

Directions and Parking:

On-street parking is available at the trail heads located on Beecher Road, Marion Drive, Loise Drive, Pease Road.

Permitted Activities:

Passive recreation and hiking. Please do not wonder onto private property this trail has tight boundary restrictions. Pets must be leashed. Please bag and remove any dog waste.

For more information about this location, contact:

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RACE BROOK ESTATES BLUE TRAIL SYSTEM

Woodbridge, CT

The Race Brook Estates Blue Trail System enters from Beecher Road across from the Fitzgerald Track and to the south of Woodside Drive. The area, at one time, was part of the Bussman Estates enjoyed by hikers and wild life. The Bussman heirs sold the acreage and now many Toll Brothers homes dot this land. When walking this trail please be respectful of the many abutting homes this trail system.

The trail is the result of the open space set-aside by regulations enacted by the Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission to help protect wetlands, trails, open space, habitat and the environment. From this work done by the Town and the Conservation Commission, an area along Race Brook is permanently protected by a conservation restriction, permanent

markers, and noted on actual deeds to make abutting owners more aware of the protected open space boundaries. This action by the town was the first of its kind. The Race Brook Conservation Area, including the Race Brook, is an integral part of this track of land.

This trail is an important link from the Center of Town and the Fitzgerald Tract to the Historic Indian Trail - Park Lane Area. Although it is unclear thru existing records what path the Naugatuck Trail took after it passed thru Alice Newton Street Memorial Park, the present path keeps the Naugatuck Trail from being broken up or lost thru development. The Woodbridge Land Trust maintains the trail with volunteer help and hopefully this trail will be used and enjoyed for another couple of centuries.

From the trailhead at Pease Road, the hiker will walk south on Pease Road until coming to the CL&P gravel road.

Enter the gravel under the power lines and follow the gravel road to the Blue Naugatuck Trail. Here one can proceed north to Shady Lane and the Jewish Community Center or south to connect with the Old Derby Trail. This area which includes many historic trails, foundations, erratics and scenic views of West Rock, East Rock and Long Island Sound. Its southern terminus is at Long Hill, now known as Fountain Street.

