

## General Information

The Parciak property consists of 60 acres of undeveloped woodland. The property was purchased in the fall of 2002 with Town open space bond funds. One access to the property is on Burbank Road where an existing logging trail extends up the ridge. Another access to the property is on Bald Hill Road where a small trail enters the site south of the tower.

The highest point in Tolland, Bald Hill, is on this property at an elevation of 1,011 feet above sea level. The land is level in the northern section but then sharply drops 100 feet in elevation. There is an excellent view to the south from the ridge top, especially in winter. A bench is located there so that hikers may sit and enjoy the view.

In the southern part of the property, two branches of a brook join together to form Paulk Hill Brook. This brook flows through Crandall's Park, then joins Clough Brook to flow through the Tolland Marsh to the Skungamaug River. Most of the property line area on Burbank Road is a wetland.

White birch and mountain laurel are found at the higher elevations, while white and black oak, hickory, and maple abound throughout the property. The lower half of the parcel has extensive coverage of princess pine. Low brush and maples surround the wetland areas at the lower elevations.

Several large white quartz boulders are prominent landscape features, with an exceptionally large quartz rock at the end of a spur trail of the blue ridge trail. A "Meteor Rock" can be found along the yellow loop trail in the southeast section. The property has significant natural habitats where deer, fox, and turkeys have been observed.

## Stewardship

The maintenance of our open space parcels is everyone's responsibility. The town has designated that the Conservation Commission develop a stewardship plan for each parcel. Once the plans are approved, the Tolland Conservation Corps provides volunteers to work on the property. These dedicated volunteers maintain the trails, bridges, and parking areas. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 860-871-3601.

For additional information on Tolland's conservation areas and hiking trails:

Conservation Commission website at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org)

## PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding or mountain biking.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Stay on marked trails and roads.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- No setting of fires.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- Area closed from sunset to sunrise. Night use is by permit only.
- Notify the Conservation Commission of organized group activities.

Conservation Areas have been purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

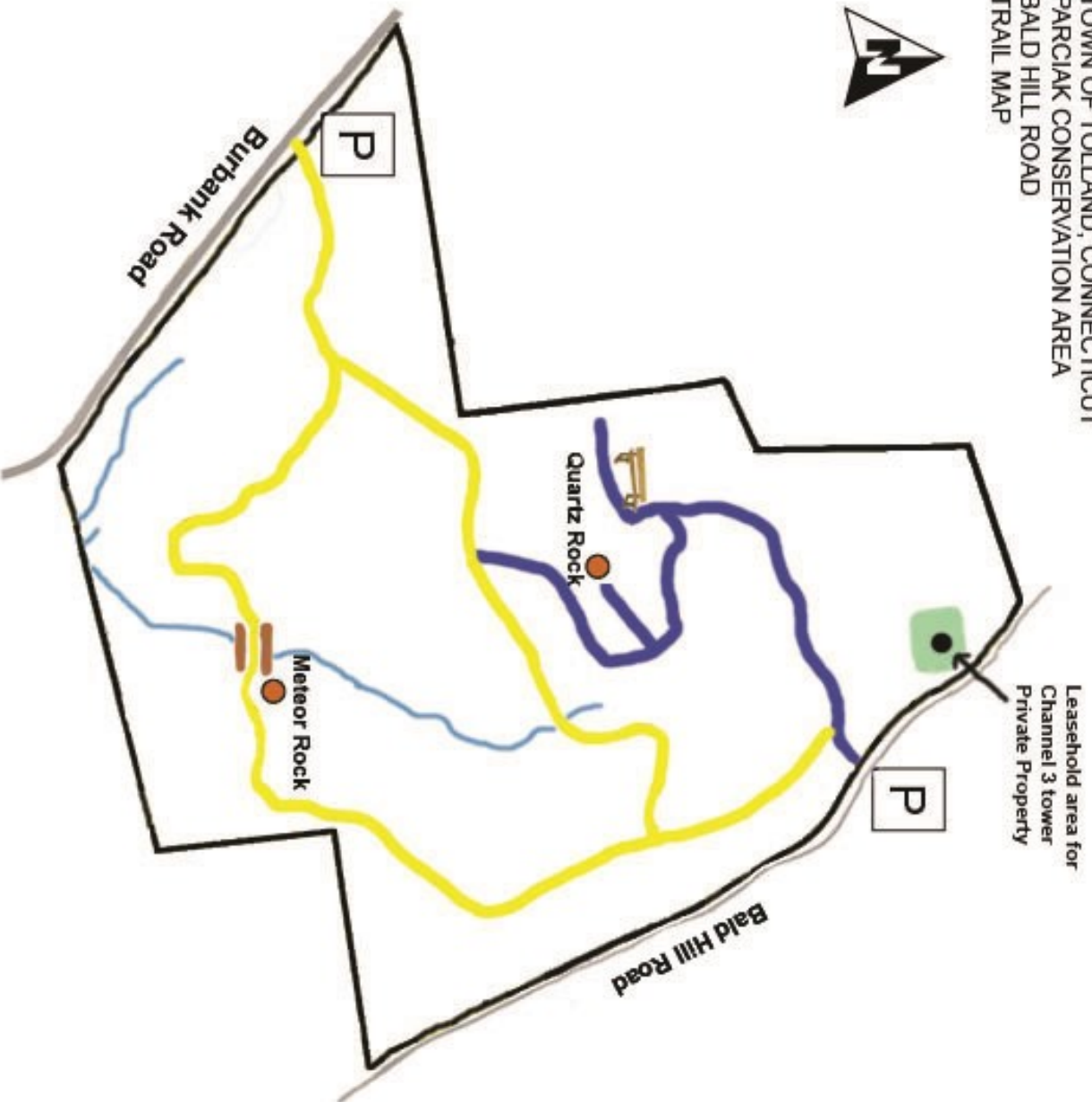


## Trail Map and Information Guide



**John & Mary Parciak  
Conservation Area  
Burbank Road and  
Bald Hill Road  
Tolland, Connecticut**

TOWN OF TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT  
PARCIAK CONSERVATION AREA  
BALD HILL ROAD  
TRAIL MAP



Distances are Approximate

Loop Trail - Yellow	1.6 mi.	
Ridge Trail - Blue	1.2 mi.	
Brook		
Bridge		