Phillips-Lovdal Farm Preserve

The Southbury Land Trust's Phillips - Lovdal Farm Preserve provides 155 acres of open space for passive recreation, agriculture, and habitat to numerous species of native plants, birds, mammals and amphibians. A trail system leads visitors through forests and fields and along streams and stone walls.

A community treasure that adds to the rural character of the scenic Southbury landscape, approximately 42 acres of the preserve are actively farmed. The remaining 96 acres are in varying ages of forest, including centenarian hickory, maple, and oak, and early succession native red maple stands. Planted groves of white pine, larch, chestnut, and an apple orchard are remnants of past agricultural uses.

Included in the ecological riches of this open space are 17 acres of wet areas such as a fen, the headwaters of Jeremy Brook, and seasonal vernal pools. Near the one-acre Lovdal Pond in the southeast, a footbridge crosses a nearby stream to access the trail.

Over the years, Eagle Scout projects and volunteer efforts have improved fence lines, stonewalls, sheds, gates, and the orchard. A barn, trails including a 5K course, benches, boardwalks, a bridge and a kiosk have been built. Invasive plants have been removed and agricultural fields restored.

Parking at the Phillips-Lovdal Farm Preserve welcomes visitors from two entry points at opposite ends of the property. To the north is the Phillips Farm parking entrance on Sanford Road, to the southeast is the entrance to Lovdal Farm on Hulls Hill Road. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the Preserve's sunny expanses and shaded woodlands while also respecting the active agricultural areas, sensitive wetlands, plants and wildlife.

Preserve Policies

- Properties are open from sunrise to sunset
- Please stay on designated trails
- Pets must be leashed at all times
- No dumping, littering, smoking, fires, swimming, hunting, or trapping
- No motorized vehicles allowed
- Camping permitted only with written permission of SLT
- Help keep the preserves clean, carry in - carry out

Phillips-Lovdal Farm Preserve Trail Map

The Southbury Land Trust Inc., founded in 1978 is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to preserving farmland, open spaces and other natural resources for the benefit of present and future residents of Southbury.

The Trust is supported by memberships and donations and provides an effective means to save land in its natural state in perpetuity. With its over 2,000 preserved acres, the SLT is a leader in the community in protecting ecologically important lands. The ridges, wooded hillsides, meadows, wetlands and waterways protected by the Trust not only give Southbury its unique aesthetic character, but also contribute significantly to the diversity of plant and wildlife species found throughout the region.

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Phillips - Lovdal Farm Preserve
Jacob Rd
Sanford Rd
Jeremy Brook
Jeremy Swamp Rd
TO RTE. 67
PHILLIPS FARM
PRIVATE PROPERTY
Silver Beech Rd
PRIVATE PROPERTY
LOVDAL FARM
Hulls Hill Rd
Rocky Mountain Rd
TO RTE. 188
PRIVATE PROPERTY
Legend
1 Gate
2 Barn
3 Gladys Taber Bench
4 Fen
5 Orchard
6 Jeremy Brook Headwater
7 Old Foundations
8 Vernal Pool
9 Pond
10 Boardwalk & Observation Deck
11 5K Start/Finish
P Parking
Kiosk & Dedication Rock
Bench
Bridge
Eleanor Benedikt (Yellow) Trail 1.25mi
Blue Trail 1.0mi
5K Course 3.1mi
Spur Trail
Stone Wall
Agricultural Fields
Old Farm Road