Welcome to the Madison Land Conservation Trust’s Summer Hill Preserve. Purchased in 2011, these 77 acres are an important large tract of woodland. The Preserve is near the Hammonasset River and large pieces of protected watershed in north Madison and Killingworth. Woodlands like these are important wildlife habitat, providing enough room to support mammals such as fox, rabbits, coyote, fisher, beaver, deer, and even bear.

The Preserve is also home to numerous woodland bird species such as Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, Red-shouldered and Broad-winged Hawks, Barred Owls, Red-eyed Vireos, Pileated, Downy, Hairy, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Yellow Warblers, Common Yellow-throats, Red-starts, Red Winged Blackbirds and more.

These woods also provide special cover for wintering bird species. Because the Preserve is just 7 miles from Long Island Sound it enjoys milder winter temperatures than forests in northern Connecticut and New England. Blue Jays, Blue Birds and other species flock together to spend the winter in this forest.

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Trail Description:

Easy Walk
Summer Hill offers an easy walk through the woods. The trails connect to the Lake Hammonasset trails which are an easy to moderate hike but require a water company permit.

Total trails length is approx. 0.85 miles

Legend

- P: Parking
- Trailhead
- Summer Hill Trail
- Abandoned Road
- Hammonasset Trail
- Rock Bench
- Beaver Dam
- Trail Junction
- Wetlands
- Land Trust Property
- RWA Property

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