



Colchester Land Trust

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The Colchester Land Trust is hosting the following upcoming events. We hope to see you there! Please visit ColchesterLandTrust.org for all details on upcoming 2025 events.

The Colchester Land Trust is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that works to permanently protect open space in Colchester. Protecting land takes time and funding. Please go to colchesterlandtrust.org to support our mission by becoming a member.

Outdoor Classroom Grand Opening!

Time & Location

Oct 26, 2025, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Bulkeley Hill Preserve, 247 Bulkeley Hill Rd, Colchester, CT 06415, USA

About the event

FREE event for all! All ages! Dog friendly!

Please join the board and friends of Colchester Land Trust as we officially open the Outdoor Classroom at Bulkeley Hill Preserve!

Starting at 1:00 PM on October 26, 2025 there will be light bites and treats, an outdoor classroom tour, and guest speakers.

Come for goodies & surprises and learn about how the Outdoor Classroom will benefit Colchester and the surrounding communities in education, conservation efforts, and local organizations.

To Know

- Rain date TBD
- Not stroller friendly
- Trails are not groomed and have rocks and roots and wet areas.
- Advanced registration strongly suggested.

- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and terrain.
- Bug and tick protection strongly suggested.
- Dogs welcome on leash, bring waste bags to dispose of off property, thank you.

Directions: From Rt 16/Middletown Road in Colchester, turn on Bulkeley Hill Road follow approx. 2 miles to Bulkeley Hill Preserve. The wood sign post and the entrance to the gravel parking lot will be on your right. For GPS use the mailbox across the street from the lot: 243 Bulkeley Hill Road, Colchester.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt!

Get ready for a spook-tacular adventure in the woods this Halloween!

Hosted by the Colchester Land Trust Youth Committee!

Registration strongly encouraged

Join us for a fun, family-friendly hike through the trails of Colchester, where we'll lead you on a Halloween-themed scavenger hunt. As you wander through the woods, you'll visit different stations where you'll collect candy, stamps, and surprises at each spooky stop!

Costumes are encouraged, so come dressed as your favorite ghouls, goblins, or characters for an extra treat! Parents must stay with their kids throughout the hike to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

It's a perfect way to celebrate Halloween outdoors, enjoy the crisp autumn air, and make some sweet memories (and candy!) along the way!

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Questions? Contact Megan Trujillo

meganl.trujillo@gmail.com

518-526-6882 text or call

CLT Members free / Non-members \$5 / All kids under 18 years old are free.

To Know

- The fee for this hike is free to Members of the CLT, \$5.00 per Non-member Adult, free for all children under 18.
- Rain date TBD

- Easy terrain
- Not stroller friendly
- Trails are not groomed and have rocks and roots and wet areas.
- Advanced registration strongly suggested.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and terrain.
- Bug and tick protection strongly suggested.
- Dogs (in costume, too!) are welcome on leash, bring waste bags to dispose of off property, thank you.

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14-Mile Hike of the Goodwin Trail

Join us for a hike on the scenic Goodwin Trail on November 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM!

***Hikers MUST PRE-REGISTER by Thursday, October 30th at www.colchesterlandtrust.org. ***

Meet at the Chapal Farm Preserve parking lot on Route 82 in East Haddam.

Hikers will be transported to the eastern end of the trail at Darrow Pond in East Lyme.

The 14-mile trail is an easy to moderate hike. Approximate duration: 5 hours.

For questions please contact Lisa Hageman at lterrillhageman@comcast.net or 860-918-1537 (text or call).

Please bring adequate water and snacks for the hike.

No dogs are permitted on the trail.

To Know

- Rain date TBD
- Please bring water and snacks.
- Trails are not groomed and have rocks and roots and wet areas.
- Advanced registration REQUIRED.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and terrain.

- Bug and tick protection strongly suggested.
- Sorry, dogs are not permitted on this trail.

Directions:

The parking lot for Chapal Farm Preserve is well-marked and easy to find at 136 Norwich Salem Rd (Rt 82), East Haddam, CT. It is located between the cross streets of Rt 434/Hopyard Road (near Fox Hopyard Golf Course) and Rt 156/Hamburg Road. From Colchester, you can take Rt 11 S from Lake Hayward Rd for 2 miles, then follow Rt 11 S to Rt 82 W in East Haddam

Hike The Babcock Wildlife management Area

Time & Location

Dec 14, 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Babcock Pond Wildlife Area, Colchester, CT 06415, USA

The next Colchester Land Trust (CLT) "Discover Colchester" hike will take place on Sunday, December 14th at the Babcock Pond Wildlife Management Area at 10:00 a.m. As a wildlife management area, Babcock provides 1500 acres of forest, swamps and ponds. It contains miles of unmarked hiking trails. The hike is approximately four miles long, mostly on a logging road and open paths. Adults, children and leashed dogs are welcome.

Directions: Rt. 2 Eastbound, take Exit 16 and turn right onto Rt. 149 South. Go approximately 1 mile and take left onto Cato Corner Rd. Follow Cato Corner Rd. to intersection of Cato Corner and Rt. 16. Go straight across onto Standish Road, off Rt. 16. Bear right at first stop sign. Turn right onto Red School House Rd. Park in the cul-de-sac at the end of Red School House Rd.

Rt. 2 Westbound travelers, take Exit 16, turn left onto Rt. 149 South and follow directions above.

Questions? Contact D. Albert at foundersway10@gmail.com for additional information.

Visit colchesterlandtrust.org for updates on the hike.

To Know

- The fee for this hike is free to Members of the CLT, \$5.00 per Non-member Adult, free for all children under 18.
- Rain or shine
- Not stroller friendly
- Trails are not groomed and have rocks and roots and wet areas.

- Advanced registration strongly suggested.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and terrain.
- Bug and tick protection strongly suggested.
- Dogs welcome on leash, bring waste bags to dispose of off property, thank you.

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