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Parks & Recreation Department, 7 Mountain Road

203-263-3113 www.woodburyparks.org

Woodbury Public Library, 269 Main Street South

203-263-3502 www.biblio.org/woodbury

Conservation Commission meets the 4th Thursday at 8 AM in the Land Use offices. Dick Leavenworth, Chair. Contact: Land Use office at 203-263-3467

Parks and Recreation Commission meets 4th Wednesday at 7 PM, P&R Building, 7 Mountain Road. Vincent Tomkalski, Chair. Contact P&R at 203-263-3113

Historic District Commission meets 1st Monday at 7:30 PM, Shove Building, William Drakeley, Jr., Chair. Contact Selectman's office at 203-263-2141

Old Woodbury Historic Society and The Glebe House, Hollow Road

203-263-2855 www.theglebehouse.org

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, 5 Church Hill Road

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Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition, P.O.Box 141, Southbury 06488

203-267-1700 www.pomperaug.org

Volunteers are always needed! Commissions and organizations are always open to creative ideas for conserving Woodbury's history and environment.

If you can maintain a trail, monitor a river or stream, do property research, help with historic building maintenance, inspect open space properties, apply for grants, help at an event, stuff envelopes ... contact the appropriate commission or organization and thanks.

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Walk Woodbury



Nonnewaug Falls

Woodbury, Connecticut 06798



Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust

VAN VLECK FARM SANCTUARY

WELCOME to the guide to Walking in Woodbury. In this brochure you'll find an overall map showing the location of recommended sites as well as more detailed maps of each area. The locations are either Town or Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust properties. All are open to the public.

Our town offers unique opportunities for walkers and hikers. Main Street (US Rt. 6) sidewalks line the Historic Districts where many buildings, both public and private, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Here you will also find the opportunity for a meal at a local eatery or visits to local antiques dealers or gift shops.

Side streets link to three Town parks where walkers and hikers can enjoy the serenity of the Pomperaug River or climb Orenaug Park's forested trail for views from the observation tower or along the Park's 100 ft. cliffs.

Ample parking is available at the Town government complex off Main Street, opposite Rt. 317. Walking combinations are endless and can be tailored to any mood, ability, interest or block of time.

Ready for more adventure? Explore Nonnewaug Falls, the Flanders Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary or the Whittemore Sanctuary. Each of these is a destination with its own history and unique vistas.

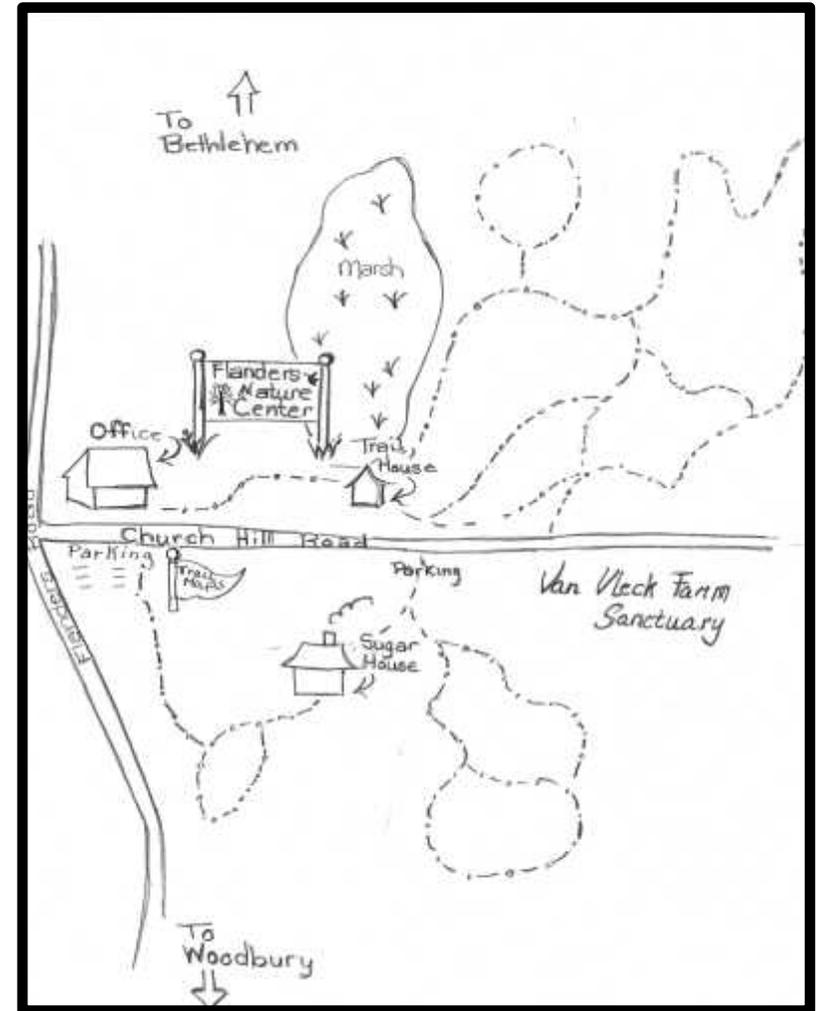
We extend a warm welcome to enjoy Woodbury's history and natural resources. The maps in this brochure will guide you.

Bill Butterly	Arthur Milnor
First Selectman	Executive Director
Town of Woodbury, Connecticut	Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust

Please Note: Parks are open dawn to dusk. Dog companions must be leashed. Maps are not to scale.

Thanks to Woodbury's Conservation Commission, its Open Space and Nonnewaug Falls committees, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Historic District Commission and the Land Use office for help in preparing this brochure.

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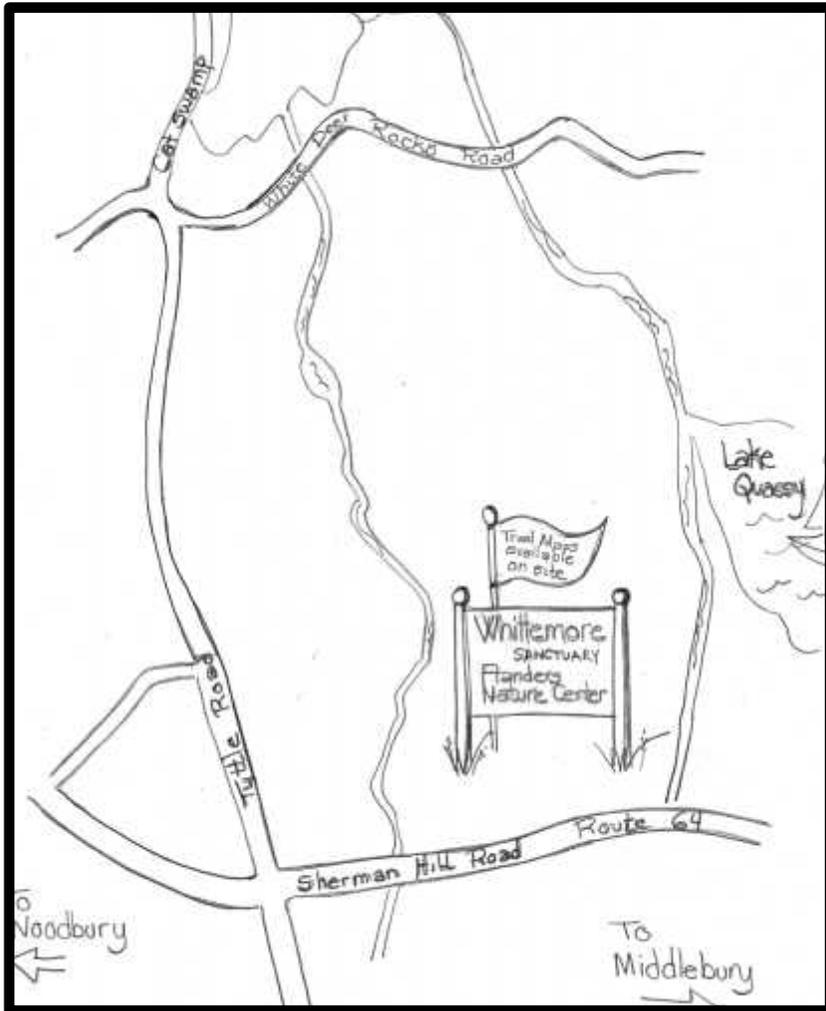


Trail Information: 7 color-coded trails, distance/difficulty vary. Maps at kiosk on site.

Among the resources that Flanders manages is the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, an evocative landscape that includes many architecturally significant buildings, including an 18th century farmhouse and barns, a historic post-and-beam studio, and a new post-and-beam sugar house. Dry-laid stone walls are among the features defining this pastoral landscape. Located at the corner of Flanders and Church Hill Roads, this Sanctuary is the main teaching campus of the Nature Center and includes many hiking trails through forestland, fields, meadows, ponds, streams, and an award winning Botany Trail.

Flanders Nature Center and Land Trust

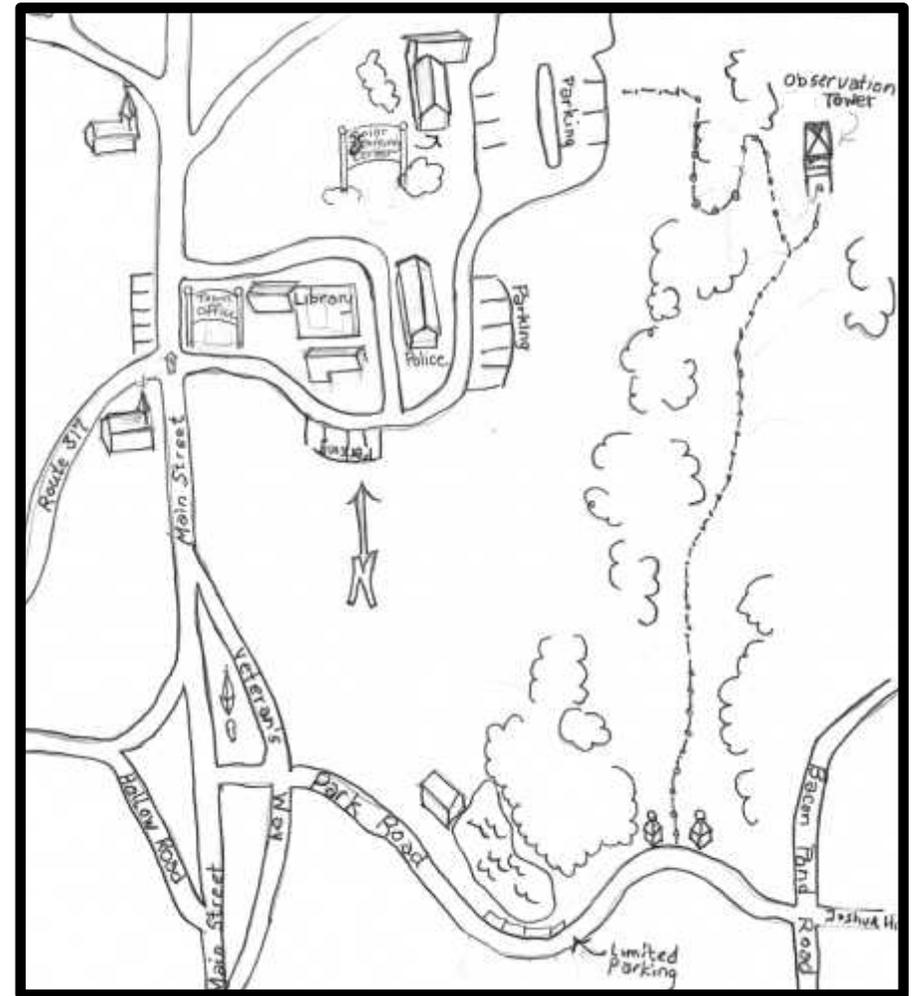
WHITTEMORE SANCTUARY



Trail I Information: 6 color-coded trails, distance/difficulty vary. Maps at kiosk on site.

In 1999, Flanders acquired the spectacular Whittemore Sanctuary, a 686 acre tract of land located off Rt. 64 in Woodbury. For the last 40 years, the Nature Center has managed the property, using it to support its regional recreational, educational and conservation goals. The land is a community treasure made up of a large block of contiguous, unfragmented forest land with important ecological considerations. It features a bog, a fabulous grove of white pine, and one of the few stands of regenerated 20 year old oak trees in the state. Hike around the miles of managed trails to enjoy these features.

Oreanaug Park

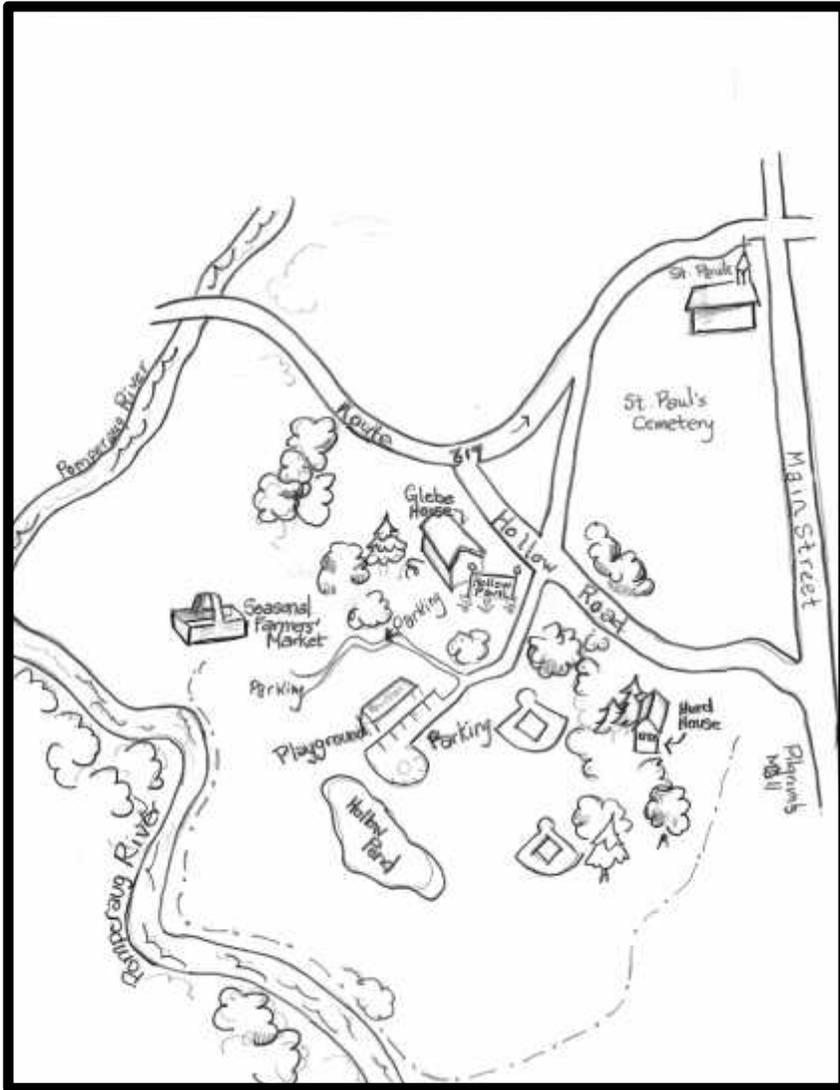


Trail I Information: Rating: Hills, Moderate

Distance: .5 miles from Park Rd. trailhead to tower; .4 miles from Senior Center to tower.

At the Park Rd. trailhead are two stone pillars constructed from stones collected from each of the 48 states with later additions for Alaska and Hawaii. Ascend the Observation Tower's open grid stairway, protected by sturdy wire mesh, to the enclosed deck for 360 degree views (70 steps). The Park is located on a basalt (trap rock) ridge overlooking the Pomperaug River Valley, a miniature rift valley, similar to Connecticut's Central Valley, both formed during the Mesozoic Era when the super continent Panagea pulled apart. Mining of nearby basalt ridges and glacial deposits is an important local industry.

The Hollow

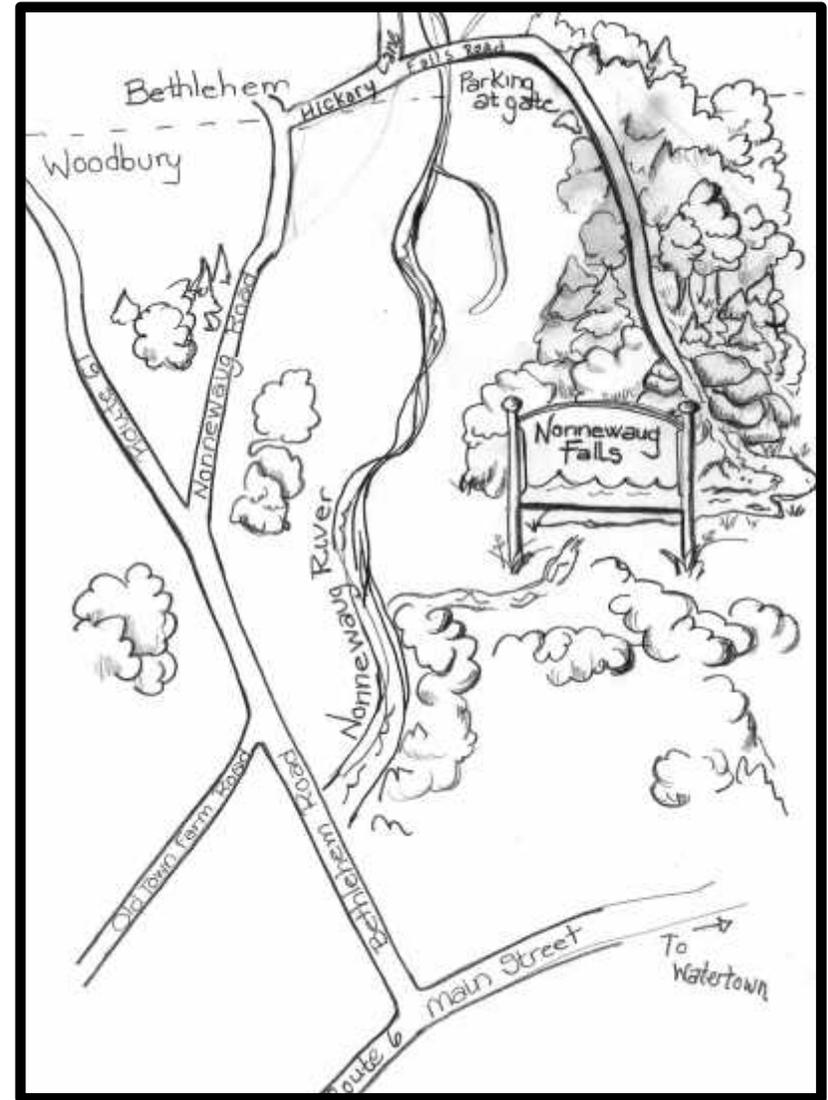


Trail Information: Rating: Flat, Easy

Distance: 1.0 mile loop from park entrance to river trail and back.

Along the Park's southwest edge, this easy, flat trail follows the winding Pomperaug River and its bordering wetlands. In the spring listen for spring peepers and wood frogs breeding in vernal pools. Look for trout lilies, spring beauties and other flood plain wildflowers. On the far side of the river Castle Rock rises steeply. The Town's multi-purpose park, The Hollow includes sports fields, a volleyball court, a covered picnic pavilion, a playground, swimming pond and a seasonal farmers' market. Cross country ski or snow shoe in the winter. Contact Parks and Recreation for information.

Nonnewaug Falls

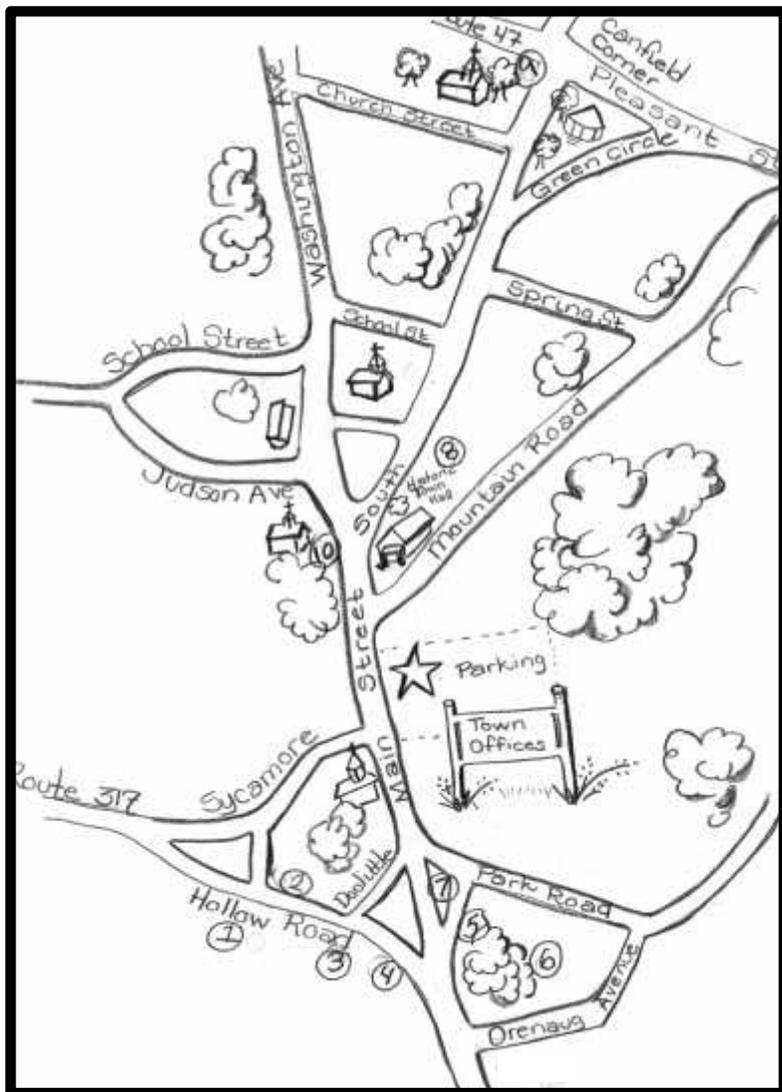


Trail Information: Rating: Hills, Moderate

Distance: 0.4 miles from parking area to the falls

The Nonnewaug Falls Preserve can be found in the northeast corner of Woodbury. From the parking by the gate continue to the end of Falls Rd, the waterfalls are located at the end of a path into the hemlocks, south of two ancient oak trees of great size. Nestled in a hemlock grove, Nonnewaug Falls has long been known as a place of great beauty. For some 350 years, its name recalls the Sachem Nonnewaug. The late Harold Leever donated the property to the town so that all could enjoy the beauty and solace of this natural treasure.

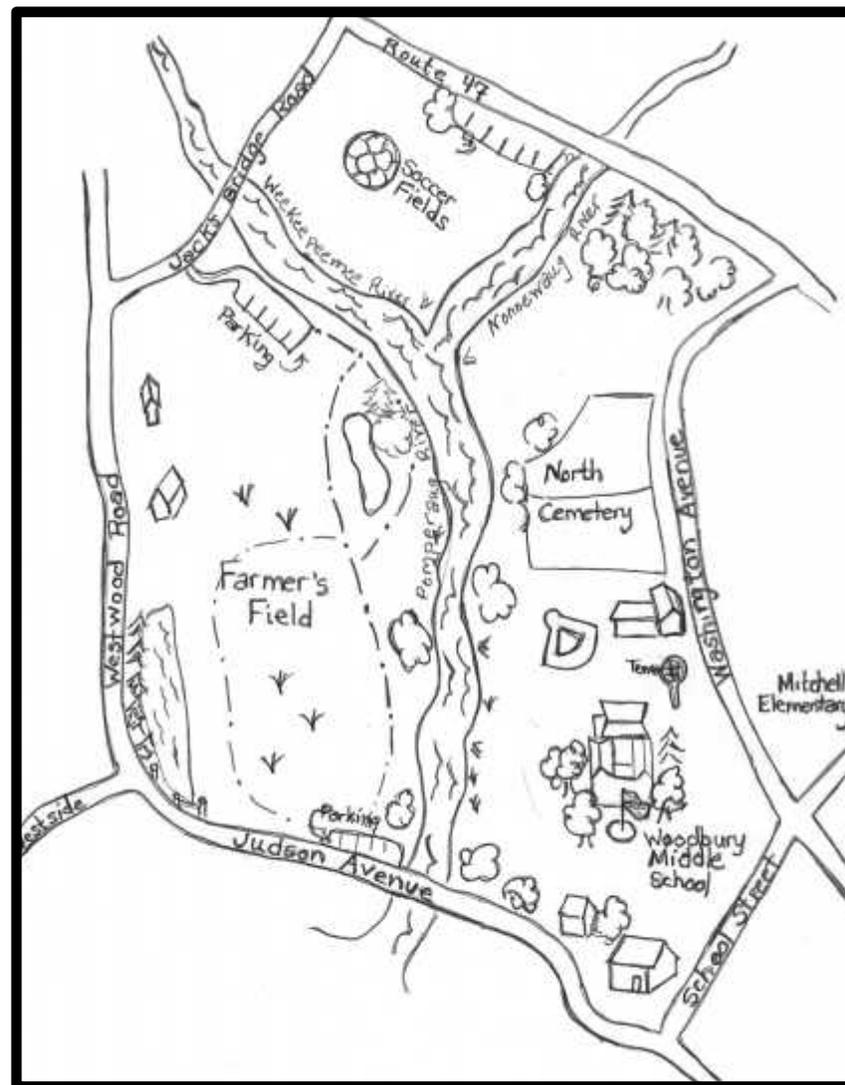
Historic District Sidewalks



Distance: Main Street sidewalks—2.5 miles one way

The following places of historic interest are shown on the map: 1) The Glebe House, 2) Jabez Bacon house 3) Hurd House 4) Flower shop that was a blacksmith shop 5) One Room Schoolhouse, 6) Masonic Temple, 7) Civil War Monument on Cannon Green, 8) Old Town Hall, 9) Archives Building (formerly town clerk's office), 10) First Congregational Church with the original town clock in the steeple. More information is available at the Woodbury Library or the Glebe House.

Three Rivers Park



Trail Information: Rating: Flat, Easy

Distance: 1.4 miles from Jack's Bridge Road parking to Judson Avenue and back.

The Town's newest park is a corridor between a farm field and the confluence of two rivers, the Weekeepemee and the Nonnewaug, to form the Pomperaug River. The Pomperaug River watershed and its underground aquifers are the drinking water source for residents of Bethlehem, Woodbury, Southbury and portions of adjoining towns. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maintains a weather station and gage on Jack's Bridge that monitors flow rate and water level of the Weekeepemee. Link to real-time gage data for this and 2 other gages in the watershed at the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition's website www.pomperaug.org.

