

# Friends of Auerfarm Scenic Reserve

The Friends of Auerfarm Scenic Reserve recently formed to promote community engagement with the new Auerfarm State Park Scenic Reserve and foster public appreciation of the natural resources there. Why form a Friends group?

In an era of tight budgets, Friends help State land managers stay focused on local needs, rally political and philanthropic support for parks, and draw in community partners and volunteers to help get things done. With the active involvement of residents like you, the Friends strive to help the Scenic Reserve become a local and regional asset.

The Friends work in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and support efforts to:

- Create universally accessible trails and maps;
- Promote effective conservation, protection, and management of the property;
- Facilitate partnerships with like-minded and local organizations;
- Be a voice and advocate for the Scenic Reserve;
- Help coordinate and promote events to expose people to the Scenic Reserve; and
- Fundraise in order to advance the purposes outlined above.

Connecticut Forest & Park Association and the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving provided initial support. For information on events, volunteer opportunities, or how to donate, contact:

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## Auerfarm State Park Scenic Reserve

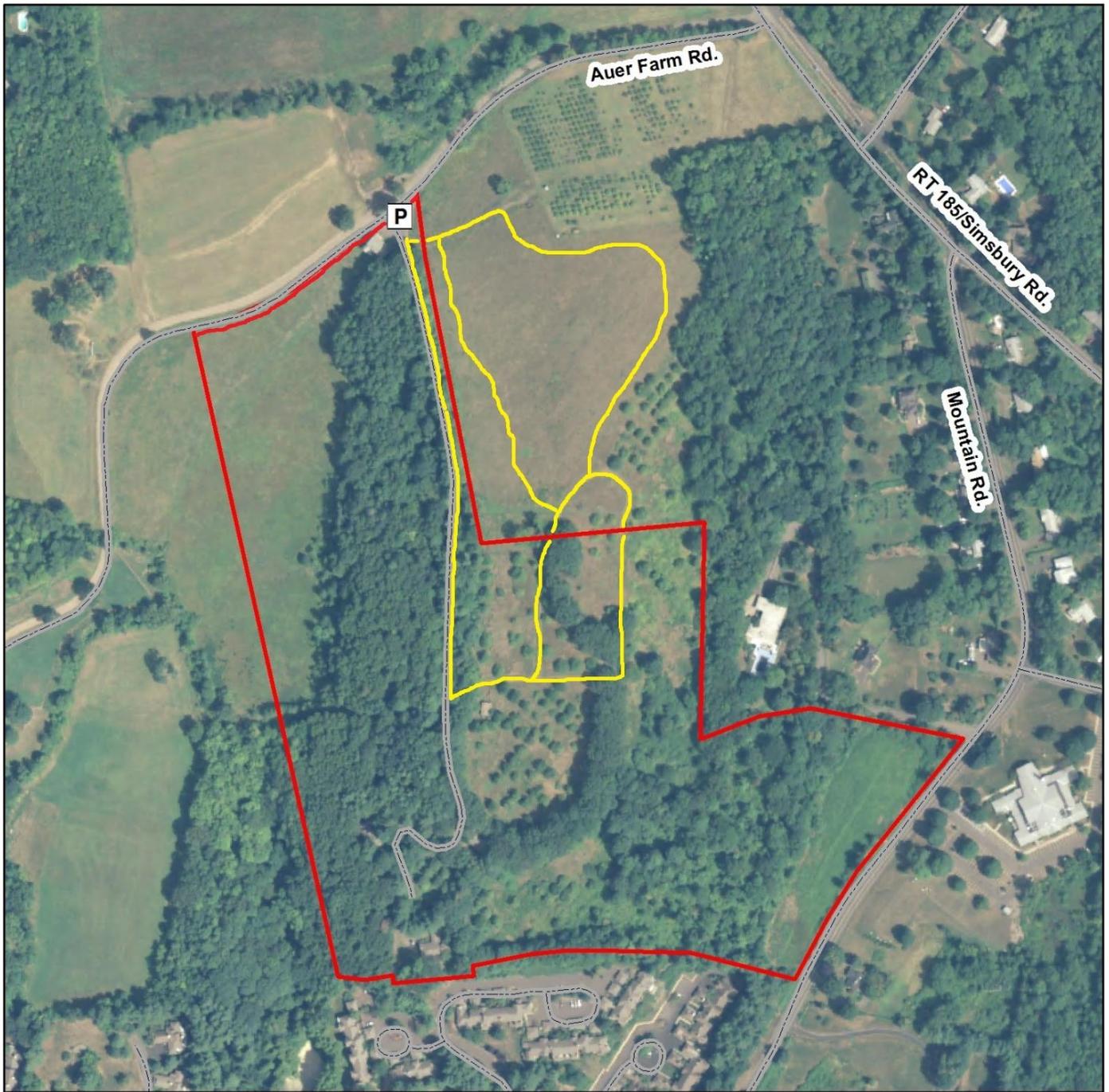
Purchased in 1925 by George and Beatrice Fox Auerbach, Auerfarm showcased prize-winning orchards, a successful Guernsey dairy herd, and cutting-edge poultry farm technology. A large portion of the farm became today's 4-H Education Center.

In 2014 their granddaughter gifted the remaining 40 acres to the people of Connecticut, forming our 110<sup>th</sup> state park. A conservation easement also was donated to the Connecticut Forest & Park Association to ensure the property will be preserved in perpetuity.

The reserve features some of the most scenic views of Talcott Mountain State Park and the Metacomet ridgeline. Just minutes from Hartford, it protects a variety of woodland and grassland habitats that provide valuable feeding, resting, and breeding sites for an array of wildlife, including a bird of special concern, the Bobolink.



**Auerfarm State Park Scenic Reserve**  
35 Auerfarm Road, Bloomfield  
Limited parking near the white barn  
<http://goo.gl/erzWXI>



**Property Map**

Auerfarm State Park Scenic Reserve  
 Bloomfield, CT  
 Connecticut Forest & Park Association

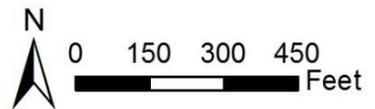
**Notes**

(1) The property boundaries shown on this map are provided by the town of Bloomfield and are approximate; (2) This map contains no authoritative data and is intended for planning purposes only; (3) The location and extent of features illustrated are based on GPS-collected field data, as well as, direct observations and are approximate only; (4) Basemap data sources include USGS topographic (USA TOPO) maps, 2010 orthophotography and road maps from ESRI and CT ECO map services.

**Legend**

- Auerfarm State Park Scenic Reserve
- P Limited Parking
- Roads
- Trails

**Scale & Direction**



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