

| | Big Gulph Northford | Genesee Madison Guilford | Lake Bethany Bethany | Lake Chamberlain Bethany Woodbridge | Lake Hammonasset Madison Killingworth | Lake Saltonstall East Haven Branford | Maltby Lakes New Haven West Haven Orange | Pine Hill Seymour Woodbridge | Sugarloaf Guilford |
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| Hiking | | | | | | | | | |
| Cross-Country Skiing | | | | | | | | | |
| Jogging | | | | | | | | | |
| Stream Fishing | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Fishing | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheelchair Access | | | | | | | | | |
| Interpretive Trail | | | | | | | | | |
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| Boat Fishing | | | | | | | | | |



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Tap Into Nature



EVENTS

Trails Day Hike – Big Gulph

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am

A vigorous 5.5-mile hike over steep terrain. The hike crosses some wet spots, so have appropriate footwear. The loop will include steep areas going up Totoket Mt. Meet at the Northford Playground parking lot on Rt. 17.



Bass Tournament #1 at Lake Saltonstall

Sunday, June 4, 6:00 am – 1:00 pm

Register and pay at Lake Saltonstall on the day of the tournament. There is a \$25 entry fee (boat and motor/battery are additional). First, second and third prizes will be awarded. Monetary prizes will depend on the number of participants. Boat rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis. CASH only; no checks or credit cards.



Upland and Lowland Shrub/Tree Identification at Lake Saltonstall

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

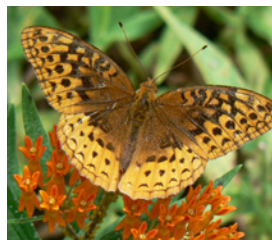
Join Nicole Smith, the RWA's natural resources analyst and arborist, on a walk at Lake Saltonstall to identify our area's local trees and shrubs by their proximity to water. Learn to identify which woody plant species will most likely grow in moist and dry areas. Be prepared to walk off-trail and up some moderate hills, so have suitable footwear. Inclement weather cancels; check the RWA's Facebook page for updates. Meet at the fish dock parking lot, 100 Hosley Avenue, Branford.



CT Butterfly Association – Butterfly Walk – Lake Gaillard, North Branford

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

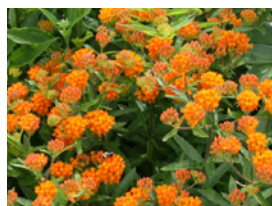
Join members of the Connecticut Butterfly Association for a mid-summer walk to look for butterflies on Regional Water Authority property in North Branford. This area usually has good numbers of Great Spangled Fritillaries and hosts common milkweed and butterfly weed. Starting at the dam, the walk will follow the shoreline and include a Christmas tree plantation. Meet at the North St. gate (105 North St., North Branford).



Botany Walk at Mt. Sanford, Bethany

Sunday, July 2, 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Join members of the Connecticut Botanical Society as they search for plants in the woods by Mt. Sanford



and Sanford Brook in Bethany. The hike crosses some rough and wet spots, so have appropriate footwear. Meet at the gate on the southern side of Rt. 42, about 1/2 mile east of the intersection with Rt. 69.

Bass Tournament #2 at Lake Saltonstall

Sunday, July 9, 6:00 am – 1:00 pm

Register and pay at Lake Saltonstall on the day of the tournament. There is a \$25 entry fee (boat and motor/battery are additional). First, second and third prizes will be awarded. Monetary prizes will depend on the number of participants. Boat rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis. CASH only; no checks or credit cards.



Eagle Update

Brian Hess, the DEEP wildlife biologist who handles eagle data, was sent photos of an eagle with federal and colored bands from Wethersfield. J. Boulet, the photographer, sent in information about the bands to see if he could get additional data about this individual. As it turns out, this bird was one of two males banded as nestlings at Lake Gaillard on May 20, 2008!



In February 2008, John Triana (RWA) saw what he thought was an eagle's nest in a tree on the island of Lake Gaillard. He asked Scott Williams of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to have a look when he drove through the area. They both saw an adult hunkered down in the nest, which meant it was sitting on eggs. John contacted DEEP staff, who monitored the eagle's nest.

At the time, there were only a handful of nests in the state. We arranged for the DEEP crew to come to Lake Gaillard and band the nestlings. They found two male nestlings, brought down from the nest, and banded them. The nestling in the bag is the adult, which was spotted in Wethersfield this winter.

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