

## General Information

The Schindler/Schmidt Conservation Area is a 123 acre parcel of land on the east side of Sugar Hill Road in the north central section of Tolland. The land was purchased in 2007. The property lies in both the Skungamaug River and Shenipsit Lake Watersheds. It is located in the headwaters to Charter Marsh, an important State Wildlife Management Area that in turn flows to the Skungamaug and Willimantic Rivers. A connecting trail runs north to Kendall Mountain Road, on which you travel 0.3 miles east to the Palmer Conservation Area.

The property contains a number of valuable resources including a mature interior Oak-Hickory upland forest that has not been logged in over 90 years. The two unique bogs provide an opportunity to view sundews and pitcher plants in their natural habitat. Cranberries were cultivated in the bog area in the 1800s.

## Wildlife Information

The dense forest with bogs, caves, and rocky outcrops is suitable for amphibians, hawks, woodcocks, fox, and bobcats. Recent observations confirmed the presence of bears, fisher cats and nesting owls.

## Stewardship

The maintenance of our open space parcels is everyone's responsibility. The town has designated that the Conservation Commission develop a stewardship plan for each parcel. Once the plans are approved, the Tolland Conservation Corps provides volunteers to work on the property. These dedicated volunteers maintain the trails, bridges, and parking areas. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 860-871-3601.

For additional information on Tolland's conservation areas and hiking trails:

Conservation Commission website at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org)

## PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding.
- Mountain biking on the yellow outer loop trail and the white trail only.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Stay on marked trails and roads.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- No setting of fires.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- Area closes at sunset. Night use is by permit only.
- Notify the Conservation Commission of organized group activities.

Conservation Areas have been purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



## Trail Map and Information Guide



**Schindler/Schmidt  
Conservation Area  
344 Sugar Hill Road  
Tolland, Connecticut**

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# Schindler Schmidt Conservation Area Trail Map



name	miles	feet
Stream Trail	0.06	327
White Trail	0.36	1876
Yellow Trail	1.36	7168
Yellow / Blue Trail	0.54	2829
Yellow / Red Trail	0.13	671

