

The 30-mile Branford Trail is a unique trail that borders a majority of the town's perimeter. The white circle blazed trail passes through the shoreline, wetlands, many town parks, northerly woodlands, and many Branford Land Trust properties. The trail is separated into eight sections that begins and ends at a public road with space for parking. Every home in Branford is within 15-minutes walking time of a trail. The entire Branford trail is best walked in a counter-clockwise direction.

This 3.3 mile section of the Branford Trail features the northern town boundary and enters North Branford for a portion of the trail. This trail follows Notch Hill Brook and the Branford River for part of the way, with a railroad tracks crossing, and through wetland areas that may be muddy during rainy season.

The trail starts adjacent to a Methodist Church. The northern area is predominantly wooded with dense deciduous forest. The trail passes through Evergreen Woods (a retirement care facility) property and then turns east along the slope of the Branford River coming out at Woodwinds. After crossing the river on a road bridge, bear left through a parking lot. Shortly, the trail diverges from the river, crosses North Branford Road (Route 139), passes the Flax Mill soccer field, and travels through Branford Land Trust property to Northford Road.

A special feature adjacent to this hike is the town border marker. This large triangular concrete block shows where the town lines of Branford, North Branford, and Guilford converge. An initial for each; B for Branford, NB for North Branford, and G for Guilford indicates the direction of each town. The marker is located just east of the start of this trail.

### Directions and Parking:

Parking for this portion of the Branford Trail is at the corner of Goldsmith Road (Towner Swamp Road) and East Main Street (Route 1). This area of Branford is best reached via I-95 from exit 56 (Leetes Island Road) to Route 1.

### Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This trail follows public and private roads. When adjacent to private property please respect resident's privacy. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all dog waste.



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# The Branford Trail

## North Boundary

**Branford, CT**

# The Branford Trail: North Boundary



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## Trail Description:

### Easy Hike

The North Boundary Section of the Branford Trail starts in the north east corner of Branford and immediately heads north into North Branford towards the Evergreen Retirement Community and then enters the woods. This sections switches back and forth between wooded hikes and short walks on public roads. Trailheads on the map signify the switch from wooded hikes to section of paved roads.

Total trail distance is approx. 3.3 miles

## Legend

- Parking
- Trailhead
- White (Branford Trail)
- State Property
- Town Property
- Land Trust Property
- Wetlands

