The north parcel of the Knofla Conservation Area is 71 acres on the north side of Bakos Road and east side of Hunter Road. The south parcel is 68 acres on the south side of Bakos Road. They were purchased by the Town of Tolland in 2009 and 2014 with assistance from Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program grants from the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The parcels are in a chain of several conservation parcels: Campbell, Stoppleworth, Schindler / Schmidt, Palmer, and Crystal Peat. A hike can be easily made of the six areas with only minimal road use needed.

North Parcel contains mixed forest cover and wetlands including a 1.5 - acre body which contains a variety of amphibians and reptiles. The parcel has an abundance of mountain laurel and wildflowers providing habitat for wildlife, including deer, fox, coyote, and a number of smaller animals such as raccoon, squirrel, and chipmunks. Birds are plentiful including forest songbirds, hawks, owls, pheasants, partridge, and waterfowl.

South Parcel contains a 6 - acre pond that is fed by ground water, springs and Cemetery Brook. An earthen dam creates the pond and an underground spillway allows Cemetery Brook to continue its journey to Shenipsit Lake. Most of the parcel is woodland with White Pine and Hemlock predominating. This is deer and turkey habitat and other small forest animals are seen. Beavers and woodchucks live around the pond area. The pond has an abundance of bullheads.

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- Town Ordinance requires dogs to be on a leash.
- Leave no trace.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No setting fires.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding on either parcel.
- No activities on or in the pond year round.
- No boating, kayaking, watercraft or floatation devices allowed on the pond.
- No swimming in the pond. No lifeguards are on duty.
- No fishing in the pond.
- No ice skating, ice fishing or any other activities on the frozen surface of the pond.
- Area is closed from sunset to sunrise.
 Night use is by permit only.
- Notify the Conservation Commission of organized group activities.

Many Conservation Areas were purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Volunteers from the Tolland Conservation Corps maintain the trails, bridges, and parking areas. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 860-871-3601.

Conservation Commission website: www.tolland.org/conservation-commission

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