

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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Directions and Parking:

From the Route 80 circle, take the exit onto Route 80 towards Killingworth. In about a mile, turn north onto Summer Hill Rd. The trailhead and parking area will be on the right.

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

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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

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

