Paul Ode Trail & Fred Wolfe Park

The Paul Ode Trail is named for Paul Ode who, as Chairman of the Conservation Commission, was responsible for organizing the development of this trail behind the High Plains Community Center.

The orange trail starts behind the Rotary Cuzzocreo Memorial Pavillion and drops steeply to the Indian River through a mixed hardwood and hemlock forest. Near the bottom it bears left and returns to the pavilion up the exit to Lambert Road. The white trail continues down to the Indian River, across a small stream and then up under the overhead lines across the power right-of-way. It then continues up through mixed hardwoods to several large sycamore trees which define the portal to the open field south of High Plains, and thence back to the Pavilion. The length of the trail is approximately 2/3 of a mile. A trail guide is available. There is a stone-dust, level walking track 4/10 mile long to the north of the Community Center, around the Country Fair Grounds.

Fred Wolfe Park, named for a man who spent many years in public service in the Town of Orange, is an example of an old farm which was not maintained. For approximately 25 years, it was held by the school district as a possible building site. Soon after acquisition by the Town, four soccer fields were built close to the parking area.

The trail begins at the end of the parking lot straight across the end of a soccer field to the green sign.

The trail is through a mixture of immature growth and mixed hardwoods. The trail heads in a northerly direction and emerges into a field cultivated by a local farmer. A stone spear point was found here soon after the Town purchased the area in 1996. The trail follows along the edge of the field and then turns left to return to the parking lot around the soccer fields.



Soccer Field at Fred Wolfe Park Photo by Emmeline Alaconis, SCRCOG

Trail Description:

Easy Hikes

The Paul Ode is a scenic hike through the forest behind the community center. It runs along the Indian River and has a picnic area. The trail at Fred Wolfe park is a nice hike through the woods around four soccer fields.

Fred Wolfe Park: total trail distance is approx. 0.53 miles Paul Ode Trail: total trail distance is approx. 0.64 miles

Directions and Parking:

The Paul Ode Nature Trail is located at the rear of the High Plains Community Center off Orange Center Road (Route 152). Ample parking is available.

The trail at the Fred Wolfe Park is accessed off Ridge Road to Hollow Road with parking at the end of Hollow Road. Please note that this road is not plowed in the winter months.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Biking is prohibited in both locations. Dogs are permitted on leash. Dog waste stations are located in various locations at the High Plains Community Center. Please bag and pick up all dog waste.



Indian River near Paul Ode Trail

Photo Provided by OCC

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