## **General Information**

The Stoppleworth Conservation Area consists of 55 acres of woodland, unique geological features, and two brooks that eventually drain to Shenipsit Lake. The marked trail system include the orange loop trail and the white trail which connects to the Campbell's Peaceful Valley Conservation Area with its own trail system. The Aborn Homestead has been preserved along with a posted history of the Stoppleworth Farm. This homestead is just to the right of the parking area.

## Wildlife Information

A wide variety of wildlife can be found on the property. Deer, fox, coyote and the occasional fisher cat have all been spotted along with the usual mix of smaller animals such as squirrels and chipmunks. Birds are plentiful, including forest songbirds, hawks, pileated woodpeckers, and owls. The wetlands offer great habitat for many species of reptiles including salamander, turtles and snakes. Sightings of wildlife will vary with the seasons and weather conditions. Best wildlife viewing is generally at dawn and dusk.

## 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:

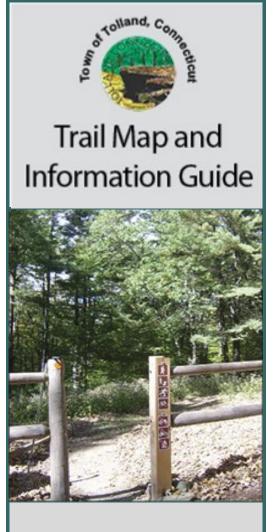
Conservation Commission website at www.tolland.org

PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding.
- Mountain biking allowed except in board-walked bog area.
- 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 closes at sunset. 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.





Stoppleworth Conservation Area 359 Hunter Road Tolland, Connecticut

