

These trails combine Madison Land Conservation Trust properties and areas of the Cockaponset State Forest. The trails can be walked individually or combined. The Double Loop Trail (1.4 miles) offers an easy walk through second-growth forests typical of a forest that has reclaimed former farmland. Many stonewalls reveal an extensive former field system. Part of the trail follows an old logging road.

During the Great Depression (1930's), there were two Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the Cockaponset State Forest including Camp Hadley. The CCC boys constructed the forest roads, thinned the forest, fought forest fires, and planted the conifer plantations. Today, remnants of the camp and their work can still be seen along the 1.5 mile CCC Camp Hadley trail. The forest is actively managed for wood products and to maintain forest health and a diversity of wildlife habitat.

The Lost Pond trail (.5 mile+) is a short easy trail through the State Forest that passes a small, beautiful vernal pool bordered by two stone walls (visible only in spring). The trail connects Camp Hadley and Jefferson Park, but can be looped by returning to the trailhead via Warpas Road.

The Jefferson Park trail traverses State Forest and MLCT property through remote forest that provides an opportunity for birdwatching of more solitary species. Wetlands, streams and upland forest knolls can be seen along this sizeable loop (.9 miles one-way or 1.8 mile loop). There is a distinctive opening along the way that was created by a power line right-of-way that sometimes offers views of grazing deer.

The (0.6 mile) Oil Mill Brook trail is an old cross-over from Jefferson Park Road and Route 79. The trail crosses Oil Mill Brook twice, skirts a wetland, and passes through a fine example of oak-hickory forest under management.

### Directions and Parking:

This trail grouping is best reached via I-95 to exit 61 Durham Hill Road (Route 79). Proceed north on Rt. 79 then travel west on Green Hill Road to Copse Road and north to Warpas Road. Depending on where you would like to begin and end your hike, parking is available at the many of the trailhead locations for each of the trails either on Opening Hill Road, Warpas Road, or Jefferson Park Road.

### Permitted Activities:

The trails areas in the MLCT properties are for hiking only. Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed. Please pick up all animal waste. Contact the State Forest HQ for other activities allowed on their sites.



Hiking



Pets on  
Leash

### For more information about this walk contact:

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## Trail Description:

### Easy to Moderate Hike

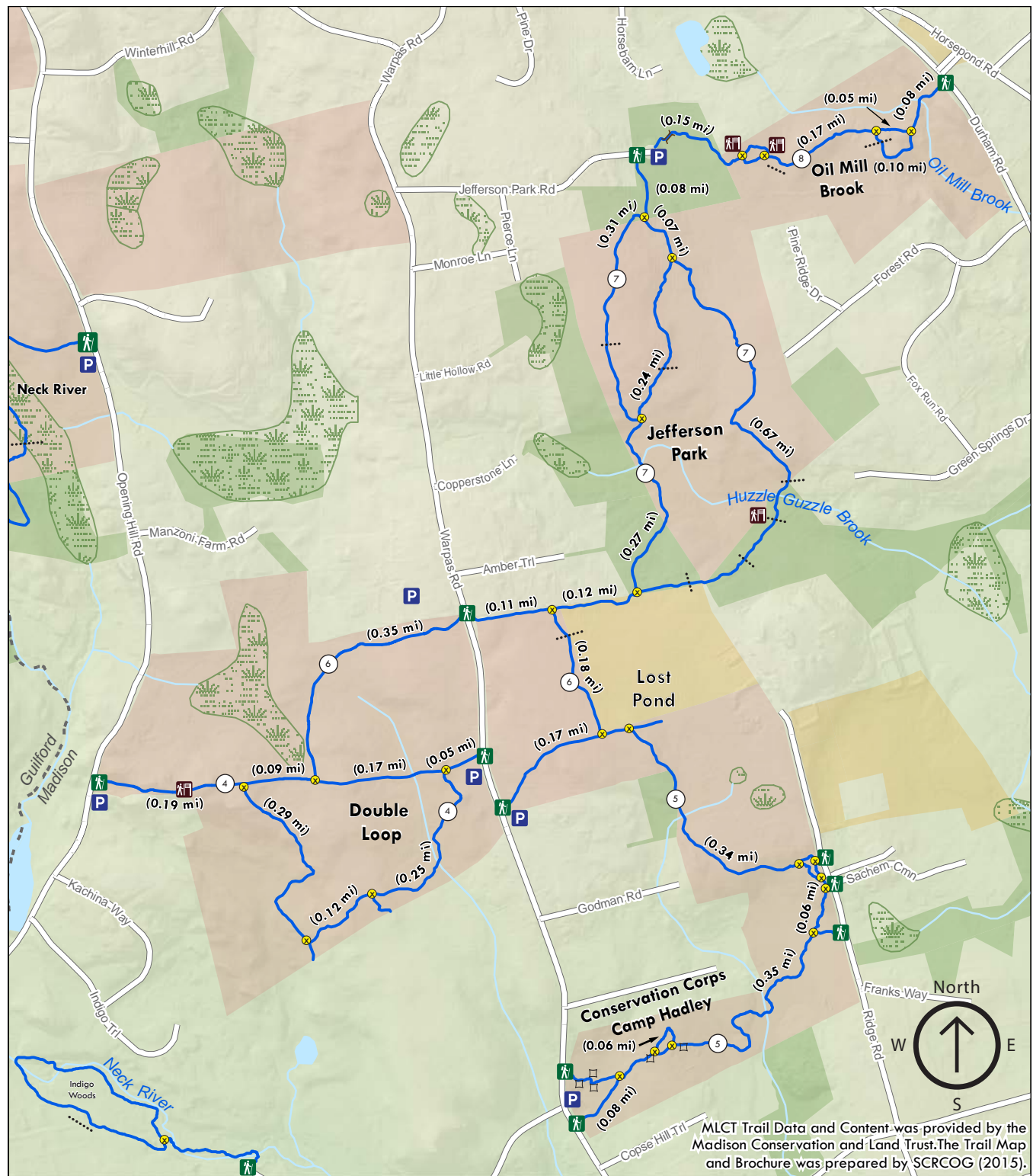
Cockaponset, named after an Indian chief who's buried in the Ponset section of Haddam, is the second largest state forest (16,000 acres) in Connecticut with parcels in Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Killingworth, Durham, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, Middletown, and Middlefield. Available recreational opportunities include hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, snowmobiling and hunting.

Total Trails length is approx. 5.84 miles

## Legend

Parking	Trail Junction
Trailhead	Stone Wall
Trail Sign	Bridge
Double Loop Trail	Ruin
Camp Hadley Trail	Wetlands
Lost Pond Trail	Land Trust Property
Jefferson Park Trail	State Property
Oil Mill Brook Trail	Town Property

0 0.3 Kilometers  
0 0.09 Miles



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