

DEER POND FARM Nature Preserve



(View from behind nature center)

Come explore our well-marked trail network. Most trails are about 10 feet wide with gravel or grassy base.

- Pollinator garden
- Forest management plots
- Habitat Enhancement projects
- Information Kiosks
- Nest Boxes for several bird species
- Volunteer opportunities

**Thank you for your support of
The CT Audubon Society**
Scan to designate to
Deer Pond Farm.



NATURE PROGRAMS:

Birding Walks
First Friday Hikes
Seasonal Tree & Fern ID
Photography Walks
Nature-themed Webinars
Family Nature Walks

Private Guided walks available
offered year-round
Registration required.
ctaudubon.org/deer-pond-farm

CONSERVATION:

Deer Pond Farm is actively stewarding the land here. Supporting healthy ecosystems includes increasing the diversity and abundance of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers; as well as managing invasive plants.

Share your bird observations on:
eBird.org
155+ species recorded to date.

Scan QR code to
learn more about conservation efforts,
programs, and how to get involved.



DEER POND FARM

A gift from the late
Kathy and Walter Wriston

*Thanks to the extraordinary generosity
and vision of the Wristons, we are
honored and grateful to preserve this land
forever as open space.*



Kathy and Walter at Deer Pond Farm

**The Connecticut Audubon Society
protects Connecticut's birds,
other wildlife, and their
habitats through conservation,
education, and advocacy.**

Founded in 1898, the society has centers across the state, 20 sanctuaries and over 3,400 acres of open space. Our programs, including Science in Nature, educate over 200,000 adults and children each year.



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Established 2017

TRAIL MAP

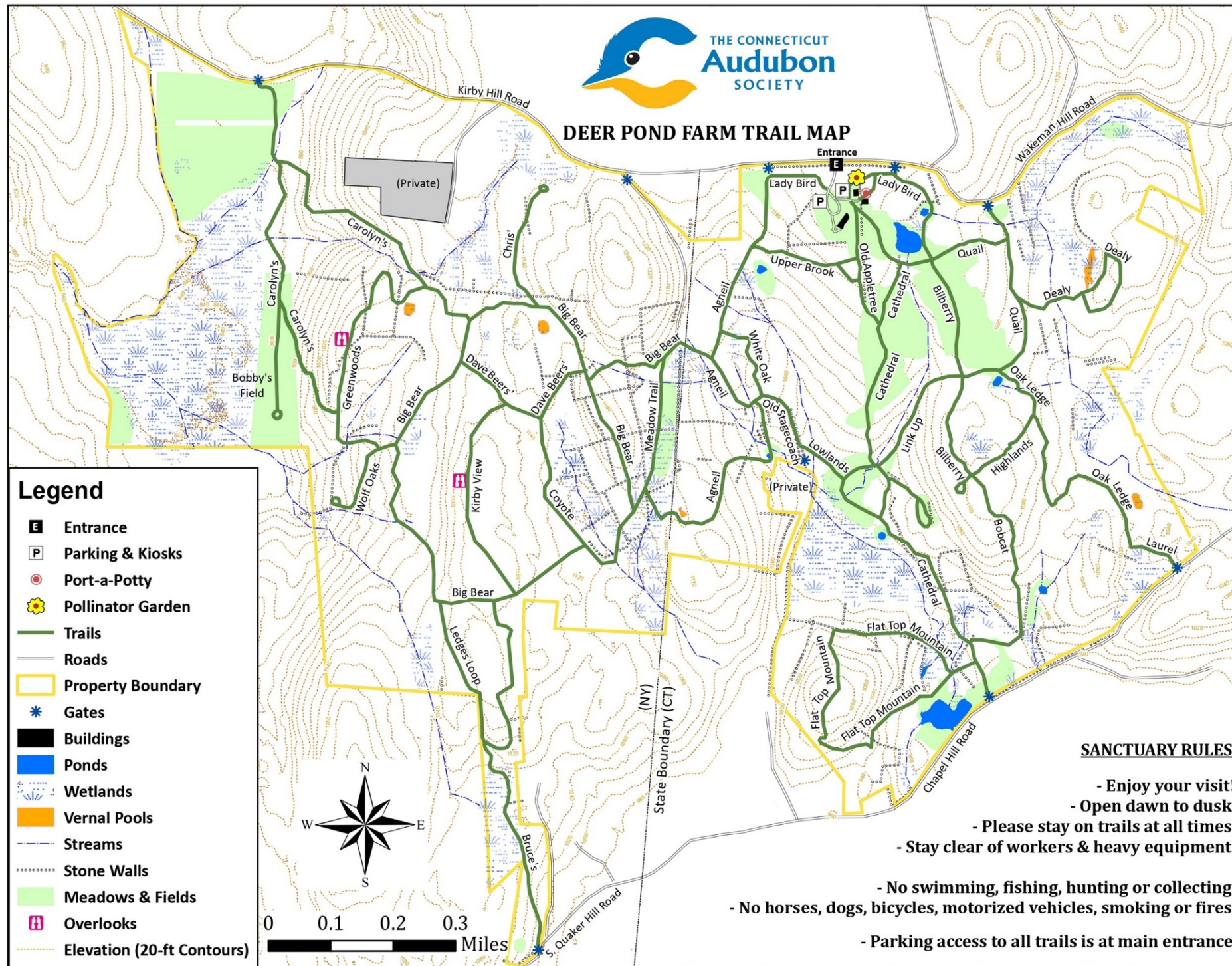
**Over 15 miles of trails
on 850 acres spanning
Sherman, CT & Pawling, NY**

Trails Open Dawn to Dusk

Passive recreation only.
No dogs, horses, fishing, swimming,
camping, fires, hunting or collecting.

**57 Wakeman Hill Road
Sherman, CT 06784
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SUGGESTED HIKES

“You are here” maps are posted at most intersections. Approximate distances listed round trip from the parking area.

Family Friendly Pond Walk

(0.5 miles, easy): Enjoyable year-round trail for all ages. Walk downhill from the back of the nature center to the pond. Keep to your left and follow the trail to a smaller shaded pond. Seasonally you may spot frogs, fish, dragonflies, Purple Martin and other birds. Walk back up the shaded Lady Bird Trail to the Pollinator Garden.

Birdwatching Loop

(1.5 miles, moderately hilly): Explore diverse bird habitats of meadows, wetlands and forest along this scenic route. From the parking area, head downhill behind nature center, to the sunny Bilberry Trail. Turn right onto the wooded Link Up trail, in Spring, listen for thrushes, ovenbirds, and vireos. Go around the Cathedral Trail Loop with interpretive signage and habitat enhancement plantings. Orioles, grossbeaks, buntings, catbirds, and more can be observed seasonally. Follow Lowlands Trail to the historic Old Stagecoach Trail and bear right onto White Oak and right onto Agneil. Follow uphill and take Lady Bird or Upper Brook back to the parking area.

Kirby View Trail

(2.3 miles, slightly hilly): Enjoy unlimited western facing views from our trailside bench. There are several ways to get to this overlook spot. Take your time and explore both the CT and NY side of Deer Pond Farm along the way. You’ll also see some of our forestry projects in this area.

**Limited cell service on all trails.*