

Membership

Our organization can't grow without you and your support. Membership dues are an important tool to generate funds for Northwest Park, and funds for sponsoring events while simultaneously providing benefits to our members who care so much about this great resource!

Your membership is a statement of your support. **Friends** who are looking to become active committee members or Board Trustees, we invite participation at all levels.

In addition to the satisfaction of supporting an outstanding Park and Nature Center, membership dues entitle you to the following benefits:

- **Subscription to *Northwest Passage***, our quarterly newsletter produced by the *Friends* & Park staff, and includes current program information, educational articles, and news about staff, volunteers, special events and park activities.
- **Invitations** to complimentary "Members Only" programs and social events at Northwest Park.
- **Discounts** on gift shop items and **Free admission** on select *Friends*' sponsored events.

Volunteer

We count on our supportive **members & volunteers** to help us achieve our mission!

Committees, all in need of people like you include: finance, membership, newsletter, program & publicity, special events, and the Pancake Breakfast. Volunteers for all committees and events are always welcome.

The **Board of Trustees** meets regularly, and the **Friends of Northwest Park members** meet annually in June.



Public Programs & What to Do at the Park



Enjoy educational and recreational offerings for persons of all ages and abilities.

- **Workshops • Guided Hikes • Field Trips**
Nature Day Camps • Monthly Homeschool Series
Organic Gardening Programs • Butterfly Garden
- **Hike** on 12 miles of trails or take the Trail Hike Challenge!
- Visit the **Nature Center** to explore exhibits and gift shop.
- View our **Animal Barn** to meet Heritage farm animals.
- Learn about the **Farming History** of this land at the CT Valley Tobacco Museum.
- **Wildlife Sightings** to add to your list of birds, bees, butterflies, wildflowers, fungi, and more.
- Follow **Accessible Pathways** through the Sensory Garden and Braille Trail.

Friends' Sponsored Events

The beloved **Annual Pancake Breakfast** is in celebration of community, nature, and the sweet rewards of the maple sugaring season. Held each year at the park's Warming Shed, this event brings together families, friends, and nature enthusiasts for a hearty breakfast with fresh maple syrup made from the park's own sugar maples.

The *Friends* also host the **Coffeehouse Concert Series**. 2026 celebrates our 29th year of producing this concert series, and we're thrilled to present an outstanding lineup. All concert proceeds are used by the Friends of Northwest Park to benefit the educational programs held at the park.

A contribution to the *Friends* supports the many programs and makes a great gift!



Friends of Northwest Park

A membership organization in support of the Park's Mission.



Friends of Northwest Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 773, Windsor, CT 06095

Membership • Volunteer • Donate

Mission



Friends of Northwest Park is a volunteer, non-profit corporation formed in 1981 to play a leading role in the development of the nature center, and has expanded to include support for Northwest Park as a whole.

Our Mission is to provide a better understanding of and appreciation for, nature and the environment for the benefit of people of all ages and abilities. To provide nature based educational, cultural, and passive recreational opportunities within safe, maintained facilities and open space. To provide for the health and preservation of wildlife and the environment within the 473 acres. To provide all this within an organic, sustainable framework.

Our Efforts The *Friends'* fundraising efforts have received broad based community support from individuals, civic groups, foundations, businesses and corporations. In partnership with the Town of Windsor, the *Friends* support both Park and Nature Center programs, operations, and development – raising over \$1,000,000 since its incorporation in 1981.

Directions



From 1-91 north, take Exit 38.
From 1-91 south, take Exit 38A.
Turn right off exit onto Poquonock Avenue.
Follow 1 ½ mile, turn left onto Prospect Hill Road.
At the second rotary, turn right onto Lang Road.
At end, turn left into NWP Parking lot.

NORTHWest PARK Windsor Connecticut

Northwest Park (NWP) is a 473-acre Park and Nature Preserve owned and maintained by The Town of Windsor, CT.

The Park features a modern nature center with exhibits, environmental education programming, a gift shop, animal barn, picnic facilities, a maple sugar house, playground, cross-country ski rental facility, self-guided nature trails including a Braille trail, community gardens, and the Luddy/Taylor Connecticut Valley Tobacco Museum.

The Nature Center offers programs for all ages throughout the year, including nature walks, animal demonstrations, summer nature camp, and much, much more!



Admission is FREE to the Nature Center and the Park!

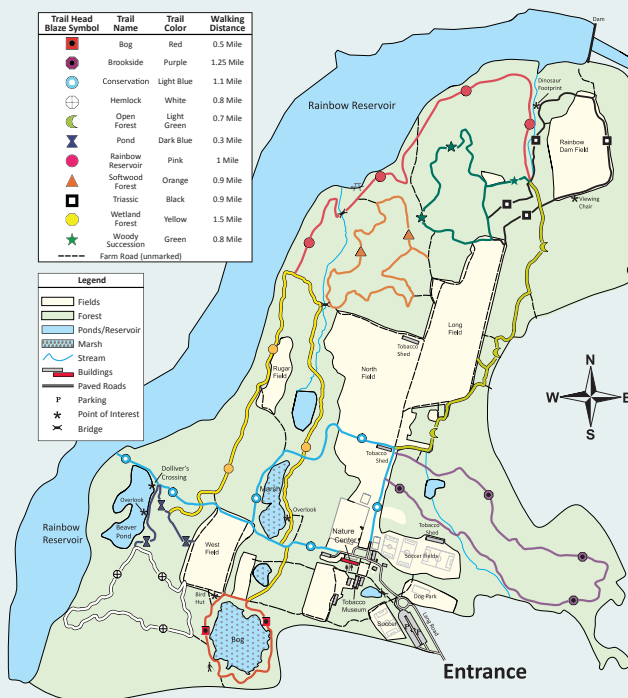
For more information about the park:

Call 860-285-1886

Email northwestpark@townofwindsorct.com

Trail Head Blaze Symbol	Trail Name	Trail Color	Walking Distance
	Log	Red	0.5 Mile
	Brookside	Purple	1.25 Mile
	Conservation	Light Blue	1.3 Mile
	Hemlock	White	0.8 Mile
	Open Forest	Light Green	0.7 Mile
	Pond	Dark Blue	0.3 Mile
	Rainbow Reservoir	Pink	1 Mile
	Softwood Forest	Orange	0.9 Mile
	Triassic	Black	0.9 Mile
	Wetland Forest	Yellow	1.5 Mile
	Woody Succulent Farm Road (unmarked)	Green	0.8 Mile

Legend	
	Fields
	Forest
	Ponds/Reservoir
	Marsh
	Stream
	Buildings
	Paved Roads
	Parking
	Point of Interest
	Bridge



Join the Friends



Contact Information:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please select the type of Annual Membership you request, or other donation amount:

Individual \$25 ☐

Family \$40 ☐

Patron \$100 ☐

Lifetime \$500 ☐

☐ Other Donation \$ _____

Interested in helping? We always need volunteers! Please let us know your areas of interest:

- ☐ Clean Up Days
- ☐ Coffeehouse Concerts
- ☐ Events / Programs
- ☐ Membership / CRM
- ☐ Marketing
- ☐ Committee / Board member



Please make your check payable to the Friends of Northwest Park, Inc. We are a 501 (c)(3) organization, and contributions are tax-deductible.

Mail your check with this form to:

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Questions: please email membership@northwestpark.org



You can also Join the Friends on-line at: www.northwestpark.org