMPTON

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. James L. Goodwin State Forest/Children's Discovery Trail. Who lives in the forest? Children of all ages are invited to explore the trail and find clues. This 0.5-mile woodland walk will test your and your child's observation skills. After your adventure, move on to the Richard Haley Native Plant Wildlife Gardens. Docents will be on hand to answer questions and guide you through the stations. Try our Native Plant Quiz and win a free native plant! Meet leader Kimberly Kelly at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Kimberly, (860) 455-9534, kimberly.a.kelly@ct.gov.

108. HAMPTON

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. James L. Goodwin State Forest. Join us for a "Goodwin Historical Hike." In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Goodwin State Forest, Program Director and Forester Jim Parda will lead a 2-mile hike and discussion on the history of Pine Acres Farm—the donated former property of James L. Goodwin, one of America’s first professional foresters. The route will traverse old forest roads and trails as we discover how land use has changed over the past century. The hike will end at the GFCEC museum, Goodwin’s former home and farmhouse. Meet at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jim, (860) 455-9534, jparda@ctwoodlands.org.

109. HAMPTON

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. James L. Goodwin State Forest. Ever wondered what kind of tree you play under? Come on a 0.5-mile WalkCT Family Ramble "Learning the Leaves Kids Nature Hike" and find out! Goodwin Naturalist Emma Lorusso will teach us a little about the trees of the region as we walk, play games, and participate in hands-on activities to identify various trees. Meet at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Emma, (860) 455-9534, emma.lorusso@ct.gov.

110. HAMPTON

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. James L. Goodwin State Forest/Pine Acres Pond. Join wildlife biologist Dale May for a canoe trip on the scenic 130+ acre Pine Acres Pond. The 1-mile paddles will begin every hour on the hour between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM and last 45 minutes. We will look for wildlife and aquatic plants, and discuss the ecology of the pond. Canoes, paddles, life vests, and instruction (for novices) will be provided, or bring your own equipment. Wearing of flotation devices is required. Meet at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Dale, (860) 455-9534, dale.may@sbcglobal.net.

111. HAMPTON

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. James L. Goodwin State Forest. Join Goodwin Naturalist Emma Lorusso for a 1-mile WalkCT Family Ramble “On the Water’s Edge Hike” to examine some of the ecosystems on the water’s edge. Species large and small call the wetlands their home. From microscopic creatures and plant life to the mammals and gigantic trees above, we will look for the interconnections between them all. Bring muck-resistant shoes. Meet at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Emma, (860) 455-9534, emma.lorusso@ct.gov.

112. HAMPTON

Bike
Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. James L. Goodwin State Forest. There will be four bike rides to choose from. 1) Family Ride: 4 to 6 miles at a casual family pace on the Air Line State Park Trail. 2) Beginner Ride: 8 to 10 miles at a casual pace, no drop (all cyclists stay together), single and double track. 3) Intermediate Ride: 10 to 14 miles at a intermediate pace, no drop, some technical terrain. 4) Advanced Ride: 15 to 20 miles at a fast pace, no drop, technical terrain, climbs, and more. Ride registration begins at 9:00 AM. Don’t forget your bike helmet. There will be a post-ride potluck/BYO cookout, beginning at 12:30 PM. Meet event organizers and leaders Stacey Jimenez and Al Tinti at the pavilion overlooking Pine Acres Pond. Sponsored by Quiet Corner NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association, facebook.com/quietcornerNEMBA), FGF, and CFPA. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Stacey, QuietCornerNEMBA@gmail.com.
113. HARTFORD - WETHERSFIELD

Nature Walk ▶️ 🏕️
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Cedar Hill Cemetery. Tree experts Ed Richardson and John Kehoe will lead this 2-mile walk featuring Cedar Hill Cemetery’s rare and notable trees. The tour, through the ornamental foreground and historic memorial sections, will highlight trees such as the beautiful European weeping beech, the unusual (for the Northeast) umbrella magnolia, and the hemlock that had Mr. Richardson stumped for a little while. Meet near the bridge located on the cemetery’s entrance drive. Sponsored by Cedar Hill Cemetery Foundation (cedarhillfoundation.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact (860) 956-3311, blucas@cedarhillcemetery.org.

114. HARTFORD

Educational Walk ▶️ 🏷️ 🏖️
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Butler-McCook House & Garden and Bushnell Park. Stroll along historic Main Street to Bushnell Park, and learn about the rich history of the city of Hartford that led to its creation. Discover the stories behind some of Bushnell Park’s major elements like the Soldier’s and Sailor’s Arch, the Carousel, and the stonework of some of the city’s and state’s famous people. The total distance: 1 mile. Before or after the walk, visitors are welcome to explore the Butler-McCook House & Garden. Meet at the Butler-McCook House & Garden, 396 Main Street. Sponsored by Connecticut Landmarks (ctlandmarks.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jackie McKinney, (860) 247-8996 x11, butler.mccook@ctlandmarks.org.

115. HARTFORD

Multiple Activities ▶️ 🏷️ 🚲
Sunday, June 8. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Keney Park/Keney Park Greenway. Come enjoy a 2-mile educational walk through portions of Keney Park. Highlights will include walking along Gully Brook, reaching the high point of the park, and seeing native birds in the newly planted bird habitat. Meet leaders Tanner Burgdorf and Herbert Virigo at the Keney Park pond house, 323 Edgewood Street. Sponsored by Friends of Keney Park (friendsofkeneypark.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Tanner, (207) 939-6862, tanner.burgdorf@gmail.com.

116. HARTLAND

Nature Walk ▶️ 🍃 🐥
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Falls Brook Trail. Located in the northern section of the Tunxis State Forest, Falls Brook Trail (part of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System) gradually descends from the trailhead to Falls Brook (a tributary to the Upper Barkhamsted Reservoir) where the terrain becomes fairly steep and slippery. There should be opportunities to take photos of the waterfalls and forest habitat. Bring insect repellent. The total distance: 1.5 miles. Meet leader Steve Emmons at the trailhead on Route 20, about 5 miles west of East Hartland center. Sponsored by Hartland Land Trust (hartlandlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Steve, (860) 653-0215.

117. HEBRON - COLCHESTER - EAST HAMPTON

Multiple Activities ▶️ 🏷️ 🚲
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Air Line State Park Trail. Walk, jog, bike, or ride a horse along the 10-mile stretch that covers all three towns. Visit stations and receive a free t-shirt. Stations include bike maintenance, trail history, nature interpretation, land conservation, arts/crafts, viaduct history, and trail safety. Meet leader Josselyn Salafia or Robert Kilpatrick at the Route 85 Air Line State Park Trail entrance. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Josselyn, (860) 530-1281, jsalafia@hebronct.com; or Robert, rkilpatrick@hebronct.com.

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KENSINGTON see BERLIN
Join CFPA and the Town of Guilford to celebrate the Dedication of the New England Trail’s Southern Gateway at Chittenden Park in Guilford. The New England Trail (NET) is a 215-mile National Scenic Trail that connects from the Long Island Sound in Guilford to the MA/NH border. Thanks to many volunteers and supporters, the NET is now fully connected down to the Guilford Shoreline—a tremendous success!

The Dedication event will feature musical performers, speeches, exhibits, food, and the official ribbon-cutting of the trail’s southern gateway. Bring your lawn chair and/or blanket to sit outside and enjoy the festivities and a summer afternoon on the shore. For more details, visit www.ctwoodlands.org/NETGatewayDedication.

Sunday, June 8, 2014 • 4-7:30 p.m.
Chittenden Park, Guilford, CT
118. KENT

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. **Macedonia Brook State Park/Macedonia Ridge Trail.** This 2,300-acre state park originated with a gift from the White Memorial Foundation in 1918. The distinct landscape is the result of glaciation and erosion by area streams, and was at one time a prime location for Kent’s historic iron industry. Join us as we continue the celebration of CT’s State Parks Centennial! We will circle five ridgeline peaks, with outstanding views, on the 6.4-mile Macedonia Ridge Trail, a CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail. This outing is for experienced hikers and dogs able to navigate some difficult terrain with steep climbs/descents, rock scrambles, and rock climbing. Several shorter alternative routes are possible. Bring water and lunch to enjoy at a BYO picnic after the hike. Meet leaders Connie Manes and Steve Pener at 8:30 AM at the trailhead parking area within the park on Macedonia Brook Road, near the second wooden bridge after the main entrance. We will depart promptly at 9:00 AM. Sponsored by Kent Land Trust (facebook.com/kentlandtrust), Kent Conservation Commission, and Pond Mountain Trust. Rain or shine. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.** Questions and to register: contact Connie, connie.manes@kentlandtrust.org.

119. KENT

**Trail Maintenance**

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. **Appalachian Trail (AT).** Give a helping hand in support of one of our National Scenic Trails. This project will inspect and re-establish the boundary between National Park Service and private lands adjacent to the AT. The work will not occur on a trailway. Wear clothing suitable for painting. Meet leader Henry Edmonds on the south side of the gas station at the junction of Routes 7 and 341 in Kent. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.** Questions and to register: contact Henry, (203) 426-6459, hedmonds@aol.com.

120. KENT

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. **Tobin Preserve/Laurel Loop.** The Kent Land Trust’s 241-acre Audrey and Robert Tobin Preserve stands at the center of more than 1,000 continuous acres of protected forest land with a ridgeline above Kent Falls State Park, wetland areas, and historic agricultural infrastructure. Our 1.5-mile hike will follow the Laurel Loop—a family-friendly trail, which follows a gentle streamcourse, navigates a twisted laurel grove, and finishes with a gentle ramble along an old wood road. Join Marvelwood School Science Chair and Kent Land Trust Director Laurie Doss to participate in new bird and amphibian research initiatives within the preserve. Meet at 8:30 AM at the Tobin Preserve kiosk at the end of Dugan Road (a narrow, unpaved road). We will depart promptly at 9:00 AM. **Sponsored by Kent Land Trust (facebook.com/kentlandtrust), Kent Conservation Commission, and Marvelwood School.** Rain or shine. **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.** Questions and to register: contact co-leader Connie Manes, connie.manes@kentlandtrust.org.

121. KILLINGLY (DANIELSON)

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. **Quinebaug River Trail.** Hike along the newest portion of Killingly’s paved river trail and learn more about the area. Notable hike features will include the old trolley bed, the Quinebaug River, Native American fishing sites, and wildlife. The total distance: 4.5 miles. Meet leader Eric Rumsey at the Little League fields at 31 Wauregan Road (Route 12) just south of Route 6 in the Danielson section of Killingly. **Sponsored by Killingly Conservation Commission (killinglyconservation.org).** Rain or shine. **Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY.** Questions: contact Eric, (860) 779-5310, (860) 234-0196, erumsey@killinglyct.org.

122. KILLINGWORTH

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. **Parmelee Farm, Platt Nature Center, and Welter Woods.** Walk Killingworth’s newest trails! Three of the town’s most beautiful properties are now connected. Cross a field, use old woods roads, pass by a gorge, walk along a river, and more. Letterboxing and geocaching will be available. Families are welcome on this 2-mile adventure. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Refreshments and some social time will follow. Park at the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School on Route 80 (south of Route 148) and meet next door at Parmelee Farm. Event Parking signs will be posted. **Sponsored by Killingworth Land Conservation Trust.** Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. **Pre-registration is APPRECIATED.** Questions and to register: contact leader Debby Butler, (203) 415-3440, debby_butler@hotmail.com.

123. KILLINGWORTH

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Killingworth and Kelsey-town Reservoir Watershed.** This scenic trail is located within two of The Connecticut Water Company’s watershed properties. On the 2.5-mile journey, we will encounter relatively flat terrain with some minor hill climbing (not handicap accessible). We will traverse open fields, cross the Menunketesuck River via a footbridge, pass a pond, and travel along some old woods roads. Meet leader Dan Meaney at the Platt Nature Center, 344 Roast Meat Hill Road. **Sponsored by The Connecticut Water Company (ctwater.com).** Rain or shine. **Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED.** Questions and to register: contact Dan, (860) 664-6016, dmeaney@ctwater.com.

124. LEBANON

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Air Line State Park Trail.** Join us for a 2-mile bird walk on a beautiful section of trail that follows streams and marshy areas with different niches for birds. Bring water and binoculars, if you have them. We will stop frequently to look at the birds we hear. Meet leader Nusie Halpine at the Village Hill Road trailhead in Lebanon. Sponsored by Town of Lebanon Rails to Trails Committee (lebanontownhall.org) and Connecticut Audubon. **Rain cancels.** **Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY.** Questions: contact Nusie, (860) 456-1890, nusieandjeff@sbcglobal.net.
125. LEBANON

Educational Walk
Sun., June 8, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Lebanon Town Green. All are invited to experience “Revolutionary Tastings”—a self-guided walk around Lebanon’s mile-long Town Green. Visit historic sites along the way and enjoy a “tasting” of Colonial fare at each stop. Sites may include the Governor Jonathan Trumbull House, the Wadsworth Stable, War Office, Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House, and Lebanon Historical Society Museum (LHSIM). Pick up a map and start your journey at the LHSIM, 856 Trumbull Highway. Sponsored by Consortium of Lebanon Museums (historyoflebanon.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Donna Baron, (860) 642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org.

126. LEDYARD - PRESTON

Paddle
Sat., June 7, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Poquettanuck Cove. An easy, flat-water paddle at high tide through a narrow, 2-mile tidal embayment of the Thames River. Discover a significant coastal habitat and designated state bird sanctuary. Learn about the successful intermunicipal Conservation Action Plan just signed in Fall 2013. Bring your own canoe/kayak, personal flotation device, beverage, and snack. Meet leaders Anne Roberts-Pierson and David Bainbridge at the public access car-top boat launch at the end of Royal Oaks Drive (off Arrowhead Drive in Ledyard). Sponsored by Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. (avaloniaandconservancy.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Anne Roberts-Pierson, (860) 464-8101.

127. LEDYARD - GROTON

Hike
Sun., June 8, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Avery Farm/ East and West Trails. Come discover one of the most biologically diverse sites in eastern CT. Avery Farm is a 300-acre historic farm in Ledyard and Groton, rich in ecology and wildlife. The east hike will pass through farmlands, by marsh and bog, across Haley Brook into old forests. The west hike is more challenging and goes through mountain laurel up to the ridgeline, and past old foundations and stone outcrops. The total distance: 1.5 miles. Meet leader Sue Sutherland at 56 Lamtbtown Road Ext., Ledyard (you must drive up from Route 184), where we will sign-in and divide into hikes according to interests. Sponsored by Groton Open Space Association (gosaonline.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Sue, suesutherland@snet.net.

128. LISBON

Trail Maintenance
Sat., June 7, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Lisbon Meadows Park. Join students from Lisbon Central School and other members of the community to beautify our Lisbon Meadows Park trail system just in time for summer use. These narrow, rolling trails need some TLC. Please bring a rake, clippers, or shovel. Long pants and closed toed shoes recommended. Meet leader Chad Johnson at Lisbon Meadows Park (on Route 169) parking lot in front of the walking bridge. Sponsored by Lisbon Recreation Department (lisbonct.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact (860) 617-1144, runninboy@comcast.net.

129. LISBON

Run
Sun., June 8, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Lisbon Meadows Park. Get ready to have some fun! There will be a kids 1.7-mile cross-country fun run followed by a 3.1-mile adult cross-country fun run. Both runs will traverse the Lisbon Meadows Park trail system. The trails are narrow and rolling with some rocks and roots. The path also travels through several meadows. Leader Chad Johnson will be coordinating Day-of registration for this event under the pavilion at Lisbon Meadows Park (on Route 169) beginning at 9:30 AM. Follow the entrance to the trail system, cross the foot bridge, and bear to the left at the intersection to get to the pavilion. Sponsored by Lisbon Recreation Committee (lisbonct.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact (860) 617-1144, runninboy@comcast.net.

130. LITCHFIELD (BANTAM)

Bike
Sat., June 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Litchfield Community Greenway. Take a pleasurable slow-paced bike ride along the 4+- mile Litchfield Community Greenway and back. The total distance: 8+- miles. Meet leader Clifford A. Cooper and other committee members at the corner of South Lake Street, Russell Street, and Whites Road. Don’t forget your bike helmet. Sponsored by Friends of the Litchfield Community Greenway (litchfieldcommunitygreenway.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Clifford, (860) 309-0712, cliffordacooper@optonline.net.

131. LITCHFIELD

Hike
Sat., June 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Hauser Wildlife Preserve. Join Weantinoge and naturalist Ron Hummel for a fun, family-friendly interpretative hike of this beautiful nature preserve. The hike will begin in a 25-acre grassland that is managed for bobolinks and other neotropical migratory songbirds and then continue for 1 mile through the shady and forested Ed Evelth Memorial Trail. Binoculars are recommended. Meet at the Hauser Wildlife Preserve parking area located near 110 Fern Avenue. Sponsored by Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust (weantinoge.org). Rain postpones to June 14, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Steve Lutterman, (860) 927-1927, steve@weantinoge.org.
132. LITCHFIELD

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Stillman-Danaher Preserve/Nancy Danaher Trail. Join us for a 2-mile hike through mature mixed hardwood forest with occasional patches of mountain laurel and American chestnut saplings. This stem-and-loop trail traverses the Spruce Brook valley then ascends through heavily wooded landscape to a high plateau with striking rock outcrops, old stone walls, and traces of an ancient woods roadway. Meet leader Richard Heys at the trailhead on the east side of Clark Road (about 0.6 miles from Route 118 or 1.35 miles from Route 202). Sponsored by Litchfield Land Trust (litchfieldlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Richard, rheys@optonline.net.

133. LITCHFIELD

Educational Walk

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The White Memorial Foundation & Conservation Center. Geologist and meteorologist Tom Alena knows a thing or two about rocks! Join Tom and co-leader Gerri Griswold for a beautiful “Geology Survey of Five Ponds” hike through one of the richest geological areas found at White Memorial—a nonprofit, donation-supported wildlife sanctuary and conservation organization. Tom will explain the glacial event that occurred thousands of years ago in laymen’s terms, revealing the stories of white quartz, garnets, mica schist, and that incredible boulder field that defines the area. Wear sturdy boots. The total distance: 2 miles. Meet at White Memorial Conservation Center, 80 Whitehall Road (off of Route 202 between Litchfield and Bantam). Sponsored by White Memorial Conservation Center (whitememorialcc.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Gerri, gerri@whitememorialcc.org.

134. LYME

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Nehantic State Forest/Nayantaquit Trail. Take a moderate 5-mile hike with CFPA volunteer trail manager Chris Lawton. We will see long abandoned homesteads and varied woodland habitats, and then return to the parking area where we will enjoy lunch at the picnic area overlooking Uncas Pond. Please bring plenty of water and lunch, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Uncas Pond Picnic area in the Nehantic State Forest (entering via Route 156). Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org).

135. LYME

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Hartman Park and Walbridge Woodlands. Come explore scenic Walbridge Woodlands on the yellow and white trails. A children’s hike will include a scavenger hunt and visit to the Fairy Circles. Longer hikes will also start from the same location. Afterwards, meet at the School Room in Hartman Park for water and a snack, or bring a picnic lunch. The total distance: 1+ miles. Meet leader Angie Falstrom at the entrance to Hartman Park on Gungy Road. Sponsored by Lyme Land Conservation Trust (lymelandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Angie, (860) 434-3194, angie.falstrom@att.net.

136. MADISON

Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Madison Land Conservation Trust/Blinnshed Loop Trail. Amphibian Hike! Join Yale ecologists Kealoha Freidenburg and David Skelly on a search for frogs, toads, salamanders, and newts. This trail features extensive wetlands and old logging roads through the woods. Please wear boots and bring a dip net if you have one. The total distance: 1.5 miles. Meet at the trailhead across the street from the Country School near the intersection of Opening Hill and Blinnshed Roads (madisonlandtrust.org/blinnshed-loop). Sponsored by Madison Land Conservation Trust (madisonlandtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Julie Ainsworth, (203) 435-2925, julieainsworth@live.com.

137. MANCHESTER

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Laurel Marsh Trail. Discover the beauty of Laurel Marsh on a pleasant 3.5-mile loop hike. We will encounter mostly flat terrain with a few small ups and downs. Wear hiking boots or shoes with good traction on rough terrain. Sneakers are not allowed. Meet leader Barry Resnick at the trailhead on the south side of Route 6/44 (from I-84 Exit 60 follow the sign toward Manchester off the exit ramp and proceed to the small parking area a few hundred feet ahead on the right). Please arrive promptly; the hike will depart at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and rain plan: contact Barry, (860) 649-7894, ResRen@aol.com.
138. MANCHESTER

Hike 🌿 🍃 🕯️
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Union Pond Trail. Explore the beauty of Union Pond and the Hockanum River on a portion of the Hockanum River Linear Park Trail system. Nature and history will be discussed on this walk through a former mill area in the North End of Manchester. We will travel at a moderate pace and encounter uneven, hilly terrain on our 3.5-mile journey. Meet leaders Susan Barlow and Cynthia Barlow at the parking lot on North School Street between Buckland Alley and Union Court. Sponsored by Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (www.hockanumriverwa.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Susan, sbarlow627@aol.com.

139. MANCHESTER

Nature Walk 🌿 🍃
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM. Center Springs Park. Explore this 55-acre urban park in the geographical center of Manchester. Learn some of the history of the park, and view interesting rock formations, a gorge, and small waterfall where Native Americans fished for eels. Some difficult and wet terrain will be encountered on our 1.25-mile adventure. Wear sturdy shoes. An optional side-trip to the old Cheney Railroad, now a rail trail, will be offered. Meet WalkCT Family Guide and Manchester historian Susan Barlow and co-leader Cynthia Barlow at 39 Lodge Drive (traffic note: Edgerton Street is closed to through-traffic; take Main Street to Bigelow Street approach). Sponsored by Manchester Historical Society (www.manchesterhistory.org) and WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Susan, sbarlow627@aol.com.

140. MANSFIELD

Hike 🌿 🍃 🕯️
Saturday, June 7. 9:50 AM to 12:00 PM. Mansfield Hollow State Park/East Branch of Nipmuck Trail. Families and new hikers, join us for a 2.2-mile hike on a CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail. The route traverses rolling terrain, goes past stonewalls, and leads to lookout points of Mansfield Hollow Lake. Meet at leaders Debbie Tedford and Barry Gorfain at the park kiosk at the Mansfield Hollow State Park picnic area, off Bassett Bridge Road. We will depart promptly at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Friends of Mansfield Hollow (friendsofmansfieldhollow.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Debbie, (860) 373-8573.

141. MANSFIELD

Paddle 🌿 🍃 🕯️ 🧩
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. River Park/Mid-River Trail. Celebrate CT Trails Day Weekend with an easy, flat-water trip for canoes and kayaks on the Willimantic River—newly designated a National Recreation Trail. The paddle will start at River Park and head to Eagleville Lake. If you don’t have your own boat, kayak rentals are available at the Mansfield Community Center. Kayaks will NOT be available at the site and participants are responsible for transporting the kayaks from the Community Center to River Park. Life jackets are required for all participants. Bring water (lunch optional). Meet leader Mat Henion at River Park on Plains Road (which is immediately south of Depot Road off of Route 32). Moderate to heavy rain cancels. Sponsored by Mansfield Parks & Recreation (mansfieldcc.com). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Mansfield Community Center, (860) 429-3015 x0.

142. MANSFIELD (STORRS)

Hike 🌿 🍃 🕯️ 🧩
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, & Wildlife Sanctuary. Come take a guided walk through this richly diverse open space. We will take time to enjoy the historic stone dam, Tift Pond, and native flora and fauna along the almost 2 miles of trails winding through this 135-acre village woods located across the street from the Mansfield Community Center (MCC). Explore this natural treasure right in the heart of our downtown! Appropriate for families with children age 5 and over. Meet leaders Sue and Tom Harrington in front of the Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road in Storrs. The MCC is adjacent to the Mansfield Town Hall on the corner of Route 275 and Route 195. Sponsored by Town of Mansfield (mansfieldcc.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Mansfield Community Center, (860) 429-3015 x0.
MARLBOROUGH see GLASTONBURY

143. MERIDEN - BERLIN

Hike

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Metacomet Trail and South Mountain.** This 3-mile hike will traverse through watershed lands with varied rocky terrain and gradual inclines. Upon reaching the summit, participants will be rewarded with stunning views of Merrimere Reservoir and its volcanic Bell Island with East Peak and Castle Craig flanking the far side. Meet leaders Robert Pagini and Dwight Needels in Hubbard Park (in Meriden) at the main lot near the playscape. We will carpool from here to the trailhead. Sponsored by Meriden Land Trust (meridenlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions: contact leader Robert Pagini, (203) 237-3673, rpagini@snet.net.

MERIDEN see BERLIN

144. MIDDLEBURY

Hike & Geocaching

Saturday, June 7, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. **Foote Path.** Join leaders Wayne Foote and Matt Foote for a 3-mile hike on a blue-blazed Middlebury Land Trust trail that runs from Sperry Pond to Abbotts Pond. Families, leashed dogs, and geocachers welcome. There are a number of geocaches along the trail (see geocaching.com for details). Some areas may be muddy. Shorter route options will be possible. There will be refreshments at the end for those who complete the hike. A shuttle will be provided to return hikers to their cars. Meet at Sperry Pond Preserve, west side of Route 63/Strait Turnpike (0.5 miles north of Park Road and 1 mile south of Bunker Hill Road). Drivers please use care turning into driveway. Heavy rain postpones to June 8,10:30 AM. Sponsored by Middlebury Land Trust (middleburylandtrust.org). Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Wayne, (203) 758-2854, foote.wayne@gmail.com.

145. MIDDLEFIELD - MIDDLETOWN

Hike

Sunday, June 8, 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. **Mattabesett Trail.** Take a hike to Mount Higby. We will travel a total of about 5 miles up and back on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Mattabesett Trail (part of New England Trail, NET). The route goes to and along a scenic traprock ridge, up to 892 feet in elevation on Mount Higby. Enjoy great views, wildflowers, and birds but be aware that much of the trail is close to the edge of a steep cliff. Meet leader and CFPA Trails Committee Chair Chuck Sack at the parking area on the north side of Route 66, west of Guida’s Dairy Bar. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org) and Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain postpones to June 15, 12:30 PM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Chuck, (860) 644-9575, happihiker@yahoo.com.

146. MIDDLETOWN

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Hubbard Brook Preserve/Scovill Loop Trails.** This 1.5-mile outing will follow the Northern Loop, with an optional short hike to a scenic overlook. We will traverse gentle terrain with a variety of natural features, including mixed hardwood forest, tidal stream preserve, beaver pond and lodges, glacial remnants, and Connecticut River frontage. Keep a look out for many historical sites (granite foundations, granite quarries, old dock sites, railroad bridges and track). Meet leader Jamie Linter at the Scovill Loop Trails kiosk (on River Road between Freeman and Aircraft Roads). Sponsored by Northeast Utilities (nu.com). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jamie, (860) 665-3341, jamie.lintner@nu.com.

147. MILFORD

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. **Mondo Ponds Trail.** Explore Milford’s 36-acre Mondo Ponds Nature Preserve and Education Center on this 1.1-mile trail bordering the two largest of five ponds that are part of the Beaver Brook Watershed. There will be opportunities to enjoy scenic views, diverse woodlands (pine, oak, beech), and waterfowl, ospreys, other birds, and wildlife sightings. Wear hiking shoes, bring binoculars, and be prepared for a few muddy trail sections. Meet leader Steven Johnson at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School parking lot, 404 West Avenue. Sponsored by Milford Open Space and Natural Resource Office (www.ci.milford.ct.us). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Steven, (203) 878-7812, StevenJohnson@ci.milford.ct.us.
**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Solomon Woods Trail.** Discover Milford’s 100-acre Solomon Woods property on a trail that meanders through an upland wetland forest in North Milford. Hikers will see evidence of the Wisconsin Glacier that covered Milford with an estimated 1,800 feet of ice. The trail loops around several vernal pools, rocky outcrops, old New England rock walls, and building foundations. We will cross four shallow streams using stepping stones. Wear hiking shoes, bring binoculars, and be prepared for a few muddy trail sections. The total distance: 2.5 estimated miles. Meet leader Steven Johnson at the small parking lot at 810 West River Street. Sponsored by Milford Open Space and Natural Resource Office (www.ci.milford.ct.us). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Steven, (203) 878-7812, StevenJohnson@ci.milford.ct.us.

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Webb Mountain Park.** Join Monroe’s park ranger and tree warden, Dave Solek, for a hike with commentary on the trees and plant life en route. This will be a moderate-level 1-mile hike to an elevated lookout that affords a panoramic view of the Housatonic River Valley. The route is adjacent to the Paugussett Trail. Meet at the parking lot on Old Fishhouse Road off Webb Circle. Sponsored by Monroe Land Trust and Tree Conservancy. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact co-leader Marven Moss, (203) 268-2961, mmoss36@yahoo.com.

**Letterboxing**

Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Camp Oakdale.** This is a family event for all ages. There will be boxes waiting to be found for all skill levels. Come anytime during the event hours at your convenience. Stay to find one or all, then spend some time at the park and enjoy your lunch. Bring plenty of water, lunch, and a compass and/or letterbox kit if you have them. Meet at Camp Oakdale on Meeting House Lane (follow signs to booth). Sponsored by Montville Parks and Rec. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Chris Lawton, trailblazed72@gmail.com.

**Multiple Activities**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **New Canaan Nature Center.** Join our naturalists Michelle Piazza and Derick Hips from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for guided exploration hikes around our beautiful 44-acre property! Borrow a Discovery Pack—they have everything you need for your next BIG adventure! While you are here, join us at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM for a special Bird of Prey show, where you will get to meet raptors, like our great horned owl and red-tailed hawk, up close and personal. Please check-in at our Visitor Center’s front desk (144 Oenoke Ridge). Sponsored by New Canaan Nature Center (newcanaannature.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Michelle, mpiazza@newcanaannature.org.

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Nancy Watson-Symington Woodlands.** This 47-acre property is the crown jewel of the New Canaan Land Trust. Come explore as a trail is opened for public access. Girl Scouts will guide walks and highlight interesting trees and fauna. The 1.66-mile trail features elevation changes with upland and lowland tree stands, a fern meadow, a small, scenic watercourse, and rustic stone walls. Meet leaders Chris Schipper and Kristen O’Connor at the trailhead on Wellesley Drive. Park along Wellesley Drive off Greenley Road. Sponsored by New Canaan Land Trust (newcanaannature.org) and New Canaan Girl Scouts. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Chris, (203) 966-0760, newcanaannature@newcanaannature.org.
155. NEW HARTFORD

Trail Maintenance 🌾 Facebook
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Alfred Sabolcik Property. Come help the New Hartford Land Trust prepare an old farm property for public access. Activities will include clearing and maintaining trails, removing invasives and litter, installing fencing, planting, posting signs, moving equipment, etc. Participants may also enjoy a 1- to 2-mile walk around the property, which features old meadows, woodlands, and streams. Bring lunch and stay for a group brown bag picnic at noon. Drinks provided. Meet leaders Madeline McClave and Jeff Ollendorf at the property entrance across from 140 Sabolcik Road (from Route 202 in Bakersville/New Hartford, turn south onto East Cotton Hill Road, go about 1.5 miles, turn left onto Sabolcik Road, and follow signs). Note: This property is not open to public yet except for this date. Sponsored by New Hartford Land Trust. Rain postpones to June 8, 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact newhartfordlandtrust@yahoo.com, (860) 489-4118.

156. NEW HAVEN

Nature Walk 🌾 🐾 Facebook
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Long Wharf Nature Preserve. This educational walk will include an opportunity to see shore vegetation and birds in a unique oasis along Long Island Sound in urban New Haven. The total distance: 1 mile. Please join us anytime during the event hours. Meet leader Cordalie Benoit at the entrance to Long Wharf Nature Preserve near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial or join us along the loop trail. Sponsored by New Haven Land Trust (newhavenlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Cordalie, cordalie.benoit@aya.yale.edu.

157. NEW HAVEN

Hike 🌾 🐾 🍃 Facebook
Saturday, June 7. 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM. West Rock Ridge State Park/Regicides Trail. See the stunning view of New Haven and Long Island Sound from the top of West Rock State Park! The hike will follow park trails, including the CFPA Blue-Blazed Regicides Trail. Rebecca Holcombe—director of community programs at donor-supported Common Ground High School, Urban Farm, and Environmental Education Center—will lead the way, taking time to enjoy the sights and stop at historic Judge’s Cave. The trail is of moderate difficulty, about 45 minutes of ascent and 30 minutes to go back down. Hikers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet at Common Ground (commongroundct.org), 358 Springside Avenue. Gather on the farmhouse patio (by the chickens) at 10:15 AM for a prompt 10:30 AM departure. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Rebecca, rholcombe@commongroundct.org.

158. NEW HAVEN - BETHANY - HAMDEN - WOODBRIDGE

Hike 🌾 🐾 🍃 Facebook
Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Regicides Trail. Take in the views from West Rock Ridge and hike the entire length of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Regicides Trail (7+ miles), from Bethany via Sanford Feeder to the Westville neighborhood in New Haven. We will car spot to Sanford Feeder; ascend York Moun-
tain (680 feet); hike 7 miles to West Rock; and descend back to Blake Street Center. Ending time is approximate. Meet leader Dennis Jakiela at 495 Blake Street, New Haven; at the pedestrian bridge over West River. The entrance to the parking lot is at lone smoke-stack with “Blake Street Center” lettering. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Dennis, (203) 710-1406, dmail056@gmail.com.

159. NEW HAVEN

Educational Walk 🌾 🍃 🏘️ Facebook
Sunday, June 8. 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Edgewood Park. Celebrate Connecticut Trails Day Weekend with a Nature & Educational Walk in a 123-acre urban forest designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, 100 years ago. On this 2-mile journey, we will pass through wooded bluffs and marshland along the West River. Afterwards, all are invited to stay for the Annual Friends of Edgewood Park Educational Talk & Wine and Cheese Reception from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on the Observation Deck (at the corner of Edgewood and Yale Avenues). Meet for the educational walk at 2:30 PM at the Park’s Gazebo at the corner of Whalley and West Rock Avenues. Sponsored by Friends of Edgewood Park (facebook.com/EdgewoodPark). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED for the educational walk and/or talk & reception. Questions and to register: contact leader Semi Semi-Dikoko, (203) 200-0630, ssd9999@hotmail.com.

160. NEW LONDON

Nature Walk 🌾 🐾 🍃 🌿 Facebook
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Ocean Beach Park/Alewife Cove Nature Walk. This handicap accessible walk affords a panoramic view of Long Island Sound and the surrounding beautiful coastal land and water features, including a tidal creek and salt marsh. Come observe and enjoy the rich diversity of seashore and wetland birds, native plants, and shrubs in their natural environs. The total distance: approximately 0.25 miles. Meet leader Louise Fabrykiewicz at the Garden Gateway entrance to the Alewife Cove Nature Walk at Ocean Beach Park (1225 Ocean Avenue). Sponsored by Save Ocean Beach/A Living Museum (save-oceanbeachpark.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Louise, (860) 444-8916, lowf@juno.com.
Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. **Fulton Park/Olde Town Mill.** Walk along Briggs Brook from the underutilized Fulton Park to the Old Town Mill, a replica of the mill built in 1650 by city founder John Winthrop, Jr. On this 1-mile journey we will exchange ideas on how to improve the site with attractively planted buffer zones along the water, and tour the grounds and interior of the restored mill. Meet leaders Ronna Stuller and Susan Munger in Fulton Park at Crystal Avenue and State Pier Road, near the playscape. Park across the street in Electrical Wholesalers’ lot. Sponsored by Riverside Park Conservancy (riversideparkconservancy.org). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Ronna, (860) 447-9823, ronna@riversideparkconservancy.org.

162. NEW MILFORD

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Pratt Nature Center.** Come discover this 205-acre wildlife preserve and environmental education center. The land is diverse—with a mountain, meadows, woods, wildlife, gardens, farm animals, a stream, a pond, and wetlands, providing wonderful opportunities for outdoor fun, discovery and adventure! On this nature walk, we will explore the property trails, looking and listening for as many birds as we can find! Meet leaders Haley Neddermann and Diane Swanson at the front of the main building (163 Papermill Road). Sponsored by Pratt Nature Center (prattcenter.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Haley, (860) 355-3137, hn.prattcenter@gmail.com.

163. NEW MILFORD

Educational Walk

Saturday, June 7. 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. **Pratt Nature Center.** Explore the trails of this beautiful wildlife preserve under the light of the half moon. We will keep our eyes and ears open for owls, bats, and other nighttime creatures, and talk about the summer stars. Meet leader Haley Neddermann at the front of the main building (163 Papermill Road). Sponsored by Pratt Nature Center (prattcenter.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Haley, (860) 355-3137, hn.prattcenter@gmail.com.

164. NEWTOWN

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Brunot Preserve.** This parcel of land is unique in many ways. From the beautiful open meadows to cedar forests and rolling hills of oak and pine. It was once the home of James Brunot (July 1902 - October 1984)—a game designer known as the developer of Scrabble. There will be three hike options on this outing: 1) an easy stroll into the meadow on the white-blazed trail; 2) a longer perimeter hike on the yellow-blazed trail; 3) a geocache hike, Scrabble-themed to decipher the coordinates of the next hidden prize! Meet leader Aaron Coopersmith at the NFA sign/parking area on the west side of Taunton Hill Road (between #118 and #128 Taunton Hill Road). Sponsored by Newtown Forest Association (NFA, newtownforestassociation.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Aaron, aaroncoop@gmail.com.

165. NORTH BRANFORD

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Notch Hill Brook Trail.** Join us for a walk on our red-blazed trail through a woodland valley across a photogenic brook. This moderate 2-mile trail winds around swamp-land and up rocky outcroppings. We will see interesting flora, geology, and traces of local history in a quiet undisturbed setting. Meet leader David Sargent at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ciro Road off of Route 80. Sponsored by North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLandTrust.org). Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact David, (203) 484-4566, doo@prodigy.net.

166. NORTH CANAAN - CANAAN (FALLS VILLAGE) - SALISBURY

Paddle

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Housatonic River.** Join us for a fun canoe outing on a flatwater stretch (no rapids)—perfect for scenic enjoyment, meandering, and peacefulness. Great 5-mile paddle for beginners and families. Bring snacks and beverages for on the river. Bring your own canoe or kayak, and we will coordinate transportation. If you need a boat, please register early so we can help you find one. Paddlers are invited for a cookout afterwards. Bring food to share. We will have a gas grill and facilities available. Meet leader Joseph Brien at the Mason’s Lodge (310 Salisbury Road/Route 44) in North Canaan, from here we will paddle down to the hydro-electric dam on Housatonic River Road in Salisbury. Sponsored by Lost Art Workshops (lostartworkshops.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Joseph, (860) 824-5599, jbrien@snet.net.

167. NORTH HAVEN

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Peter’s Rock Park/Red Summit Trail.** Join us for a tree identification hike with master gardener Walter Brockett. The hike will be a 2-mile trip to the summit, crossing moderate terrain that is steep and rocky in places. At the top we will enjoy an expansive view that reaches to Sleeping Giant and the Hanging Hills of Meriden to the north and New Haven Harbor and Long Island Sound to the south. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet co-leaders Michael Fletcher and Christopher Fletcher at Peter’s Rock Park main entrance adjacent to the First Fuel gas station (133 Middletown Avenue/Route 17). Sponsored by Peter’s Rock Association (petersrockassociation.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact info@petersrockassociation.org.
168. NORTH STONINGTON

Hike 🍃 🐕 🐴 🎫
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **Babcock Ridge and Donald Henne Memorial Preserve.** Come with us for a 2.5-mile-plus exploration of two of North Stonington’s prized open spaces. The walk will start with a great circle trek of the rugged valleys and slopes of Babcock Ridge, where we will look for vernal pools, piloted woodpeckers, glacier-carved boulders, and even tree-climbing black rat snakes. We will follow with a more gentle walk through the Henne Preserve and its beaver-created wetlands—home to nesting osprey, tree swallows, great blue herons, and many other colorful species. Meet leaders Bruce Fellman and Pat Turner at the parking area is on the north side of the road, 113 Babcock Road (0.9 miles from Wyassup Road or 0.8 miles from Route 49). Sponsored by Avalonia Land Conservancy (avalonianlandconservancy.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Bruce, (860) 599-4867, fellnature@sbcglobal.net.

169. NORTH STONINGTON

Hike 🍃 🐕 🐴 🎫
Saturday, June 7. 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. As the sun sets, **Hewitt Farm Loop Trail.** Join members of the Hewitt Farm Committee for an evening hike, occasionally stopping to experience sounds and smells as the meadows and woodlands transform from the warmth of the day to the cool of the night. The moon in its First Quarter will guide us home before dark. The total distance: 1 mile. Meet leaders Dick Cooper and Cindy Faucher at the end of unpaved Hewitt Road. From the village, drive north on Wyassup Road, take the first left after the fairgrounds, and then turn left again onto Hewitt Road. Sponsored by Hewitt Farm Committee (northstoningtonct.gov, see “Visitors” tab for trail map). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Dick, (860) 535-0528, ct565clb@yahoo.com.

170. NORTH STONINGTON

Hike 🍃 🐕 🐴 🎫
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. **Pachaug State Forest/Narragansett Trail.** We will follow a section of trail that is part of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System and visit one distinct bedrock fault among many in North Stonington—a fracture under 1,000 feet long. Faults rarely mainifest so distinctively, a fissure 50 feet across. This 3-mile round trip will pass spectacular rock outcrops and an active beaver pond. Meet leaders Doug Schwartz and Joe DiBrino at the Wyassup Lake Boat Launch, 145 Wyassup Lake Road. Sponsored by North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance (landalliance.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Doug, (860) 961-4224, thedougshartz@gmail.com.

171. NORWALK

Trail Maintenance 🍃ﷺ 🎫
Saturday, June 7. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. **Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge/Sheffield Island Trail.** Take a free ferry ride to Sheffield Island and help the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Norwalk Seaport Association pull invasive plants and perform maintenance work on the nature trail. A tour of the historic lighthouse, cruise on Norwalk harbor, and time to enjoy the island will be included. Bring a picnic lunch and dine on the grass with a view of the Long Island Sound. Open to adults and children 9 and older (must be accompanied by an adult); space is limited. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Park Ranger Shaun Roche, (860) 399-2513 x111, shaun_roche@fws.gov. More event details will be provided after registration.

172. NORWALK

Hike 🍃 🐕 🐴 🎫
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **Mathews Park/Norwalk River Valley Trail.** This will be a moderate-level hike of blazed, unimproved trail through urban woodlands along the Norwalk River from Mathews Park to Deering Pond (approximately 3 miles). Wear protective clothing (long pants & shirt sleeves) and appropriate shoes. Meet leader Jim Carter at the kiosk near the parking lot of Mathews Park and Lockwood Mathews Mansion (295 West Avenue). Sponsored by Norwalk River Valley Park (www.nrvt-trail.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jim, (203) 682-3000, JHCinCT@aol.com.

173. NORWICH

Educational Walk 🍃 🍗 🎫
Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. **Historic Downtown Norwich Heritage Walk.** Take a 3-mile walk along the newly designated Yantic River Greenway. See the scenic Yantic River, mansions, and the Uncas Leap Heritage site at Yantic Falls. The walk will be along paved surfaces and sidewalks, but can be strenuous at times due to the hills of Norwich. Stops along the walk will feature historic sites and plans for Norwich’s future. Meet leader Jason Vincent at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park gazebo, 100 Chelsea Harbor Drive. Sponsored by Norwich Community Development Corporation (askncdc.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jason, (860) 887-6964, jvincent@askncdc.com.

174. NORWICH

Educational Walk 🍃 🍗 🎫
Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. **Estelle Cohn Memorial Dog Park.** A dog’s walk—even dogs need a chance to walk their people once in a while. This 1.5-mile walk will travel from the City’s dog park to Uncas Leap Heritage Area at Yantic Falls. It is a favorite of many city dogs. Meet leader Jason Vincent at Estelle Cohn Memorial Dog Park (261 Asylum Street). Active dogs should arrive early to release some energy. Sponsored by Norwich Community Development Corporation (askncdc.com). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Jason, (860) 887-6964, jvincent@askncdc.com.
175. OLD LYME

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. **Boggy Hole Preserve and Champlain North.** The hike will explore an Old Lyme Land Trust (OLLT) preserve and then connect to the Town of Old Lyme’s Champlain North Open Space. The 2- to 3-mile route will traverse relatively flat terrain, passing through bogs and woodlands. Meet leader Pam Hine at the Old Lyme Shopping Center parking lot (on Halls Road) in front of the Bowerbird Gift Shop. From there we will carpool to Boggy Hill Road. Sponsored by Old Lyme Land Trust (oldlymelandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Pam, (860) 434-9933, pghin@conncoll.edu.

176. OLD LYME

Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 9:45 AM to 12:00 PM. **Griswold Point Preserve.** Join us for a 2-mile “Coastal Beach Walk.” This leisurely, educational walk will follow along the CT coastline to Griswold Point at the mouth of the Connecticut River. Local ecologist and LISS outreach coordinator Judy Preston will provide natural history and introduce participants to the significance of this Long Island Sound Study Stewardship Site. Meet at the I-95 Park & Ride (north of the highway at Exit 70) to carpool to the White Sands Beach parking lot. Parking passes (required) will be provided at the Park & Ride. Carpooling encouraged. Sponsored by Long Island Sound Study (LISS, longislandsoundstudy.net). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Judy, jpreston65@sbcglobal.net.

177. OLD LYME

Paddle

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Lieutenant River.** This paddle will go up river and back on a pretty, approximately 6-mile stretch of a historic tidal river. We will take time to watch ospreys fish and look for an eagle’s nest—and maybe the eagles! Other shore birds and wildlife will be watching us. Limited to 20 boats. Bring your own boat/gear, water, and snack. Wearing of a PFD is required. Paddle time is approximate. Meet leaders Barry Gorfain and Debbie Tedford at the Lieutenant River Boat Launch, 17 Shore Road/Route 156 (near Ferry Road). Arrive early to be on the water promptly at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Barry, (860) 705-3828, barrygorfain@att.net.

178. OLD SAYBROOK - ESSEX - WESTBROOK

Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. **The Preserve.** Come see the unique coastal forest known as The Preserve. Guided by Judy Preston, local ecologist, and Alicia Sullivan, CT State Director of The Trust for Public Land, this walk will feature vernal pools, acres of wetlands, and remnants of early farming (stone walls and foundations). The dense canopy of forest and Pequot Swamp Pond act as a refueling stop for many migratory birds and home to amphibian species such as the northern dusky salamander and spotted turtle. Meet to take a shuttle bus at 9:30 from M & J bus lot (130 Ingham Hill Road) to/from the forest entrance at the end of Ingham Hill Road. The walk will start at 10:00 AM. Sponsored by Old Saybrook Land Trust (oslt.org) and The Trust for Public Land (tpl.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact June Sgobbo: (203) 777-7367, june.sgobbo@tpl.org.

179. ORANGE

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Housatonic Overlook & Tucker’s Ridge Trails.** Set along the 200-foot eastern palisade of the Housatonic River, Tucker’s Ridge offers dramatic views of the Housatonic Valley and a variety of scenery along five beautiful trails. A bald eagle nesting area, the valley is rich with deer and other wildlife, forest tree species with an understory of mountain laurel, and picturesque rock outcroppings. Be prepared to encounter a steep bedrock descent and stream crossing before climbing up to a level inland trail; possible muddy areas in the northern wetland during wet periods. The total distance: 0.75 miles. Park and meet leader Sharon Ewen at the north entrance parking area, 672 High Ridge Road. Sponsored by Orange Conservation Commission. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact (203) 891-4790.

180. PLAINVILLE

Rock Climbing

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **Pinnacle Rock.** Join us at the First Crack at Pinnacle Rock for a fun chance to do some rock climbing to the summit, which is traversed by the CFPA Blue-Blazed Metacomet Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). Stop by anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM to get started. Gear will be provided for new climbers. Please dress for the weather. Kids must be age 6 or older and be accompanied by a legal guardian. Meet leader Dominick Galletti at Pinnacle Rock, a 5-10 minute uphill hike from the trailhead (1/2 miles roundtrip). The trailhead is located within a residential neighborhood. Respect “no parking” signs and park farther down the road where no signs are posted. Directions can be found at www.ct-amc.org/mountain/index.shtm “Directions to Pinnacle Crags.” Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Dominick, galletti.d@gmail.com.

PLANTSVILLE see SOUTHINGTON

PLEASANT VALLEY see BARKHAMSTED
Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Plymouth Center. Take a “Walking Tour of Plymouth Center.” Come explore this unique village, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Highlights will include the Burying Ground, with gravestones of 38 Revolutionary War soldiers, a house where George Washington stayed on his way to meet the Comte de Rochambeau, and a home that was a stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves seeking their freedom. The 1-mile route is level. All participants will receive a free full color “Walking Tour of Plymouth Center” brochure. Meet leader Jerry Milne in front of the Plymouth Congregational Church, 10 Park Street. Sponsored by Plymouth Land Trust (plymouthlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jerry, info@plymouthlandtrust.org.

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Mattatuck State Forest/Whitestone Cliffs Trail. This 1.7-mile loop hike will ascend steeply to an unnamed summit with outstanding views of the western Naugatuck Valley. We will descend along marsh and go upstream through laurel and cross a brook above a small cascade, keeping an eye out for frogs, deer, and other wildlife. Come hike for enjoyment and health along a section of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. End time will depend on group’s pace. Wear sturdy hiking boots; no sneakers if the trail is wet. Meet WalkCT Family Guide Judy Flanagan at the Mount Tobe Road/Route 262 trailhead on the west side of the road (0.3 miles north of Greystone Road or 0.8 miles south of the Waterbury Airport). Limited parking. Sponsored by WalkCT (walkct.org), a program of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain postpones to June 15, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Judy, (203) 640-9479, jumpingintheleaves@yahoo.com.

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Hallville Pond Dam. Come take an educational walk to learn about the Hallville Fishway. Completed in 2013, the fishway was built to enable migrating river herring to get over the 15-foot-high Hallville Dam—for the first time in over 150 years. Stop by during the posted hours and take a 0.2-mile guided tour to see the fishway in operation. Meet leader Matt Snurkowski at the Hallville Pond Dam, which is approximately 0.3 miles south of the intersection of Route 2 and Route 2A. There is a pull-off area that can accommodate several cars. Sponsored by Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ConserveCT.org/eastern). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Matt, (860) 887-4163 x403, matt.snurkowski@comcast.net.

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Prospect Reservoirs. This 3-mile hike will be held on South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority land that is not open to the public, and will explore a former farm and site of early 19th century water-powered manufacturing. Area features will include a causeway between twin reservoirs, evergreen and deciduous forest, a variety of wildlife habitats, rich in history, and natural beauty. Meet leaders Rev. Boardman “Barney” Kathan and Dr. Joel Meisel at the gates at the corner of Tress Road and Cornwall Avenue (from the junction of Routes 68 and 69, go 2+ miles east on Route 68, turn right onto Chatfield Road, turn right onto Tress Road, and follow to the end, which intersects with Cornwall Avenue). Sponsored by Prospect Land Trust. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Barney, (203) 758-0658.

Hike
Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Putnam River Trail and Air Line State Park Trail. Take a hike and enjoy scenic views and woodlands of the Quinebaug River corridor. The journey will travel south along the Putnam River Trail for 0.1 miles and then cross the Quinebaug River on the 200-foot pedestrian bridge that connects to the Air Line State Park Trail. Meet leaders John Folsom and Douglas Cutler at the Simonzi Park parking lot on Kennedy Drive opposite the junction of Canal Street and Kennedy Drive. Sponsored by the Town of Putnam. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact John, (860) 928-2004.

Hike
Saturday, June 7. 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM. Redding Conservation Commission trail. Hike the Little River Watershed for 4.8 miles. Meet leader Stuart Green at the Palus Trail trailhead near #15 Long Wall Road (a cul-de-sac off of Newtown Turnpike) to spot cars and carpool to the Little River North Trail by #61 Pheasant Ridge Road (a cul-de-sac off of Sunset Hill) to begin the hike. Sponsored by Redding Conservation Commission (www.townofreddingct.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Stuart, (203) 216-9584, shgreen@optonline.net.
188. RIDGEFIELD

Geocaching
Saturday, June 7. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Bennett's Pond State Park. Come discover the basics of geocaching, a treasure hunt in the woods using a handheld GPS. Fun for the whole family! Bring a GPS enabled phone or device if you have one, but not necessary. Expect a 2-mile adventure and bring water. Trails could be muddy; please wear appropriate footwear. Meet leaders Allison Archambault and Mendy Polchinski at the parking lot on Bennett’s Farm Road (marked with a sign), which is about 0.75 miles from the stop light on Route 7. Sponsored by The Discovery Center at Ridgefield (ridgefielddiscovery.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Allison, (203) 240-7897, aaa@warwickgroup.com.

189. RIDGEFIELD

Educational Walk
Sunday, June 8. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Hemlock Hills. Enjoy a delightful hike concerned with fungi and mushrooms. By immersing ourselves into the world of more intimate details on Earth, you may not realize this walk being the slowest hike of the weekend. Join the Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association (COMA) with the support of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission for this extraordinary expedition. The total distance: 1.5 max miles. Meet leader Zaac Chaves at the North Shore Drive entrance. Please consider carpooling or bicycling. Sponsored by COMA (comafungi.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and to offer/request carpools: contact Zaac, (203) 571-8866, zaacis@gmail.com.

190. ROCKY HILL

Hike
Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Rocky Hill Meadows. Ken Etheridge will be leading a 2.5-mile walk through the Rocky Hill floodplain, talking about the history of the RHM, trees, agricultural business, and the wildlife that is in and on the Connecticut River. Bald eagles, great horned owls, and a red tail hawk chick were spotted on past hikes (no guarantees though). Meet at the gravel area north of the parking lot at Ferry Park on Route 160. Sponsored by Great Meadows Conservation Trust (gmct.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Ken, (860) 635-6751.

191. ROCKY HILL

Educational Walk
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Dinosaur State Park/Red Trail. Enjoy a guided hike on the outdoor trails at Dinosaur State Park. The walk will focus on Connecticut’s unique geologic history with special emphasis on how the dinosaur tracks were formed and preserved. Participants will be invited to take part in an outdoor scavenger hunt as part of the adventure. The total distance: 0.5 to 1 mile. Meet leader Margaret (Meg) Enkler on the red benches outside the museum entrance (400 West Street). Sponsored by Dinosaur State Park (www.ct.gov/deep/dinosaurstatepark). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Meg, (860) 529-5816, margaret.enkler@ct.gov.

192. ROCKY HILL

Nature Walk
Sunday, June 8. 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM. Bulkley Park. Join trail manager Bob Ludwig for a nature walk through this 24-acre completely wooded park. As we enjoy the 1.5-mile journey Bob will give the history of the park and the surrounding areas. Meet at the Bulkley Park parking lot on Michelle Drive at 8:45 AM; we will depart promptly at 9:00 AM. Sponsored by Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department (www.rhparkrec.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Lisa Zerio, (860) 258-2711, lzerio@rockyhillct.gov.

193. ROCKY HILL

Educational Walk
Sunday, June 8. 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM. Dividend Pond Trails and Archaeological District. Take a 3-mile walk with Bob Ludwig and Ed Chiucarello, and explore 8 archaeological sites on this 68-acre parcel. Dividend Pond Trails is the home of Rocky Hill’s first Industrial Park that grew and flourished, producing shears, chisels, hoes, toys, chandeliers, horseshoes, lumber, and more. Meet at 12:45 PM at Dividend Pond Trails and Archaeological District on Old Forge Road; we will depart promptly at 1:00 PM. Sponsored by Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation Department (www.rhparkrec.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Lisa Zerio, (860) 258-2711, lzerio@rockyhillct.gov.

ROCKY HILL see WETHERSFIELD

194. ROXBURY

Hike
Saturday & Sunday, June 7 & 8. Dawn to Dusk. Roxbury Land Trust Preserves. Celebrate CT Trails Day Weekend with a self-guided exploration of the many Roxbury Land Trust (RLT) trails with family and friends. RLT is responsible for the stewardship of nearly 3,400 acres and 30 miles of easy to challenging trails that wind through varied terrain and forest types. Trail preserve maps can be found online at www.roxburylandtrust.org, or pick one up at the RLT office, Roxbury Town Hall, Minor Memorial Library, or Maple Bank Farm. Sponsored by Roxbury Land Trust. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY.

Questions: contact Lisa Zerio, (860) 258-2711, lzerio@rockyhillct.gov.

Courtesy of Trudy Swenson McKinna
**195. ROXBURY**

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Seth Warner Trail.** Join the Roxbury Conservation Commission for a slow-paced, one-way 6-mile hike on the Seth Warner Trail. We will stop to enjoy spring wildflowers, birds, and other wildlife along the beautiful Shepaug River. There are some moderate hills. End time is approximate. Less ambitious participants can opt out at 1+ mile when we reach the River Road Pond parking lot. Meet leader Trudy Swenson at Hurlburt Community Park Pavilion on Apple Lane. The hike will end at Roxbury Falls on Minor Bridge Road. Rides will be provided back to the start point. Sponsors by Roxbury Conservation Commission. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Trudy, trudyswenson@gmail.com.

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Smuggler’s Rock Preserve.** Come explore the new trails at this preserve. Natural points of interest will be highlighted, including birds, butterflies, and flora, along with introduction of new footpaths. An optional climb to top of Smuggler’s Rock will be offered. No sneakers, hiking shoes or boots required. Bring your own water and snack. The total distance: approximately 2 miles. Meet leaders Rich Chyinski and Maryann Smith at the end of Salem Ridge Drive (from Salem Rotary, go north on Route 85, to Salem Ridge Drive, turn right and follow to the end.) Parking is limited; please carpool. Sponsored by Salem Land Trust (salemlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Linda Schroeder, (860) 859-3520.

**SALISBURY see NORTH CANAAN**

**198. SCOTLAND**

**Letterboxing**

Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. **Colonial Statesman’s Farmstead Trail.** Enjoy a self-guided letterboxing adventure. Follow clues at the Huntington Homestead from point to point to learn about former farm buildings and their uses as well as some early laneway engineering. The total distance: 0.25 miles. Visit www.RevolutionaryCT.com and www.letterboxing.org online for directions to the starting point. All are invited to tour the Huntington Homestead Museum from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM to see exhibits on Declaration of Independence signer Samuel Huntington and eastern CT’s segment of the Washington-Rockachembe Revolutionary Route - National Historic Trail. Meet at Huntington Homestead Museum, 36 Huntington Road. Sponsored by Governor Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. (huntingtonhomestead.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Kevin Ring, (860) 576-5247, ringkp@gmail.com.

**199. SCOTLAND - SPRAGUE**

**Educational Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. **Waldo Homestead Boundary Walk.** Take a 0.5-mile hike along the boundary of the 15-acre circa 1715 Edward Waldo farm property (in the Waldo family from 1715 until 1975). Learn the story of the Waldo family’s farming history, battles lost to a past neighboring industrial giant, and the now peaceful open space parcel. Optional house tours will precede and follow the hike. Meet leader David Naumec at the Waldo House, 96 Waldo Road in Scotland. Sponsored by Scotland Historical Society (www.scotlandhistoricalsociety.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact David, (860) 377-1346, djn14@yahoo.com.

**200. SEYMOUR - WOODBRIDGE**

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Pine Hill Recreation Area.** This will be a hike of about 3 miles over moderate terrain, traversing the Pine Hill Trails of the Regional Water Authority’s property in Seymour. The route will cross some streams and wet spots, so have appropriate footwear. Meet leader John Triana at the parking lot at 59 Rimmon Road. Sponsored by Regional Water Authority (rwater.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact John, (203) 401-2749, jtriana1@rwater.com.

**201. SHELTON**

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. **Shelton Lakes Recreation Path.** Join us for a family-friendly 4-mile hike. This wide, smooth path is suitable for baby strollers and bikes. It passes by two scenic lakes and a variety of interesting terrain. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Meet leader Terry Gallagher at the Pine Lake parking lot on Route 108. The Committee will spot cars in Huntington Center to bring drivers back to Pine Lake parking lot. Sponsored by Shelton Trails Committee (sheltontrailscom.blogspot.com). Rain postpones to June 8, 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Terry, (203) 926-9572, tg@born toilexplore.org.
202. SHELTON

**Hike**

**Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 4:01 PM. Shelton Trail Network.** Get a taste of the wonderful Shelton hiking opportunities. The approximately 5-mile adventure will begin on the newly opened extension of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Paugussett Trail, loop back via the lovely woodland trails, and end with a walk on the award-winning Recreation Path. Park and meet leader Lyn Todd Reid at the Shelton Intermediate School parking lot on Constitution Boulevard off Route 108. The hike will depart promptly at 1:15 PM. Sponsored by Shelton Trails Committee (sheltontrailscom.blogspot.com). Rain postpones to June 8, 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Lynn, ltreid@sbcglobal.net.

203. SIMSBURY - BLOOMFIELD

**Hike**

**Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Penwood State Park and Land Trust Trails.** Join us for a 5-mile hike that will start at the Simsbury Flower Bridge, proceed up the Talcott Mountain ridge to Penwood State Park (hiking along the CFPA Blue-Blazed Metacomet Trail/New England Trail with a stop at The Pinnacle), and down the ridge to the Oliver Filley House in Bloomfield along the LaSalette Trail. The hike will showcase various pieces of land conserved by the state and Simsbury and Wintonbury Land Trusts. The end time is approximate. Meet leaders Kevin Gough and Paula Jones at the Flower Bridge parking area located at the end of Old Bridge Road. A bus will provide transportation back to this location from the end. Sponsored by Simsbury Land Trust (simsburylandtrust.org), Wintonbury Land Trust (wintonburylandtrust.org), Bloomfield Leisure Services (bloomfieldct.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kevin, (860) 243-9508, kvngough@aol.com.

204. SIMSBURY

**Hike**

**Saturday, June 7. 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Town Forest Park and Tulmeadow Farm.** This will be a family-oriented walk through woods and farm fields with a stop at the farm’s ice cream stand midway. The total distance: 2.5 miles. Meet leader Sally Rieger at the Town Forest Park parking area by the pond (drive down Town Forest Road off of Stratton Brook Road). Sponsored by Simsbury Land Trust (simsburylandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 1:30 PM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions: contact Sally, (860) 658-7317, dfrandssr@aol.com.

205. SIMSBURY (TARIFFVILLE) - EAST GRANBY

**Hike**

**Sunday, June 8. 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Metacomet Trail.** Hike this CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET) to the viewpoint above Tariffville Gorge on Farmington River. We will take a side trail down to the water’s edge to see where Spoonville Dam used to be and kayakers play. The hike is short (2.5 miles), but will cover some steep and rocky terrain with stops to see the sites. End time is approximate. Appropriate footwear is required. Meet leaders Mike Krammen, Ian Clark, Joyce Kennedy-Raymes, and Lisa Salazar at the Route 189 roadside, just north of the bridge over Farmington River in Tariffville. Sponsored by Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild & Scenic Study (lowerfarmingtonriver.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Mike, (860) 658-9608, makrammen@cox.net.

206. SOMERS

**Hike**

**Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Whitaker Woods.** We will follow newly blazed trails on this premier 200+ acre property, featuring woodland and a cow pasture. This 4- to 6-mile hike will be scenic with bridge crossings and beautifully constructed and well-preserved stonewalls. The hike leaders will discuss forest succession and land use history along the way. Meet leader Albert Grant behind Somers Town Hall on Route 190 at the center of town; we will carpool from there to our destination. Sponsored by Northern CT Land Trust (www.northernctlandtrust.org). Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Albert, albert_grant@sbcglobal.net.

**SIMSBURY see BLOOMFIELD and FARMINGTON**

207. SOUTH WINDSOR

**Multiple Activities**

**Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Lawrence Road Park.** This event will include self-guided hiking, geocaching, and several exhibits. Located on Lawrence Road in the Northeast corner of South Windsor, this 42.84-acre property is a work-in-progress and features passive opportunities for walking (the 1+ mile trail system), bird watching, and fishing. Future plans include a playground, fishing dock, small open spaces, and picnic groves. Meet leaders Robert O'Connor and George Bourke at the large parking lot on Lawrence Road. Look for the South Windsor Recreation Department tent. Sponsored by South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways (swwww.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Robert, (860) 614-0759, robert.oconnor8@gmail.com.
208. SOUTHBURY - OXFORD

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Kettleltown State Park/Pomperaug and Crest Trails.** Hike sections of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System—following the Pomperaug Trail south to the Crest Trail junction, and taking the Crest Trail north back to start point via a recently constructed trail extension. We will pass small rock scrambles, large glacial erratic boulders, erosion control devices, charcoal hearth site, and views of Lake Zoar on the 4-mile loop. Not stroller friendly. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring water and a snack. Good picnic opportunities at the end of the hike if you bring your lunch. Meet leader and CFPA volunteer trail manager Bob McGarry at the main gate of Kettleltown State Park, 1400 Georges Hill Road in Southbury. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Bob, (203) 264-9028, bernieandbob@charter.net.

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209. SOUTHBURY

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. **Kettleltown State Park/ Miller Trail.** Enjoy a hike on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Miller Trail in Kettleltown State Park. We will pass a charcoal hearth site, views of Lake Zoar, a log bridge, and erosion control devices. This is a loop trail. Not stroller friendly. Hikers should wear sturdy footwear, and bring water and a snack. The total distance: 2 miles. Meet leader and CFPA volunteer trail manager Bob McGarry at the Miller Trail trailhead in Kettleltown State Park, 1400 Georges Hill Road. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Bob, (203) 264-9028, bernieandbob@charter.net.

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210. SOUTHTON - WOLCOTT

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. **Compounce Ridge Trail.** Hike along this CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail for a visit to the notable geographic features Julian’s Rock, Norton Outlook, and Libby’s Lump. The 6-mile journey will traverse both footpaths and woods roads, and provide the opportunity for excellent vistas (if the day is clear). Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots are a must. Meet leader Carol Langley at the trailhead off Panthorn Trail, which is off Mt. Vernon Road in Southington. Sponsored by Southington Land Trust and CT Section of Green Mountain Club. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Carol, (860) 877-4449, cosmical14@yahoo.com.

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211. SOUTHTON (PLANTSVILLE)

**Bike**

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.** Bring the whole family for a leisurely 7-mile ride. See Southington from a new perspective while riding through a mix of urban and natural areas on the town’s section of this rail trail. Highlights will include beautiful murals along the trail and the opportunity to eat lunch (after the ride) at the delicious restaurants that line the route. End time will vary depending on the speed of the riders. Don’t forget your bike helmet. Meet leaders Liz Esposito and Tim Malone at the Dog Park on Mill Street in Southington. Sponsored by Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (ccrpa.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Liz, (860) 589-7820, liz@ccrpa.org.

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212. SOUTHTON

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **Crescent Lake/Orange Trail.** Join us for the “Will Parker Memorial Hike.” This family-friendly 2- to 3-mile hike will travel around and above Crescent Lake with some ups and downs. Wear sturdy boots or shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet leaders Irene and Fred Murray at the Crescent Lake parking area on Meadow Road. Sponsored by Southington Land Conservation Trust (southingtonlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Irene, irene_murray@sbcglobal.net.

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213. STAMFORD

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Mill River Park & Greenway.** Join us for a relaxing 1.5-mile nature walk through Mill River Park, downtown Stamford’s newest jewel! Take a break from the bustle and walk along the river, marvel at our cherry grove, look and listen for local birds, and take in the colorful splendor of our native wildflower garden. All ages welcome! Meet leader Alex Domeyko at the northeast entrance of Mill River Park (corner of Broad Street and Washington Boulevard). Sponsored by Mill River Collaborative (millriverpark.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Alex, alex@millriverpark.com.

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208. SOUTHBURY - OXFORD

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Kettleltown State Park/Pomperaug and Crest Trails.** Hike sections of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System—following the Pomperaug Trail south to the Crest Trail junction, and taking the Crest Trail north back to start point via a recently constructed trail extension. We will pass small rock scrambles, large glacial erratic boulders, erosion control devices, charcoal hearth site, and views of Lake Zoar on the 4-mile loop. Not stroller friendly. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring water and a snack. Good picnic opportunities at the end of the hike if you bring your lunch. Meet leaders Liz Esposito and Tim Malone at the Dog Park on Mill Street in Southington. Sponsored by Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (ccrpa.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Liz, (860) 589-7820, liz@ccrpa.org.

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209. SOUTHBURY

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. **Kettleltown State Park/ Miller Trail.** Enjoy a hike on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Miller Trail in Kettleltown State Park. We will pass a charcoal hearth site, views of Lake Zoar, a log bridge, and erosion control devices. This is a loop trail. Not stroller friendly. Hikers should wear sturdy footwear, and bring water and a snack. The total distance: 2 miles. Meet leader and CFPA volunteer trail manager Bob McGarry at the Miller Trail trailhead in Kettleltown State Park, 1400 Georges Hill Road. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Bob, (203) 264-9028, bernieandbob@charter.net.

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210. SOUTHTON - WOLCOTT

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. **Compounce Ridge Trail.** Hike along this CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail for a visit to the notable geographic features Julian’s Rock, Norton Outlook, and Libby’s Lump. The 6-mile journey will traverse both footpaths and woods roads, and provide the opportunity for excellent vistas (if the day is clear). Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots are a must. Meet leader Carol Langley at the trailhead off Panthorn Trail, which is off Mt. Vernon Road in Southington. Sponsored by Southington Land Trust and CT Section of Green Mountain Club. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Carol, (860) 877-4449, cosmical14@yahoo.com.

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211. SOUTHTON (PLANTSVILLE)

**Bike**

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.** Bring the whole family for a leisurely 7-mile ride. See Southington from a new perspective while riding through a mix of urban and natural areas on the town’s section of this rail trail. Highlights will include beautiful murals along the trail and the opportunity to eat lunch (after the ride) at the delicious restaurants that line the route. End time will vary depending on the speed of the riders. Don’t forget your bike helmet. Meet leaders Liz Esposito and Tim Malone at the Dog Park on Mill Street in Southington. Sponsored by Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (ccrpa.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Liz, (860) 589-7820, liz@ccrpa.org.

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212. SOUTHTON

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. **Crescent Lake/Orange Trail.** Join us for the “Will Parker Memorial Hike.” This family-friendly 2- to 3-mile hike will travel around and above Crescent Lake with some ups and downs. Wear sturdy boots or shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet leaders Irene and Fred Murray at the Crescent Lake parking area on Meadow Road. Sponsored by Southington Land Conservation Trust (southingtonlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Irene, irene_murray@sbcglobal.net.

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213. STAMFORD

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Mill River Park & Greenway.** Join us for a relaxing 1.5-mile nature walk through Mill River Park, downtown Stamford’s newest jewel! Take a break from the bustle and walk along the river, marvel at our cherry grove, look and listen for local birds, and take in the colorful splendor of our native wildflower garden. All ages welcome! Meet leader Alex Domeyko at the northeast entrance of Mill River Park (corner of Broad Street and Washington Boulevard). Sponsored by Mill River Collaborative (millriverpark.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Alex, alex@millriverpark.com.
**214. STAMFORD**

**Trail Maintenance**
Saturday, June 7. 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM. **Mianus River Park.** Join the Friends of Mianus River Park and Fairfield County NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) for our annual National Trails Day trail maintenance and building event. We will be working close to the entrance of Mianus River Park, building a new 1-mile trail to replace an old, unsustainable trail section. Meet leader Ryan Tucker at the stone bridge on Merriebrook Lane in Stamford. Sponsored by Friends of Mianus River Park (friendsofmianusriverpark.org) and Fairfield County NEMBA. Contact leader for rain plan. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Ryan, fcnenmb@gmail.com.

**215. STAMFORD**

**Educational Walk**
Saturday, June 7. 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. **Stamford Museum & Nature Center.** *Wildlife CSI Hike—We will look for tracks and traces of animals in our forest and vernal pools, learn how to identify common animal tracks, and even to “read” a skull! Discover the common animal signs that SM&NC naturalists use to see who has been on our trails! The total distance: 1 mile. Meet leader Lisa Monachelli at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center (SM&NC, 39 Scofieldtown Road) at the Overbrook Nature Center building. Sponsored by Stamford Museum & Nature Center (stamfordmuseum.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Lisa, (203) 977-6515, lmonachelli@stamfordmuseum.org.

**216. STAMFORD**

**Hike**
Sunday, June 8. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **Mianus River Park.** Take some time to get the family out enjoying the great outdoors. On this hike we will take advantage of the park’s family-friendly trail network and wind past rock outcroppings, wooded ledges, and small knolls. We will take part in easy to moderate hiking, depending on the group’s ability level. Pre-teen and teens especially welcome with their parents. Please bring water and wear hiking shoes/boots. Meet leader John Flynn at the Merriebrook Lane parking lot near the park entrance. Sponsored by Eastern Mountain Sports Stamford (ems.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact John, (203) 461-9865, e0114mg@ems.com.

**217. STONINGTON (MYSTIC)**

**Hike**
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. **Coogan Farm.** On this statewide day of hiking, see the beauty of land preservation in person as we take a 3-mile loop hike from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (DPNC) to our new Natural and Heritage Center at the Coogan Farm. Meet leader Davnet Schaffer at the DPNC, 109 Pequotsepos Road in Mystic. Sponsored by Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (dpnc.org). Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions, rain plan, and to register: contact Davnet, (860) 536-1216, education@dpnc.org.

**218. STONINGTON (MYSTIC)**

**Nature Walk**
Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. **Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center.** Join us for “Pond Dipping and Exploration.” From fish to turtles to floating frog eggs, there is lots to find at the pond in the late spring. Drop in any time during the posted hours to meet our naturalist at the pond and try your hand with a net and bucket. The total distance: 0.5 miles. Meet leader Davnet Schaffer at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, 109 Pequotsepos Road in Mystic. Sponsored by Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center (dpnc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Davnet, (860) 536-1216, education@dpnc.org.

**219. SUFFIELD**

**Nature Walk**
Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Metacomet Trail.** Take a leisurely 2-mile walk to an overlook on the Metacomet Ridge with a view of western MA and CT from the CFPA Blue-Blazed Metacomet Trail (part of the New England Trail, NET). We will be on the look out for wildflowers, birds, notable trees, and interesting rocks, including lady slippers, osprey, chestnut trees, and lava rocks. We will also checkout some 19th century cabin remains. Meet leaders Michael Stanley and Liz Stanley at the roadside parking on Route 168 at junction with Phelps Road (approximately 2 miles west of West Suffield Center/Route 187 junction). Sponsored by Suffield Land Conservancy (orgsites.com/ct/slc). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Michael, HikeLikeMike@aol.com.

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Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Air Line State Park Trail.** Take a walk to the Tri-State Marker—a place where RI, MA, CT touch. On this 2-mile hike we will see a pre-colonial stone chamber, a stone arch tunnel, the site of the Great December 4, 1891 East Thompson Train Wreck, and the Southbridge Local turnaround. Meet leaders Michael A. Lajeunesse, Jim Sali, and Scott D. Robinson at the Air Line State Park Trail trailhead parking area at 662 East Thompson Road (at the junction with New Road). From I-395/Take Exit 99/Route 200 East/Route 193 North/East Thompson Road. Sponsored by Thompson Trails Committee and Thompson Recreation Department (thompsonrec.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Michael, (860) 923-9190, mikeinthompson@charter.net.

Paddle

Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Quinebaug River Water Trail - Thompson Section.** This is a great 5.8-mile trip for paddlers of all skill levels. After meeting at Fabyan Dam, we will shuttle vehicles to the West Thompson Lake Boat Ramp before beginning our adventure down the river. The next 2 hours will be spent enjoying the native flora and fauna of the steep forested banks and flat agricultural fields along the river. You must bring your own kayak or canoe and PFD’s. Meet leader Catherine St. Andre at the Fabyan Dam Canoe and Kayak Launch on Fabyan-Woodstock Road. Sponsored by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (www.nae.usace.army.mil). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to register: contact Catherine, (978) 318-8562, catherine.st.andre@usace.army.mil.

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Shenipsit Lake Reservoir/Shenipsit Trail.** Join The Connecticut Water Company on an easy to moderate, 2-mile hike on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Shenipsit Trail, which follows the old railroad bed at Shenipsit Lake Reservoir. Participants will learn about the unique historic and environmental features of this lakeside trail. Meet leader Dan Meaney at the trail entrance on Route 74/Tolland Stage Road, across from Rock-Vern Electric (24 Tolland Stage Road). Sponsored by Connecticut Water Company (ctwater.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Dan, (860) 664-6016, dmeaney@ctwater.com.

Multiple Activities

Sunday, June 8. 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. **Camp Yankee Trails.** Spend an hour or two or four enjoying a variety of guided and self-guided activities at Camp Yankee Trails—letterboxing (6+ boxes), nature discovery walks, laying and following trail signs, or trail maintenance. Our camp borders a lake with wooded trails, open fields, and a few challenging climax. Fun for those with experience or first-time hikers. Bring a snack, water, and your binoculars and camera for wildlife viewing. If you are able to help with trail maintenance, please bring your tools. Park in the main lot (343 Plains Road). Signs will be posted to assist you. Please check in and out with the staff person at the main house near the entrance to camp. Sponsored by Girl Scouts of Connecticut (gsofct.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact camp@gsofct.org.

Educational Walk

Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. **John Brown Birth Site/John Brown Trail.** Join us on a flat, easy 0.85-mile hike of the new John Brown Trail. Mark McCEachern, executive director of the Torrington Historical Society, will make a presentation about John Brown and the site on which he was born. Participants will receive a booklet published by the Historical Society about Torrington’s most famous native son. Hiking boots are recommended; bring water and snacks if desired. Meet leader Mark Linehan at the John Brown Birth Site on John Brown Road (off University Drive). Sponsored by Torrington Historical Society and Northwest CT YMCA-Torrington Trails Network (nwcty.org/community - then click on Torrington Trails Network). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Mark, (860) 482-3952.
226. TORRINGTON

Hike 🌿 🏞️ 🐕 🐱

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Pequonnock River Valley State Park.** This 3-mile hike will explore the ridges (high ground) of the Pequonnock River Valley, drop down along the river near the old Trumbull Reservoir, and then climb back up to the ridge. We will take time to appreciate some of the interesting topography of the ridges and valleys in the forest and may explore some of the caves along the way. Without retracing our steps, we will continue on trails to the starting location. 3 miles. Meet leader Kevin Malone at the commuter lot on Park Street. Sponsored by Trumbull Nature and Arts Center (trumbullnatureandartscenter.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kevin, (203) 243-7144, Malone_env@yahoo.com.

227. TRUMBULL

Hike 🐕 🐥

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Pequonnock River Valley State Park.** This 3-mile hike will explore the ridges (high ground) of the Pequonnock River Valley, drop down along the river near the old Trumbull Reservoir, and then climb back up to the ridge. We will take time to appreciate some of the interesting topography of the ridges and valleys in the forest and may explore some of the caves along the way. Without retracing our steps, we will continue on trails to the starting location. 3 miles. Meet leader Kevin Malone at the commuter lot on Park Street. Sponsored by Trumbull Nature and Arts Center (trumbullnatureandartscenter.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Kevin, (203) 243-7144, Malone_env@yahoo.com.

228. UNION

Hike 🌿 🏞️ 🐕 🐱

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **Bigelow Hollow State Park/Ridge Trail and Nipmuck Trail.** Join CFPA trail volunteer and leader Joe Tinti on a 12-mile hike on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Ridge Trail to the “Cat Rocks,” around the north end of Breakneck Pond, and back to the parking area. Meet at the Bigelow Pond parking area, 0.5 miles from the park entrance. Sponsored by Connecticut Forest & Park Association (ctwoodlands.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:00 AM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Joe, (860) 684-6398.

229. VERNON

Educational Walk 🏞️ 🐕 🐱

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Belding Wildlife Management Area.** Come take a 2-mile walk, visiting habitat project sites at Belding WMA and discussing how these projects benefit wildlife. The route will follow several trails, including the Shenipsit Trail (part of the CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System). Meet leader Jane Seymour at the gravel parking area near the pavilion on Bread and Milk Road. Sponsored by CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (ct.gov/deep). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Jane, jane.seymour@ct.gov.

230. VOLUNTOWN

Hike 🌿 🐕 🐱

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Pachaug State Forest/Mount Misery - Pachaug Trail.** Join us for a 1.5-mile hike on a CFPA Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail to the top of Mount Misery, which offers a panoramic view unique to our area. This refreshing hike will start off level, then gradually steepen to a steady, but gentle climb, through a forest filled with song birds and interesting flowers. Meet leaders LaDonnah Cardin and Tracey Hansen at the Pachaug State Forest Chapman Parking Area. From Voluntown take Route 49 north 0.5 miles and turn left into the Pachaug State Forest; follow the main road for 0.7 miles, turn right, and travel 0.1 miles; park next to the field at the Chapman Parking Area. Sponsored by Voluntown Economic Development Committee (voluntown.biz). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact LaDonnah, (860)-705-0506, antladonna@yahoo.com.
Rain cancels. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact LaDonnah Cardin and Tracey Hansen at the Pachaug State Forest Chapman Parking Area. From Voluntown take Route 49 north 0.5 miles and turn left into the Pachaug State Forest; follow the main road for 0.7 miles, turn right, and travel 0.1 miles; park next to the field at the Chapman Parking Area.

232. WALLINGFORD

Educational Walk  🐄 🐝

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tyler Mill Preserve/Green Trail. This is a family hike geared towards 5 to 12 year-olds and their grown-ups. The Town’s Environmental Planner, Conservation Commission members, and Library staff will lead a slow, meandering sensory walk, focusing on the smells, sounds, and textures of spring in the preserve. Some discussion on the natural history of the area will also be included during the 1.5+- mile adventure. End time will be dependent on the ages of the children. Meet leader Erin O’Hare at the Tyler Mill Preserve parking area on Tyler Mill Road, off of Northford Road. Sponsored by Wallingford Conservation Commission and Wallingford Public Library. Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Go online to wallingfordlibrary.org to register. Questions: contact maryheff@hotmail.com.

233. WASHINGTON

Hike  🐄 🐝 🐝

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Macricostas Preserve. Hike to “The Pinnacle” overlooking Lake Waramaug. The 400-foot elevation change and moderate hike are worth the stunning views of the lake area, including the plateau of Warren. We will follow a newly blazed 1.5+- mile trail in the Steep Rock Association’s Macricostas Preserve. Meet leader David Schneiderbeck at the limited parking area on June Road (off Lake Shore Road North/Route 45). Sponsored by Warren Land Trust (warrenlandtrust.org) and Warren Parks & Recreation. Rain postpones to June 14, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact David, schneiderbeck@sbcglobal.net.

234. WATERBURY

Multiple Activities  🐄 🐝 🐝

Saturday, June 7. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lewis Fulton Memorial Park. Join us anytime during the posted hours for a self-guided or guided 1.5-mile walk through this 70-acre Olmsted-designed park, which features woodlands, rolling meadows, ponds, gardens, and historic cottages, bridges, and fountains. Other activity options will include: fitness classes, a paddleboat or funyak (boats provided), fishing, and art projects. Fun and learning for all ages. Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket, a camera, and enjoy the day. Fulton Park is located at 438 Cooke Street, with sufficient parking available on the streets surrounding the park. Go to the center of the park near the central pond’s “Warming Hut” (where boats are located) for information/direction for the day’s activities. Sponsored by City of Waterbury Bureau of Parks (waterburyct.org). Rain postpones to June 14, 11:00 AM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Citizens Service Center, (203) 597-3444, sgeary@waterburyct.org.

235. WATERFORD

Nature Walk  🐄 🐝

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Conover Tract. This will be an easy 2-mile hike along a woodland trail on a Waterford Land Trust property. We will pass through both coniferous and deciduous forest, and alongside a recently re-established forest meadow. Along the way we will pass a memorial bench that sits atop a ridge overlooking an old stream-bed and return where the path intersects a trout stream on the outskirts of this beautiful property. Meet leader Jeff Sims at the end of Old Barry Road (off Vauxhall Street Extension); park along the curb of the cul-de-sac. Sponsored by Waterford Land Trust, Inc. (waterfordlandtrust.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jeff, (860) 442-0056, yj.sims@sbcglobal.net.

236. WATERTOWN

Hike & Geocaching  🐄 🐝 🐝

Sunday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Fleisher Nature Preserve. Geocachers and non-geocachers welcome! Join us for a fun morning of hiking and geocaching opportunities. The morning will begin with coffee and a discussion about geocaching and trade trackables. Hiking and geocaching groups will set out on the trails at 9:00 AM. The geocaching event code is GC4XR8V. Meet leader Robert Cizauskas at the Fleisher Nature Preserve trailhead at 691 Northfield Road (coordinates: N41 37.818 W73 7.022). Sponsored by Watertown Land Trust (watertownlandtrust.org). Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions and rain plan: contact Robert, rcizauskas@waterburypal.org.

237. WEST GRANBY

Hike  🐄 🐝

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Holcomb Farm. Come explore the Western Trails on this historic agricultural property. We will enjoy a moderate 4+- mile hike through the forest, crossing Salmon Brook and other small watercourses. The area is rich with wildlife—we will be keeping an eye out for deer, box turtles, and many bird species. Meet leaders Mark Fiorentino and Jill Ford at the Holcomb Farm Western Trails trailhead, 113 Simsbury Road. Sponsored by Holcomb Farm, Inc. (holcombfarm.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Mark, fishntheestates@gmail.com.
238. WEST HARTFORD

**Hike**

Sunday, June 8. 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. **Downtown West Hartford.** Who says you can’t enjoy the outdoors in an urban settings? Join us for a walk on the lovely sidewalks of downtown West Hartford. This 1.5-mile, stroller-friendly stroll will enjoy the sights and sounds of the robust town center, with an optional ice cream stop at the end. Meet leader Joyce Clark at the Statue of Noah Webster in front of the West Hartford Library at 20 South Main Street. Sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club CT Chapter (ct-amc.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Joyce, (860) 206-0758.

239. WEST HAVEN

**Educational Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. **Sandy Point and Morse Beach.** Come visit one of the most productive birding sites in Connecticut. Join Patrick Comins, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Connecticut, on a 2-mile tour of this Important Bird Area (IBA) and E.P.A. Long Island Sound Stewardship site. Learn why the site provides regionally important bird habitat and how environmental threats affect the area. Expect to see piping plover, least tern, American oystercatcher, dapper, and more.

Meet at the Sandy Point parking lot at 19 Beach Street, on the shoreline side of the road. Sponsored by E.P.A. Long Island Sound Study Program (longislandsoundstudy.net) and Audubon CT. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact co-leader David Kozak, (860)-424-3608, david.kozak@ct.gov.

240. WEST HAVEN

**Nature Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. **Sandy Point.** Take a sunset beach walk at one of the most beautiful spots along the Connecticut shoreline. A long spit of sandy beach extending into New Haven Harbor, Sandy Point is not only a great place to watch birds, but is also a popular spot for mating horseshoe crabs in the late spring. On this fun, 1.5-mile walk we will take in spectacular views of the New Haven skyline, Sleeping Giant, and other landmarks, as well as learn about interesting critters from local experts. Meet leader Aaron Goode at the Sandy Point parking lot at 19 Beach Street, on the shoreline side of the road. Sponsored by New Haven Bioregional Group (newhaven-bioregionalgroup.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY.

Questions: contact Aaron, (203) 350-3795, aaron.goode@aya.yale.edu.

241. WESTBROOK

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Horse Hill Woods and Russo Trails.** We will follow a 2-mile route through a 35-acre, town-owned open space then connect with a trail in the recently preserved 143-acre Russo property, both in the Menunketesuck Greenway. The loop trail will follow along old logging roads, cross Plane Brook, meander through mixed hardwood forest, and past vernal pools, bedrock outcroppings, and stone walls. Some wet areas will be encountered; wear appropriate footwear.

Meet leaders Tom ODell and Marty Marx at the parking area on Route 145 (from I-95 Exit 64, go north 2 miles on Route 145, parking area is on the left). Sponsored by Westbrook Conservation Commission. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Tom, (860) 575-0969, todell@snet.net.

242. WESTBROOK

**Hike**

Saturday, June 7. 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. **Chapman Mill Pond Trails.** We will follow a 2-mile route that goes through a 83-acre, town-owned open space in the Menunketesuck Greenway. The trail slopes down from Route 145 to woods road, paralleling a series of vernal pools. Management of the site will be discussed as we continue through mixed hardwoods, a scattering of hemlock and white pine, and past stone walls on the way to Chapman Mill Pond. Meet leaders Tom ODell and Marty Marx at the parking area on Route 145 (from I-95 Exit 64, go north 0.8 miles on Route 145, parking area is on the left). Sponsored by Westbrook Conservation Commission. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is RECOMMENDED. Questions and to register: contact Tom, (860) 575-0969, todell@snet.net.

243. WESTPORT

**Nature Walk**

Saturday, June 7. 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. **Earthplace/Swamp Loop Trail.** Enjoy a 1-mile stroll through a swamp, forest, and field, and past a stream and pond. We will take time to stop and investigate all the different habitats, including the pond, to observe different animals in each location. This walk is suitable for all ages. Meet leader Erika Labrie in the lobby of Earthplace building, 10 Woodside Lane. Sponsored by Earthplace—The Nature Discovery Center (earthplace.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY.

Questions: contact Erika, (203) 227-7253 x105, e.labrie@earthplace.org.

244. WESTPORT

**Educational Walk**

Sunday, June 8. 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. **Sherwood Island State Park.** Take a 1.5-mile “Archaeology of Sherwood Island Walk” on the new History Trail. Examining the past inhabitants of Sherwood from 1000 to the 1940s, Cece Saunders will be sharing artifact findings from recent excavations (including items from Native American and early settlers). Along the trail various sites will be explored as maps and old photos are also shared, bringing the island’s past inhabitants to life. End time does not include time to return to the start. Meet at Sherwood Island Nature Center off East Beach; ask at the entrance gate for directions. Parking is adjacent. Sponsored by Friends of Sherwood Island State Park (friendsofsherwoodisland.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Cece, cece@historicalperspective.org.
Educational Walk  
Sunday, June 8. 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Sherwood Island State Park. Join us for a 2.25-mile “Beach to Beach Walk” that will include discussion of the many features and history of CT’s first state park property. Discover wildlife habitats and inhabitants, the Pine Grove, the 911 Memorial, and one of two Model Aircraft Airport in CT State Parks—and a possible a fly over! Meet leader Louis Pietig at Sherwood Island Nature Center off East Beach; ask at the entrance gate for directions. Parking is adjacent. Sponsored by Friends of Sherwood Island State Park (friendsofsherwood-island.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Louis, LDPiet@aol.com.

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Nature Walk  
Saturday, June 7. 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Willimantic Urban Gardens Trail. This is an end-to-end walk through an urban/residential/commercial area to view urban gardens in reclaimed/repurposed spaces like the Garden on the Bridge. We will incorporate crossing the Willimantic River on three bridges, including the historic 1906 Footbridge, and will be able to enjoy views of the river, mill-era waterfalls, and granite banks. This will be an in-the-sun walk on mostly level ground with a distance up to 2 miles. Park and meet leaders Faith Kenton and Michele Maclure at Heritage Park (500 Main Street, Willimantic), across the street from the Windham Textile and History Museum (where water and restrooms will be available). Sponsored by The Garden Club of Windham (gardencubofwindham.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 9:30 AM. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Faith, phiona8@sbcglobal.net.

246. WETHERSFIELD

Educational Walk  
Saturday, June 7. 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Wood Parcel. Bring your young naturalists (ages 4-6) for a short 1-mile hike and nature activity on this Great Meadows Conservation Trust property. We will cross the shiny bridge over the brook, follow the trail through the woods, pass the turtle pond, and follow along the marsh. The route will skirt the edge of corn field, site of the original “Pyquag” Native American summer camp, to the irrigation pond and back. Meet leader Jim Woodworth at the entrance to the Wood Parcel on the east side of Middletown Avenue, just south of the intersection with Maple Street/Route 3. Sponsored by Great Meadows Conservation Trust (gmct.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Jim, info@gmct.org.

247. WETHERSFIELD - ROCKY HILL - GLASTONBURY

Bike  
Sunday, June 8. 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Wethersfield’s Heritage Way Bike Path. Follow this unique bike route from the Wethersfield Cove toward the Rocky Hill Ferry Landing. We will travel 15 miles and encounter flat terrain, some village and unpaved agricultural roads. Scenic highlights will include a historic seed company, farms, fertile fields, flood plain forest, and marsh habit along the Connecticut River. Ride across the nation’s oldest ferry ($4 round trip), if it is running, to the Killam-Bassett Farm in South Glastonbury (optional—participants may opt to take a break and wait to rejoin the group when they return from the ferry and ride back to the Wethersfield Cove). Don’t forget your bike helmet. Meet leader Jim Woodworth, GMCT stewardship chair, at Cove Park (533 Main Street, Wethersfield). Sponsored by Great Meadows Conservation Trust (gmct.org) and Wethersfield Nature Center. Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Jim, info@gmct.org.

248. WINDHAM (WILLIMANTIC)

Educational Walk  
Saturday, June 7. 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. French Revolutionary War Encampment 47. Join Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) - National Historic Trail CT Chapter Chairman Hans DePold and historic descendant Eric Rochambeau for a 0.5-mile walk along a section of the original revolutionary road. We will view the site where General Rochambeau and the French Army camped after defeating the British at Yorktown and en route to Boston. Park and meet at the farm on the north side of Scotland Road/Route 14 near the intersection with Mullen Hill Road. Sponsored by National W3R Association, Inc.-CT Chapter Chairman. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Hans, DePoldh@gmail.com.

249. WINDHAM

Nature Walk  
Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. East Barber Street Trail. Come enjoy this beautiful, paved Town of Windsor walking trail that winds its way along the scenic Connecticut River. This relaxing, peaceful route is approximately 1 mile (2 miles round trip) and is perfect for families of all ages, including seniors. Don’t forgot to bring Fido! Meet leader Ryan Deneen at the trailhead adjacent to the Bissell Bridge Boat Launch on East Barber Street. Sponsored by Windsor Recreation and Leisure Services (townofwindsorct.com/recreation). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Ryan, (860) 285-1990.

250. WINDSOR

Nature Walk  
Saturday, June 7. 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM. Willimantic Town Green. Join National W3R Association - CT Chapter Chairman Hans DePold and Historic Descendant Eric Rochambeau for a 0.5 mile walk along a section of the original revolutionary road. We will view the site where General Rochambeau and the French Army camped after defeating the British at Yorktown and en route to Boston. Park at the Willimantic Town Green. Meet at the 911 Memorial for the start of the walk. Rain or shine. Questions: contact Hans, DePoldh@gmail.com.
Nature Walk

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Northwest Park. This town park, located on Lang Road, is home to numerous trails that wind through diverse habitats, such as open meadows, forests, bogs, marshes, and streams. Bring the family and enjoy a self-guided walk on the trails (up to 1.25 miles each). An optional use of the activity Northwest Park Adventure Packs ($10 fee per returnable pack; picked up at the Nature Center) is also available for a Sensory Saunter or journey down Brookside Trail. Sponsored by Northwest Park & Nature Center (northwestpark.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is REQUIRED for use of the Adventure Packs. Questions and to register for a pack: contact Jen Filer, (860) 285-1886, filer@townofwindsorct.com.

Geocaching

Sunday, June 8. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Northwest Park. Join us for modern day hide and seek—CT Trails Day Weekend Geocaching GC4AZTJ. Come anytime during the scheduled hours and stay as long as you like. The total distance will be 1 to 10 miles. Lunch and a door prize drawing will be held at the warming shed at noon (bring a prize if you can, and a sack lunch). There will be a travel bug table and several people with pathtags to trade. Meet at the park Picnic Pavilion (N 41° 53.906, W 072° 42.278), where leaders Charles Copeland, Carol McOmber, and Sarah Shlatz will be waiting to provide guidance and information. Sponsored by Connecticut Caching Community (ctcachers.com). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Charles, ccopeland02@snet.net.

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Massaro Farm Woodland Trail. After a brief introduction to this organic community farm, enjoy a 1.5-mile walk on our woodland trail, stopping along the way to observe and identify rocks, trees, ferns, birds, and evidence of farming history. Hiking boots are encouraged for this outing. Meet leader Louisa Cunningham in the farm parking lot at 41 Ford Road (located at the Woodbridge/Ansonia line.) Sponsored by Massaro Community Farm (massarofarmcsa.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Louisa, (203) 397-9148.

Educational Walk

Sunday, June 8. 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Massaro Farm Woodland Trail. After a brief introduction to this organic community farm, enjoy a 1.5-mile walk on our woodland trail, stopping along the way to observe and identify rocks, trees, ferns, birds, and evidence of farming history. Hiking boots are encouraged for this outing. Meet leader Louisa Cunningham in the farm parking lot at 41 Ford Road (located at the Woodbridge/Ansonia line.) Sponsored by Massaro Community Farm (massarofarmcsa.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Louisa, (203) 397-9148.

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Hurlbut Field/Winchester Lake Loop. The hike will follow a 1.5-mile trail along the pristine Lake Winchester, through a white pine forest, and into Hurlbut Field. Keep an eye out for interesting flora and fauna—nesting bobolinks, wild turkeys, and salamanders are often seen on this loop. Meet leader Jen Perga at the Winchester Lake State Boat Launch on West Road. Sponsored by Winchester Land Trust (winchester-landtrust.org). Rain or shine. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jen, winchesterlandtrust@yahoo.com.

Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Fleming Preserve. This 28.5-acre preserve is under the protection of Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, in cooperation with the Town of Woodbury. The original Flanders Sap House and maple sugaring operations were located on the property, which consists of forest land with sugar maples, meadows, an overlook, a former apple orchard, stone walls, and a short, but beautiful, hiking trail, among other natural attributes. Come discover the beauty of this protected open space on a 1.5-mile hike. Meet leaders Dianne Parmelee and Geoff Whan at the preserve parking area on Cowles Road (off of Flanders Road). Sponsored by Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust (flandersnaturecenter.org). Rain cancels. Pre-registration is APPRECIATED. Questions and to register: contact Elizabeth, (203) 263-3711 x10, arthur@flandersnaturecenter.org.

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Hike

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Hike

Saturday, June 7. 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Rapoport/Spalding Preserve. Explore the recently expanded Linda J. Rapoport Memorial Preserve and the Paul and Avis Spalding Preserve. These two contiguous preserves feature active hayfields, a beaver pond, and woodlands. The total distance: 2+ miles. Meet leader Jeffrey Stefanik at the end of Calkins Road, south of its intersection with Joy Road. Sponsored by Wyndham Land Trust (wyndhamlandtrust.org). Rain postpones to June 8, 10:00 AM. Pre-registration is NOT NECESSARY. Questions: contact Jeffrey, (860) 928-7848, jeffjstefanik@gmail.com.

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