

Connecticut Water Re-Opens Killingworth Hiking Trail

Repairs from 2018 flooding damage are complete • Trail is free and open to the public

CLINTON, Conn., July 19, 2022— Today Connecticut Water announced that its Killingworth Reservoir Hiking Trail has been re-opened for public use. The trail, which is just under two miles out and back from its trailhead off Roast Meat Hill Road to its ending point at Reservoir Road, had been closed since 2018 when severe flooding washed out a footbridge over the Menunketesuck River.

“We are happy that residents can once again enjoy this beautiful hiking trail,” said Maureen Westbrook, President of Connecticut Water. “We’re very passionate about being good stewards, not only of our precious water resources, but of the land as well. This includes making open space available for recreation and providing the proper environment for local flora and fauna while still protecting the public water supply.”

The trail is part of an approved Connecticut Department of Public Health recreation program, which allows for public access within a designated area of a public drinking water supply watershed when it can be demonstrated that the activities will maintain the purity and adequacy of the water supply. This watershed provides water to Connecticut Water’s Killingworth and Kelseytown reservoirs, which is a source of water for customers in the shoreline area servicing the towns of Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook.)

“The trail offers views of meadows, ponds, the Menunketesuck River and shady wooded areas,” said Eric Hammerling, Director of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. “Hikers are likely to spot blue birds, black-capped chickadees, monarch butterflies, wood ducks, beavers, frogs and turtles. The trail is an easy hike with a small incline in one section.”

In addition to the installation of the new 30-foot long footbridge, Connecticut Water employee volunteers have installed nesting boxes for native birds to support the local ecosystem and offer educational opportunities for hikers.

The trailhead is located off Roast Meat Hill Road, just south of the Platt Nature Center and is open from the third Saturday in April through October 31. No bikes and/or off road vehicles are permitted on the trail. Connecticut Water relies on hikers to adhere to carry in / carry out practices to leave nature as they found it for the good of the environment and the quality of the public water supply. A trail map is posted to ctwater.com/community.

About Connecticut Water Company: Connecticut Water is a public water and wastewater utility regulated by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority that provides water service to more than 350,000 people in 60 Connecticut communities and wastewater service to 10,000 people in Southbury, Connecticut.

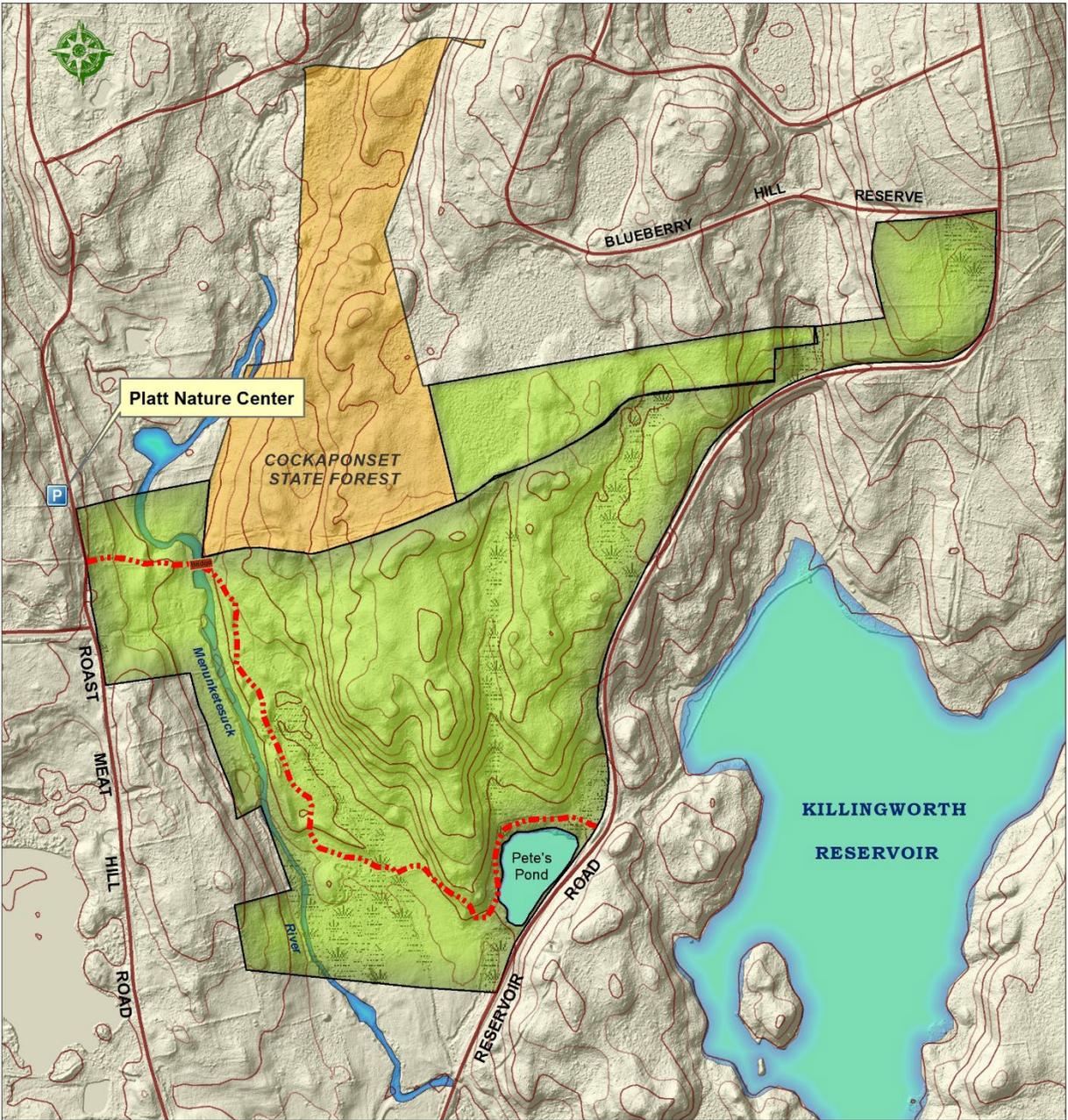
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