



CT Trails Day Weekend in North Stonington
SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST

**Our town is recognized for its natural beauty.
Enjoy one of these special trail walks or a run!**

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM: DONALD HENNE MEMORIAL PRESERVE

Take a 2.5-mile journey at one of North Stonington's prized open spaces. This is gently rising moderate terrain with occasional obstacles. Leashed Dogs are permitted. The walk will take about 1 hour each way. Meet at 113 Babcock Road (0.9 miles from Wyassup Road or 0.8 miles from Route 49). Sponsored by Avalonia Land Conservancy. Rain postpones to June 2, 11:00 AM. Questions: contact Mac Turner (860-908-1349).

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM: WYASSUP LAKE LOOP

A family oriented educational hike around Wyassup Lake will begin at the State Boat Launch on Wyassup Lake Road. The 2-hour hike will follow the Narragansett "Blue" Trail up to Low Ledge, High Ledge and on through a wild Lady Slipper garden. See a little known path down an old wagon trail through two fern valleys and visit a bear's den before a short loop around half the lake to the boat launch. Folks wanting to extend their trip may bring their own kayaks or canoe for a paddle on the lake after the hike. Moderate difficulty and leashed dogs welcomed. Rain date is Sunday. Contact: Bill Ricker (860-535-2426).

1:00 to 2:00 PM: HEWITT FARM BICENTENNIAL TRAIL

Arrive early and enjoy your lunch at nearby picnic tables. Join the Hewitt Farm Committee for a leisurely hike across the Shunock River footbridges and up a gradual ascent to a giant boulder, Tipping Rock. Continue down and around the hill to a level trail along the river. The walk is about 1 mile with gently rising terrain and occasional obstacles. Leashed dogs are welcome. Meeting Place: From the village, drive north on Wyassup Rd., take the first left turn after the fairgrounds, then a left again onto unpaved Hewitt Rd. and travel to its end. Rain cancels. Questions: contact Dick Cooper (860-535-0528).

1:00 to 3:00PM: NARRAGANSETT/WYASSUP LAKE FOREST TRAIL

Look for the Land Alliance Walk Sign along Wyassup Lake Road and join us on a forested trail that takes us up into the woods for about 1 1/2 miles across from Wyassup Lake. Legendary Narragansett Woods trail intermingles with boulder outcroppings, ledge, and gravel paths. There is a lot to see, bring a plant/animal/bird book for reference if you like. Off-trail beaver sightings are something special here, as well as the birds, plants, and trees. Park at the Wyassup Lake Boat launch. No dogs, sorry. Rain cancels. Questions: Contact the North Stonington Citizens Land Alliance ((860-599-5517).

For those who prefer a RUN, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM the Connecticut Forest & Park Association is sponsoring a 5K (3.1 miles) out/back trail race on the CFPA Blue-Blazed Narragansett Trail. The hours scheduled will give plenty of time for completion of the course, which will start and finish at the Wyassup Lake Boat Launch. Rain or shine. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Questions and to pre-register: contact leader, CFPA volunteer trail manager Michael Crutchley, (860-460-2530), mjcrutch@hotmail.com.

For details, see the *Connecticut Trails Day Weekend* booklet at www.ctwoodlands.org/CT-TrailsDayWeekend2013 (pages 62 & 63) or pick up a printed booklet at Wheeler Library.