

# 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.
- 17 Simpson Family Preserve**   
Access from Route 89 and Mt. Hope Park parking lot. Loop trail through mature forest with scenic ledges.
- 18 Hanks Corner Preserve**   
Located on the corner of Hanks Hill Road. No primary access route.
- 19 Community Playground and BMX/Skate Park**   
S. Eagleville Road at Mansfield Community Center
- 20 Lions Memorial Park**   
Route 89, Warrenville Road
- 21 Southeast Park**   
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- 22 Spring Hill Fields**   
Spring Hill Road
- 23 Sunny Acres Park**   
Meadowbrook Road

## Scenic Trails

### Lynch Landing

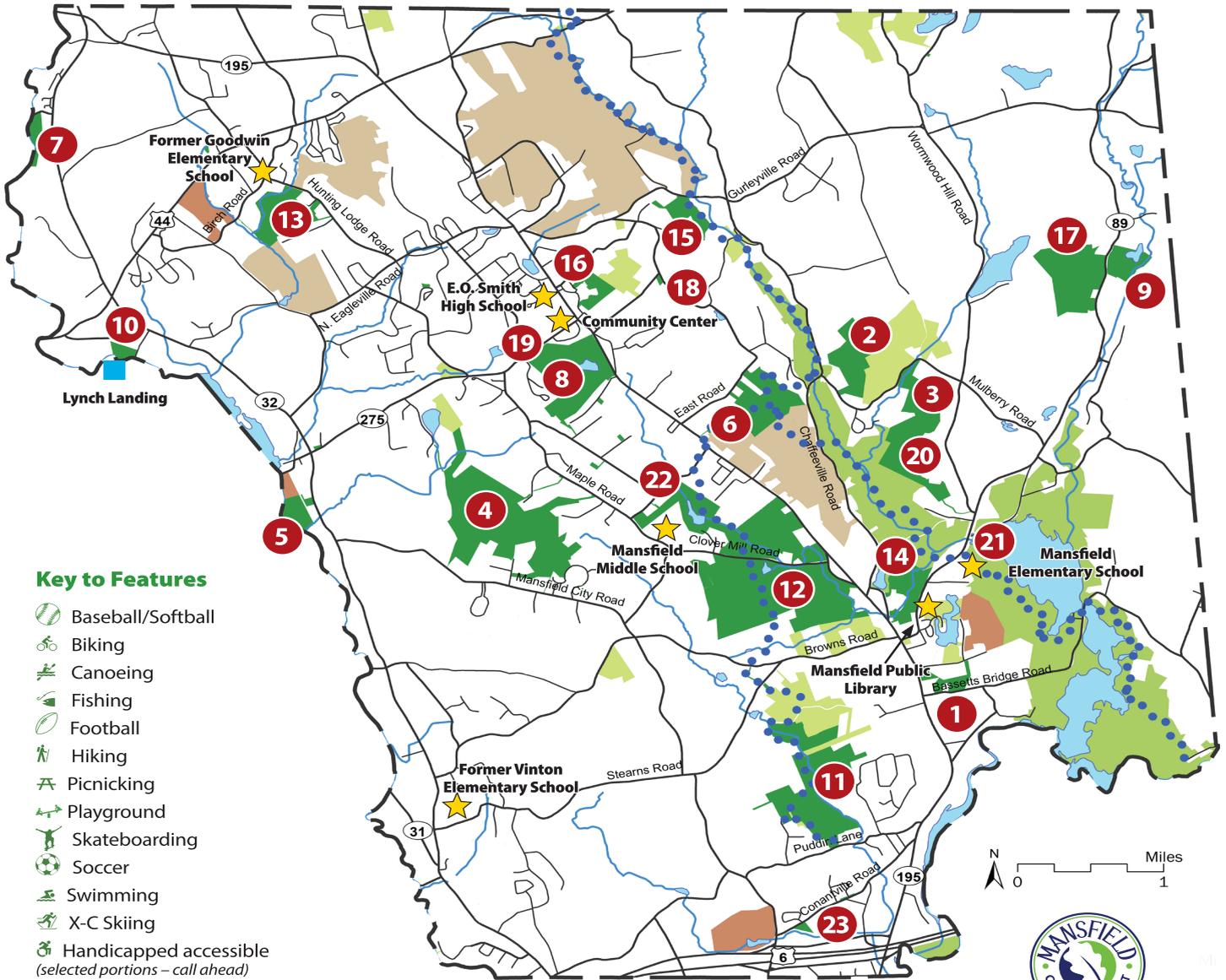
Access from Depot Road to Willimantic River.

### Nipmuck Trail (Blue Dot Trail)

Regional trail with access at several road crossings.

† Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation Community Playground and Matt Barchus Memorial BMX Park

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## Key to Features

- Baseball/Softball
- Biking
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Football
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Playground
- Skateboarding
- Soccer
- Swimming
- X-C Skiing
- Handicapped accessible (selected portions – call ahead)

## Property Ownership & Recreation Areas

- Town of Mansfield
- Joshua's Trust
- Federal Land
- State Land
- University Land
- Recreation Land
- Lynch Landing
- Nipmuck Trail (Blue Dot Trail)



Download trail guides at [www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides)



With over 850 acres of preserved land in Mansfield, Joshua's Trust offers great places to explore.

Learn more at [www.JoshuasTrust.org](http://www.JoshuasTrust.org)

## GET INVOLVED

with your parks and preserves

Do you 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 and 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](mailto:KaufmanJS@MansfieldCT.org) or 860-429-3335.

# Outdoor Recreation



## Guided Hikes

### Birch Mountain Garnet

Did you know CT is the garnet state? Come for a short but scenic hike on Birch Mountain right on the Bolton/ Glastonbury line. You can not only check out the lovely views from and learn about the geology of the mountainside, we will also show you where to find loose raspberry garnets!

**Walk Leader:** Mara Upenieks  
**Location:** Birch Mountain  
**Date:** Sat., May 9  
**Time:** 12-2 p.m.  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Activity #:** 411013-A

### Wild Plants at Bicentennial Pond

Would you like to know more about the various plants we see every day in the woods and fields of CT? Come for a short but informative hike around Bicentennial Pond. As we stroll along the beautiful trail around the water, we will stop and discuss various native plants and their nutritional/ healing properties as we go!

**Walk Leader:** Mara Upenieks  
**Location:** Bicentennial Pond  
Heading south from UConn on Rt. 195, turn right on Clover Mill Rd. Look for entrance to Bicentennial Pond, 1 mile up on the right.  
**Date:** Sat., June 6  
**Time:** 12-1 p.m.  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Activity #:** 411014-A



**Connecticut Trails Day is June 6-7, 2026!** Join CFPA and trail enthusiasts around CT to celebrate

the largest Trails Day event in the country. Visit [ctwoodlands.org](http://ctwoodlands.org) to learn about hundreds of guided hikes, bike rides, paddles & more! Learn more at [www.CTwoodlands.org](http://www.CTwoodlands.org)

## Painting in the Parks

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### Plein Air Painting in the Parks

Looking for additional opportunities to paint with your peers, and get outdoors? Come enjoy some scenery and experience the many beautiful parks Mansfield is fortunate to have. Participated before? How have the views changed? View the location schedule below; meeting time is 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Bring your own supplies, easels, chairs/stools, and paint (or draw, or sketch, whatever your fancy!). No instruction or supervision provided. Inclement weather cancels. All skill levels welcome. Please visit [mansfieldct.gov/parksandpreserves](http://mansfieldct.gov/parksandpreserves) for directions and parking information.

**April 18** – Whetten Woods  
**May 16** – Eagleville Preserve  
**June 13** – Hanks Corner Preserve

## Community Gardens

### Mansfield Community Gardens

Enjoy fresh air and fresh produce through gardening. 20' x 30' plots, located on Route 195 north of Mansfield Supply. Planting begins mid to late May. Returning gardeners will be notified by mail about pre-registration and will receive first priority. A few over-winter plots may be available. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter about the location of your garden plot and the recommended gardening practices. Gardeners are required to remove all large weeds, rocks, weed barrier from their plot by the end of the season.

**Location:** Rt. 195, North of Mansfield Supply  
**Fee:** \$35/plot for residents, \$45/plot for non-residents  
**Activity#:** 411004-A (Seasonal)  
411004-B (Overwinter)



### Nature Noah's Navigators: (Ages 6-12)

Missing Camp Mansfield? Join "Nature Noah's Navigators" for a six-week outdoor adventure led by Nature Noah, an elementary art teacher and our Camp Mansfield Director! Kids aged 6-12 will explore local parks, learning nature skills like animal tracking, plant and rock ID, and crayfishing at beautiful Bicentennial Pond. Each 1.5-hour class inspires discovery and fun!

**Location:** Bicentennial Pond  
**Date:** Tues. April 21-May 26  
**Time:** 5-6:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$11 per class for residents, \$21 per class for non-residents  
**Activity #:** Week 1- Intro to Nature & Trail Hiking (420095-A)  
Week 2- Animal Tracking (420095-B)  
Week 3- Crayfishing Adventure (420095-C)  
Week 4- Plant Identification (420095-D)  
Week 5- Rock Identification (420095-E)  
Week 6- Nature Navigation & Celebration (420095-F)