

Delano Sanctuary & Rodell's Roost

Located in the historic center of Bethany, the Edna L. Delano Nature Sanctuary and Rodell's Roost for Robins offer hikers a short but interesting walk in the woods right next to Amity Road (Route 63).

The Delano Sanctuary was given to the Bethany Land Trust in 1996 by Hubert and William Delano. It is named in honor of their mother, Edna Delano, who lived for many years in the Lysias Beecher House to the north side of the property. The Beecher House, built in 1762, is one of the oldest homes in Bethany.

Rodell's Roost was given to the Land Trust in 1999 by Janet Rodell, her stepson Michael Rodell, and his wife Taffy. It borders the western side of the Delano Sanctuary, with trails leading to the Bethany Community School and out to Falls Road. Today, these two adjoining properties provide hikers a fully wooded, natural wonderland right next to Bethany's busiest road. Built by Eagle Scout volunteers, the trails work their way up a small hillside, from which seasonal views are possible.

Looking across Amity Road from the Delano Sanctuary, visitors can see the Clark Memorial Library, the Episcopal Church and the Bethany Historical Society. To the south is the Congregational Church and the historic Carriage Shed,



Photo by Ray Andersen, Bethany Land Trust

Easy Walking and Hiking

Delano Sanctuary and Rodell's Roost offers easy hiking and walking on two properties just under six acres with a few trails crossing both properties.

Directions and Parking:

These trails are both accessible via Amity Road (Route 63). Route 63 is best reached off the Wilbur Cross Parkway (15) - Exit 59. Parking for these two trails is located behind either Clark Memorial Library or, except for Sunday mornings, behind the Bethany Congregational Church.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

This land is for passive recreation use only. No motorized vehicles are permitted. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all dog waste. Horseback riding is permitted only on marked trails. Hunting or trapping on Trust Land is prohibited.



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Total Trails Length: approx. 0.44 miles



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This map illustrates the Delano Sanctuary & Rodell's Roost area. A yellow trail, marked with 'Y' and a yellow line, winds through the landscape. Key features include:

- Trails:** The main trail is yellow. A section to the west is labeled "(0.15 mi)" and connects to "Community School Trails". A section to the north is labeled "(0.11 mi)". A section to the south is labeled "(0.08 mi)".
- Parking:** Two parking areas are marked with blue 'P' icons. One is located near the bottom center, with a callout box stating "Parking behind Bethany Congregational Church". The other is on the right side, with a callout box stating "Use Driveway for Parking behind Clark Memorial Library".
- Trailheads:** Three green icons of a person walking indicate trailheads. One is at the top center, one is at the bottom center, and one is on the right side near the library.
- Landmarks:** "Falls Rd" runs horizontally across the top. "Hilldale Rd" runs diagonally on the right. "State Hwy 63" runs vertically on the right.
- Property:** A large green area represents "Land Trust Property". A yellow area represents "RWA Property".
- Other Features:** Dashed lines indicate "Parking Access". Dotted lines represent "Stone Wall".

Legend

- P Parking
- Trailhead
- Yellow (Delano Sanctuary & Rodell's Roost Trail)
- - - Parking Access
- Stone Wall
- Land Trust Property
- RWA Property

North

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Trail connects to
Community School Trails

Use Driveway for Parking
behind Clark Memorial
Library

Parking behind Bethany
Congregational Church

Legend

-  Parking
-  Trailhead
-  Yellow (Delano Sanctuary & Rodell's Roost Trail)
-  Parking Access
-  Stone Wall
-  Land Trust Property
-  RWA Property

