

Thanks To Our Supporters! *A Recap of 2020*

The Southbury Land Trust is very pleased with the results of our year end membership drive and general support we received from the community in 2020. Our annual membership drive yielded contributions from both long-time supporters and new members most of whom began exploring our preserves for the first time. In summary, we received 439 contributions in 2020 totaling \$40,911. This represents a 10.1% increase from 2019 and includes general memberships, memorial donations, and donations made during the April Give Local Campaign. As a reminder, we do not receive any funds from the town of Southbury, so member support is crucial.

These funds allowed us to maintain and restore all of our existing trails which were impacted by multiple, serious weather events. The severity of the storms required help from professional tree services in addition to our staff and volunteer time. We also expanded our trail system last year, with a 5K Running/Walking course that traverses our Phillips and Lovdal Farm Preserves. This project was made possible by the Southbury Community Trust Fund and with the support of many talented and hard working volunteers. This continued care and stewardship of over 2,000 acres enhances the landscape and unique aesthetic character of our town. It also adds to the outdoor recreational opportunities and simple pleasures that all Southbury residents can enjoy.



Winter Hiking Challenge Is Underway!

Our new hiking challenge has begun! This challenge requires participants to hike 30 miles over 3 months.

We hope this challenge will inspire and motivate you to embrace the great outdoors. **Take a look at our one minute video (button below) to get inspired!**

Join our facebook group to share photos, hiking locations and courses, and feedback:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/500853880887401>



GET INSPIRED TO HIKE

HIKE MORE • WORRY LESS

Winter Hiking Challenge

Put on your boots, snow shoes or cross country skis and hit the trails! Track your miles and earn a new badge. Additional prizes for stellar achievements including highest total mileage, best winter photo captured and most miles on SLT Preserves.



The Challenge:
3 months
(Jan/Feb/March)
30 miles

Compete the challenge and earn either "badge", a vinyl sticker for your laptop, water bottle or car window!



Bassett/Ivers Hike
Join Us In February

Please join us for a guided four mile hike led by our Director of Stewardship Regina Badura. We will meet at the entrance of the Bassett Preserve located at the end of the cul-de-sac on Turrill Brook Drive (off Brown Brook Road). There are some hills, but nothing extremely steep. We anticipate the hike will take about two hours. No pre-registration is required.



Winter Guided Hike

Bassett and Ivers Preserve

Date: Saturday, February 20th, 2021
snow/rain date: Saturday, February 27th

Time: 10 AM - 12 Noon

Location: Park and meet at cul-de-sac on Turrill Brook Drive, Southbury

We will offer a guided, 4 mile rigorous hike over rolling hills, along ridge lines, through deciduous forest and wetlands. Bring water and wear sturdy boots. In case of rain/snow call SLT office at 203-264-4441 or email: jstuart@southburylandtrust.org to check status.



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