Milkweed along the trail in Salem
Photo by Gary Alligood

Hiking and Walking
Trails of Salem
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Hello!

There are many wonderful trails in the Town of Salem, and we hope you will bring your friends and walk all of them! Volunteers maintain all the trails and new hands are always invited, so if you would like to help please contact us at Lschroeder@snet.net.

Dogs on leashes are welcome on the Salem Land Trust owned preserves.

Service dogs are welcome on The Nature Conservancy's Walden Preserve, but not pets. Much of this preserve is maintained as habitat for ground nesting birds, and these birds make too easy quarry for a loose dog.

In addition to the properties with marked trails, there are other natural places in Town that are also open to the public free of charge.

Salem Land Trust's 6-acre Ahnert Preserve is at 480 Hartford Rd. (Rt. 85) north of the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. There are no hiking trails, but visitors are welcome to visit and stroll along Big Brook. The 4.6-ac. Salem Riverside Preserve on Darling Rd. has a wonderful short marked trail to the banks of the East Branch of the Eightmile River.

On Round Hill Rd. is the CT DEEP owned Zemko Pond Wildlife Management Area, not to be confused with the Salem Land Trust’s Zemko Sawmill Preserve on Rattlesnake Ledge. Zemko Pond has old roads to follow, but no marked trails. You will often find neighbors of this property out walking their dogs.

Much of the Salem Town Trail, which runs from the parking lot on Music Vale Rd. to Round Hill Rd., is finished as an all-purpose path. While there is still work to be completed, many residents enjoy the finished section’s all-purpose surface for walking, biking, baby strollers and wheelchairs. The remainder is still a wonderful woods trail. When a trail map for this property is completed it will be included in this booklet.

Happy hiking!
The Salem Land Trust, Inc.

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From Salem Four Corners:
Drive Rt 85/Hartford Rd North for approx 4 miles. Close to the town line, just before the yellow sign, there is a parking area on the right. Look for a solitary telephone pole. Trailhead is close to the metal barrier.

Red Trail - easy, mild gradual hill, scenic along Big Brook.
Blue Trail - moderate climb, wooded area, view from top of gorge.
From Salem Four Corners: Drive Rt 82 West for 1.2 miles. Left on Darling Rd for 0.9 miles, straight at stop sign. Spot trail entrance on left, a metal gate. Park on left shoulder.
Darling Road Preserve
Darling Road Preserve: 142.5 Acres
428 Darling Road

The multi-town Goodwin Trail follows the yellow, orange, red and blue trails as it crosses the Preserve.

Darling Road Preserve
- Parking
- Big Oak
- Tri-Town Marker
- Blue (0.5mi.)
- Green
- Orange
- Red (1.2 mi.)
- Yellow (1.2 mi.)
- Goodwin Trail (1.0 mi.)
- 10 ft. Contours
Salem Land Trust
Smuggler's Rock Preserve

Red Trail - 0.7 mile
Orange Trail - 0.3 mile

Yellow Trail - 0.5 mile
Blue Trail - 0.3 mile

From Salem Traffic Circle: North on Rt 85. Right turn on
Salem Ridge Dr. Proceed to end of road, park on side of road
(not in the cul de sac / bus turnaround).
Alternate entrance: Route 85 North. Right turn on Round Hill
Rd. At approx #150 on left side, across from red and green
barn, look for unpaved road. Pull in and park.

Red Trail - shallow stream crossing, moderate hillclimb
Yellow Trail - rocky scramble, uneven trail, spectacular view
From Salem Four Corners:
Drive Rt 82 West for 2.2 miles.
Just before Woodbridge Rd, spot trail entrance on the left.
Park on right shoulder, at bottom of driveway.
Directions: From Salem 4-corners: North on 85 for 1.9 mi., right onto Rattlesnake Ledge Rd. for 0.9 mi. Entrance/parking on the left along dirt driveway. Dogs are allowed on leashes; no hunting or motorized vehicles.
WALDEN PRESERVE
A Nature Conservancy preserve, managed in cooperation with the Salem Land Trust.