Lion’s Memorial Park and Dorwart Preserve are adjacent Town properties totaling 125 acres. These link Mansfield Hollow State Park on the south and west to Coney Rock Preserve and Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve on the north. Together these properties protect a large forested area that shelters diverse wildlife and woodland plants. There are trails for walking each of these properties, and it is possible to hike a nine-mile loop through all of them by using connecting trails. Lion’s Memorial Park was purchased by the Town in 2009. The Dorwart Preserve was purchased by the Town in 2010 with the assistance of a CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection grant.

DIRECTIONS

To Lion’s Memorial Park: from Route 195 turn onto Route 89/Warrenville Road in Mansfield Center. Travel one mile, turn left, and follow the signs to the park. Park along the road at the edge of the soccer field.

To the Dorwart Preserve entrance: continue past the entrance of Lion’s Memorial Park on Rt. 89 and take the next left onto Wormwood Hill Road. Travel one mile and take a left onto Mulberry Road. Travel 0.4 miles and park on the left before the bridge.

For more up-to-date trail information or to download maps click on www.mansfieldct.org/trailguides/
Lion’s Memorial Park

There is a 0.5-mile loop trail around the perimeter of the Park. A 1.25-mile trail connects from the soccer fields through the Dorwart Preserve to Mulberry Road.

1. Mansfield Soccer Complex – Built by the Town, this recreational area currently contains 4 full-sized soccer fields, a pavilion, a concession stand with restrooms, and parking areas.

2. Loop Trail – Where the entrance road meets the soccer field area, it turns left and goes along the south side of the fields, then downhill to a turn-around area. Park by the soccer field and walk along this road to the turn-around. From here you can either continue downhill into Mansfield Hollow State Park to explore its trails or follow the white-blazed loop trail as it heads north and curves to the right to start uphill.

3. Ravine - The loop trail follows a small brook then travels uphill to follow a ravine. You will cross a seasonal brook. If you go left you will come to a bridge that will take you into Dorwart Preserve. If you go right you will complete the loop back to the soccer fields.

Dorwart Preserve

There is a one-mile loop trail.

A. Stream Valley – The Preserve entrance on Mulberry Road is by a scenic brook that drops over many cascades. The brook follows the path of the significant regional Eastford Fault, which extends from Mansfield northeast to Woodstock. This fault was active hundreds of million years ago and was associated with the formation of the super continent, Pangaea. The year-round stream flows from the large marsh across Mulberry Road and through the Preserve on its way to the Fenton River. This fault was active hundreds of million years ago and was associated with the formation of the super continent, Pangaea. The year-round stream flows from the large marsh across Mulberry Road and through the Preserve on its way to the Fenton River. The fault was active hundreds of million years ago and was associated with the formation of the super continent, Pangaea. The year-round stream flows from the large marsh across Mulberry Road and through the Preserve on its way to the Fenton River. 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