

Town of Essex Open Space Properties

Special Note: GPS coordinates are provided for those who have a smartphone. To obtain directions to a property, input the coordinates into the address bar of most map applications.

1 Bushy Hill

107 acres of hilly terrain with extensive hiking trails owned by the Town of Essex. The area is a heavily forested former pasture land. Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton. GPS: 41.3560624, -72.4785858.

2 Platt

The Land Trust acquired this 30-acre preserve in 2007. Bordering with Bushy Hill, it extends southward encompassing a stretch of the upper Falls River. Bushy Hill Road, Ivoryton. GPS: 41.3560624, -72.4785858.

3 Pond Meadow

18 acres of upland forest and wetlands feeding into the Falls River, across from Comstock Field. Park Road, off of Walnut Street, Ivoryton. GPS: 41.34107211, -72.44928032.

4 The Millrace

7 acres along the Falls River between Walnut and Ivory Streets in Ivoryton. Ivory Street. Additional pedestrian access on corner of Walnut and Main Streets. GPS: 41.346611, -72.4405008.

5 Johnson Farm

49 acres of farmed hay fields along with mixed deciduous forest. Parking on Read Hill Street, off Comstock Road, Ivoryton. Pedestrian access (no parking) off of Walnut Street. GPS: 41.34475553, -72.43683691.

6 Farm Hill Estates

4 acres of wetlands and fields, in two parcels. Northwinds Drive and Carol Drive, Essex. GPS: 41.33534479, -72.43583819.

7 Fern Ledge

10 acres of high ledge and woodland with hiking trails. Route 153 or Westbrook Road, behind west side of former Shoreline Clinic, Essex. GPS: 41.32907159, -72.4284509.

8 Windswept Ridge

30 acres of hilly woodlands with hiking trail. Windermere Way, off Mares Hill Road and Old Dobbin Lane, Essex. GPS: 41.34193974, -72.42617726.

9 The Preserve

70 acres connected to 926 acres in Old Saybrook via two access locations. Ingham Hill Road off Rt. 153, or Westbrook Road, Essex. East entrance: GPS: 41.33400507, -72.41769075. West entrance: GPS: 41.32617419, -72.42414951.

10 Falls River

41 wooded acres with 3,300 feet of waterfront on the Falls River. Falls River Drive off Main Street, Ivoryton. Includes kayak/canoe landing and park on Falls River Drive. GPS: 41.3530708, -72.43099451.

11 Jean's Island

7 acres in Mill Pond on Falls River. Marked trails and kayak/canoe landing. Launch from park on Falls River Drive, Ivoryton. GPS: 41.35353791, -72.42290497.

12 Canfield-Meadow Woods

300 acres of woodlands owned by ELT and Towns of Essex and Deep River. Book Hills Woods Road GPS: 41.37064144, -72.40950465, Eagle Ridge Drive: 41.35935233, -72.4139142, and Dennison Road: 41.3601254, -72.40799189.

13 James Glen

4-acre wooded ravine with creek and rock outcroppings. End of Hudson Lane off River Road. GPS: 41.36936125, -72.398808.

14 Osage Trails (the Elizabeth Callender Preserve)

8 acres of lawn, meadow, forest and wetlands fronting on Falls River Cove. Foxboro Road. GPS: 41.36324174, -72.39164114.

15 Tiley-Pratt

8 wooded acres with 650 feet of waterfront overlooking the pond. Lane off Laurel Road just north of intersection with Grandview Terrace, Essex. GPS: 41.3573713, -72.40250945.

16 Cross Lots

15 acres in the center of Essex. Extends from a hilltop park through fields to a large dogwood grove. 40 West Avenue, across from Essex Library. GPS: 41.35373925, -72.39729524.

17 Viney Hill Brook Park

104 acres, owned by Town of Essex. End of Hillside Drive. GPS: 41.34024816, -72.39790678 and Cedar Grove Terrace: 41.33750933, -72.39815354.

18 Heron Pond

29 acres of forested hills, valleys and streams. Heron Pond Road, off Route 154. GPS: 41.33803294, -72.38965631.

19 Turtle Creek

92 forested acres in Essex and Old Saybrook on both South Cove and the Connecticut River. Owned by The Nature Conservancy. Watrous Point Road in Old Saybrook. GPS: 41.33608349, -72.375741.

20 Thatchbed Island

8 acres of wetland separating South Cove and the Connecticut River. No public access. Viewable from mainland or watercraft.

21 Great Meadow

98 scattered acres on the Connecticut River also fronting on North Cove. Composed of brackish wetland in the south and freshwater marsh in the north. No public access.

Pocket Parks

Stanley Park

Mowed lawn with bench on Falls River, Main Street, Centerbrook. GPS: 41.3511379, -72.41957903

Morgana's Place

On corner of North Main and New City Streets, Essex. GPS: 41.35823297, -72.39464521

Essex Land Trust

P.O. Box 373, Essex CT 06426



Town of Essex Open Space Properties

The Essex Land Trust owns, manages and holds conservation easements on approximately 1000 acres of town land, 600 of which it owns outright. This brochure lists the properties, gives a brief description and specifies access points. Properties are open to the public free of charge and we only ask that a few rules be followed, unless otherwise specified:

- Properties open from sunrise to sunset
- Respect posted signs
- No fires, camping or hunting
- Respect the privacy of abutting properties
- No motorized vehicles
- Trail bikes only on specified trails
- Do not remove anything
- Leave no trash behind
- Dogs always under owner's control

Essex residents appreciate the importance of open space and of maintaining the small-town character of our community. The Essex Land Trust works with residents and town officials to find land that has conservation possibilities that can be a win-win for both landowners and the community. Land is acquired as an outright gift or purchase, or through a combination of these. Other options include conservation easements or the purchase of development rights. Prospective land donors should feel free to contact the The Essex Land Trust by emailing info@essexlandtrust.org.

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The Essex Land Trust is an independent, non-profit organization supported by donations and managed by volunteers.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact our volunteer coordinator Judy Saunders at judith.saunders@comcast.net or by calling 860-581-8108.

For more information about the Essex Land Trust please visit our website at www.essexlandtrust.org or email info@essexlandtrust.org.

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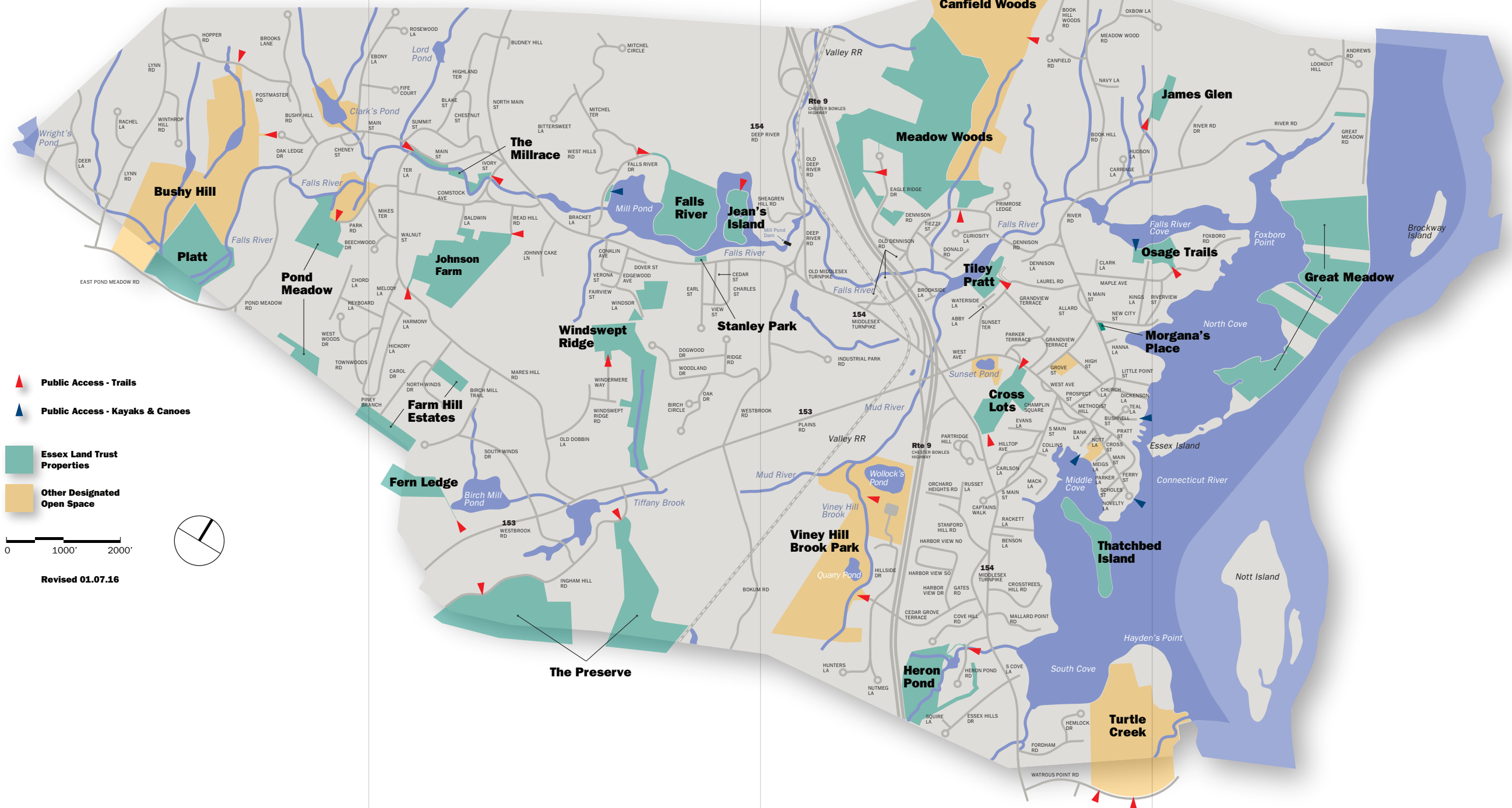






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Open Space Properties



-  **Public Access - Trails**
-  **Public Access - Kayaks & Canoes**
-  **Essex Land Trust Properties**
-  **Other Designated Open Space**

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