



PARKS & Preserves

FEET, HOOVES and PAWS —Winter Animal Tracking for People of All Ages

Learn the age old skill of identifying animal tracks. See what animals have been visiting your property and tell what they were doing. We will also learn a little about how animals walk and how that relates to their track patterns. The program will begin inside the Community Center with activities and will follow with a trek outside to see if we can find any tracks. Dress warmly and wear boots suitable for walking in the snow (if there is any!).

- Instructor:** Sue Harrington, Naturalist
Location: MCC Community Room
Date: Sunday, January 28
Time: Sun., Jan. 28, 1-3 pm
Fee: FREE
Activity #: 311003-A



GET INVOLVED with your Parks and Preserves

Do like to build things? Like to be outside? Parks and Recreation is looking for people of all ages who are independent workers interested in building bridges, wildlife observation decks and more in town-owned parks and preserves. Town staff will work with you on a design, getting the necessary permitting. We also have a small fund available for supplies directly related to the project. If you have a project in mind or would like a suggestion, please contact Jennifer Kaufman, at KaufmanJS@MansfieldCT.org or 860-429-3005 x 6204.

REGISTER EARLY!!

Most programs have limited enrollments. Besides not getting into the program, nothing cancels programs more than waiting until the last minute to register, as classes may have been canceled due to low enrollment. It is recommended that your registration form and fee be received two weeks prior to the start of the program.

You may register in person at the Mansfield Community Center or online at www.tinyurl.com/MansfieldRegistration. Phone registrations are not accepted.

Member Registration will begin for Aquatic & Fitness Programs on Friday, May 19.

Resident Registration for all programs begins on Wednesday, May 24.

Non-Resident Registration for all programs begins Friday, May 26.



UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS



Saturday, December 2 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Stroll through Storrs Center and enjoy specials, treats, & more from participating businesses.

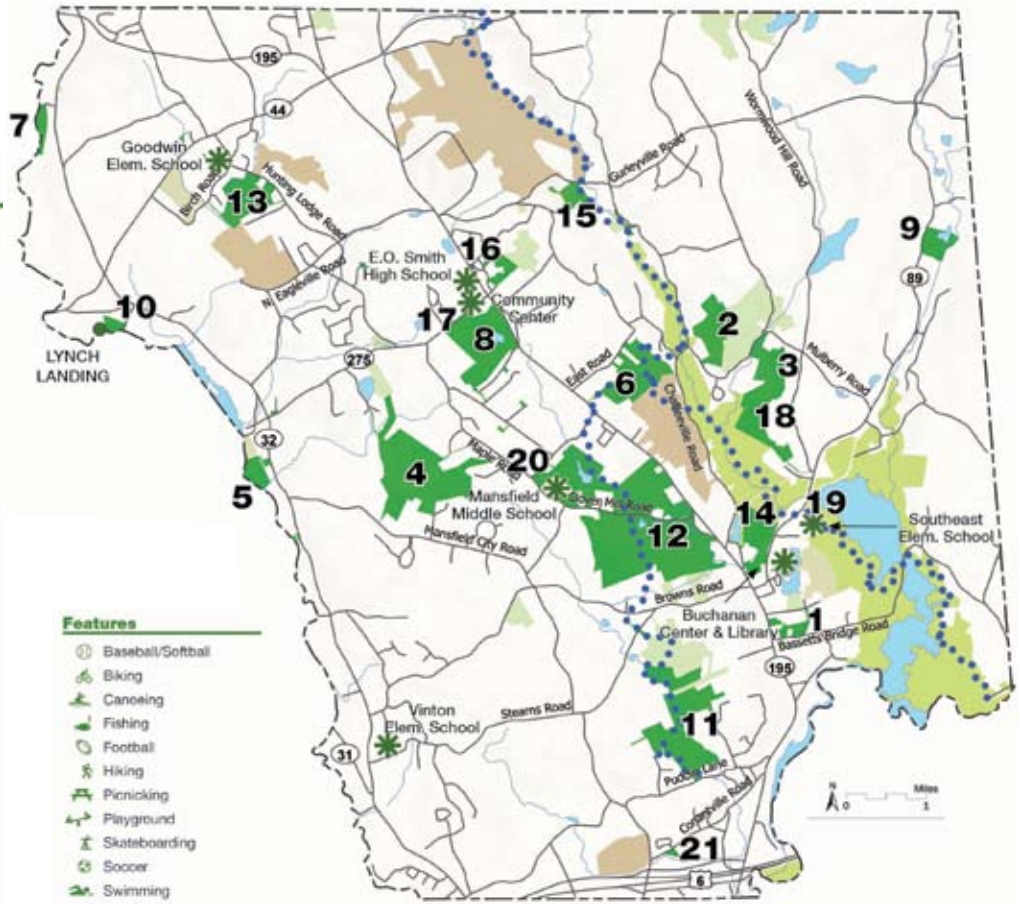


Look for a jolly friend to arrive at Barnes & Noble UConn at 2:00 PM! He will greet friends until 4:00 PM.

More info: mansfieldct.org/mdp

parks & preserves

- 1. Commonfields** 🌳
Access from Bassetts Bridge Road. Features include trails, interpretive information and a bird blind.
- 2. Coney Rock Preserve** 🌳
Access from Chaffeeville Road (Town land) or Woodland Road (Joshua's Trust land). Trails climb through old pastures reverting to forest. Cliff on top offers views of Mansfield Hollow State Park.
- 3. Dorwart Preserve** 🌳
Access from Mulberry Road or from Lions Memorial Park off Route 89. Forested trails with diverse wildlife and woodland plants adjacent to Lions Memorial Park soccer fields and pavilion.
- 4. Dunhamtown Forest** 🌳
Access from White Oak Road. Loop trails and connecting trails to Dunham Pond Road and Max Felix Drive wind through mature forest. Managed as a demonstration forest.
- 5. Eagleville Preserve** 🌳
Access from Route 275 across from the Eagleville Dam through State land. Loop trail along scenic bend of Willimantic River and through old pasture reverting to forest.
- 6. Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve** 🌳
Access from behind Mansfield Historical Society on Route 195. Forested trails lead to cliff views across the Fenton River Valley and Mansfield Hollow State Park. Nipmuck Trail connects to UConn land.
- 7. Merrow Meadow Park** 🌳
Access from Merrow Road. Loop trail through meadows, wetlands and forest. Part of trail paved for handicapped access. Canoe launch along the Willimantic River.
- 8. Moss Sanctuary** 🌳
Access from South Eagleville Road (behind the Mansfield Apartments) or from Birchwood Heights Road. Parking is available at the Mansfield Community Center. Two loop trails through a variety of forest setting and around a pond.
- 9. Mt. Hope Park** 🌳
Access from Route 89. Loop trail through meadows and woodlands leading to a pond and the Mt. Hope River.
- 10. River Park** 🌳
Access from Plains Road. Willimantic River Greenway trail leads to Lynch Landing and Mansfield Depot. Features include a handicapped accessible canoe launch, multi-use recreation field, and interpretive information.
- 11. Sawmill Brook Preserve/Wolf Rock** 🌳
Access from Puddin Lane through the Guarnaccia Tract or from Joshua's Trust's Wolf Rock Preserve on Crane Hill Road. Follow the Nipmuck Trail along Sawmill Brook's wooded valley.
- 12. Schoolhouse Brook Park** 🌳
Access from Clover Mill Road and Mansfield Middle School. Nineteen trails, including part of the Nipmuck Trail, through mature forests. Views of colonial mill sites. Park includes Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area.
- 13. Shelter Falls Park** 🌳
Access from Birch Road. Waterfall and scenic rock formations along Cedar Swamp Brook. Connecting trails to UConn lands and CTDEEP land.
- 14. Southworth Preserve** 🌳
Access from Dodd Road. Wooded trails with views of Chapins Pond and an agricultural field. Connection to Mansfield Hollow State Park.
- 15. Torrey Preserve** 🌳
Access from Gurleyville Road. Start on the Nipmuck Trail and connect to two forested loop trails with glacial features and views of an agricultural field.
- 16. Whetten Woods** 🌳
Access from Storrs Center (from Elsie Marsh Way, follow Sherwood Street to the clubhouse. Two-hour free parking available at the parking garage). Or, access from Hanks Hill Road. Trails wind through forest and wetlands.



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- 🏟️ Baseball/Softball
 - 🚴 Biking
 - 🛶 Canoeing
 - 🎣 Fishing
 - ⚽ Football
 - 🥾 Hiking
 - 🍷 Picnicking
 - 🎡 Playground
 - 🛹 Skateboarding
 - ⚽ Soccer
 - 🏊 Swimming
 - 🎿 X-C Skiing
 - ♿ Handicapped accessible (selected portions - call ahead)

Ownership		Recreation centers
🟩 Town of Mansfield	🟨 State land	🌳 Lynch Landing
🟦 Joshua's Trust	🟪 University land	⋯ Nipmuck Trail (Blue Dot Trail)
🟩 Federal land		

1 Jeffrey P. O'Leary Family Foundation Community Playground and Matt Barbach Memorial BMX/Skate Park



recreation areas

- 17. Community Playground and BMX/Skate Park** 🏟️ 🚴 🎡
S. Eagleville Road at Mansfield Community Center
- 18. Lions Memorial Park** 🏟️ 🚴
Route 89, Wareenville Road
- 19. Southeast Park** 🏟️ 🚴
Route 89, Wareenville Road
- 20. Spring Hill Fields** 🏟️ 🚴
Spring Hill Road
- 21. Sunny Acres Park** 🏟️ 🚴
Meadowbrook Road

scenic trails

- Lynch Landing**
Access from Depot Road to Willimantic River.
- Nipmuck Trail (Blue Dot Trail)**
Regional trail with access at several road crossings.



Access Mansfield's Trail Guides from your SMART PHONE!

Go to www.MansfieldCT.org/Trailguides or scan this QR Code