



Centennial Watershed State Forest

Saugatuck & Aspetuck Trails

In 2002, a partnership between Aquarion Water Company, the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, and The Nature Conservancy was developed to conserve some 15,300 acres of land for water supply protection, open space preservation, promotion of a diverse and resilient forest and ecosystem and public use consistent with these goals. The Conservation Land Committee (CLC), composed of representatives of the three organizations, manages the property.

Centennial Watershed State Forest was named to honor the 100th anniversary of the State Forest System in Connecticut. This State Forest is unique because it is the watershed of a public drinking water supply. As such, all uses of the property are subject to regulation by the Department of Public Health.

The Saugatuck and Aspetuck Trails provide access to over 40 miles of scenic trails through Easton, Weston, Redding and Newtown. We ask that you abide by a few rules to help us safeguard the public water supply, minimize impact to the natural environment and make your experience a safe and enjoyable one. Your support will help us keep this and other watershed areas open for recreation and public education.



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Directions

Saugatuck Trail

To reach the north end of the trail: From the junctions of Routes 57 and 53 in Weston, go north on Route 53 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Route 107 in Redding. Continue 0.6 miles to Deer Hill Road. Turn right on Deer Hill Road and go for 0.7 miles. Trailhead is on the side of 56 Deer Hill Road, alongside and behind a stormwater

To reach the south end of the trail: From the junction of Routes 57 and 53 in Weston, go north on Route 53 for 3.5 miles to Valley Forge Road. Turn right on Valley Forge Road and continue for 1.8 miles to Davis Hill Road. Turn right on Davis Hill Road, trailhead is about 500 feet on right (north) side of road.

Parking: A parking area is located at the north end of the Saugatuck Reservoir, at the entrance of the Universal Access Trail (see map).

Aspetuck Trail

58 south for 1.7 innection for 1.8 miles to parking on right. **To reach the north end of the trail:** From the intersection of Routes 107 and 58 in Redding (Putnam Memorial State Park), take Route 58 south for 1.7 miles. Turn left on Hopewell Woods Road. Follow

To reach the south end of the trail: From the intersection of Routes 58 and 136 in Easton, take Route 58 north for 2.6 miles. Turn right on Valley Road. Follow for 0.5 miles. Turn left at intersection with Staples Road. Continue for 0.8 miles to fork. Take left fork to Rockhouse Road. Turn left on Rockhouse Road. Follow for 0.2 miles to parking on right.

Other Nearby State Recreation Areas

Putnam Memorial State Park, Redding

Location: Intersection of Routes 58 and 107. **Activities:** Hiking, Self-guided Interpretive Trail, Museum, Fishing, Youth Group Can

Collis P. Huntington State Park, Redding

Location: Route 58 to Sunset Hill Road. Park entrance is on east side of Sunset Hill Road.

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**Activities: Canoeing, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Cross-country-skiing, Horseback Riding, Hiking.

Support CFPA

The Saugatuck and Aspetuck Trails, are maintained with the help of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA) through the assistance of their volunteers. If you are interested in joining CFPA or volunteering, please contact them at:

www.ctwoodlands.org phone: 860-346-2372 email: info@ctwoodlands.org

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Before visiting, become familiar with necessary precautions to protect yourself from ticks, insect bites, dehydration, falls, and encounters with animals.

Planning Your Visit

Aquarion Water Company at (203) 452-3511, or CT DEEP Dispatch and Law Enforcement at (860) 424-3333.

- To report unauthorized use, please call:
- Park only in designated parking areas.
- Vehicles of any kind, motorized or not, including all types of cycles, are prohibited.
- Dogs, horses and other pets are prohibited. **A**
- Visitors may not: fish; swim; wade; camp; build campfires; rock climb; smoke; carry alcoholic beverages; boat (includes flotation devices); or disturb or remove plants, animals, minerals or
- Hikers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult permit holder.
- A copy of the trail map is considered your hiking permit. You or an individual in your group must c it with you at all times while on the trail.
- These activities are permitted only on marked (blue-blazed) trails. Trails are for foot travel (hiking, running, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing) only.
- Trails are open year round from sunrise to sunset.

Trail Use Rules

About the Conservation Land Committee Partners

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 50 cities and towns throughout Connecticut. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices. To learn more:

Easton, CT 06612 (203) 452-3511 Aquarion Water Company
Aspetuck Environmental Center 714 Black Rock Road

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection manages more than 90 park and forest recreation areas as well as an additional 50 park preserves and forests. For information on State Park and Forest facilities contact:

Environmental Protection Bureau of Outdoor Recreation State of Connecticut Department of Energy &

State Parks Division 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106-5127 (860) 424-3200

.ct.gov/deep

The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. In Connecticut, the Nature Conservancy has protected more than 50,000 acres across the state and maintains more than 60 local preserves.

The Nature Conservancy PO Box 1162 Weston, CT 06883 (203) 226-4991