

Connecticut Water Leads Trails Day Hikes Saturday, June 3 & Sunday, June 4

Guided hikes offered on water company lands in Killingworth and Tolland

CLINTON, Conn., May 2, 2023 — Connecticut Water will lead two hikes on its watershed properties in Killingworth and Tolland over Connecticut Trails Day (Weekend) 2023 on June 3 and 4. The hikes are part of a larger National Trails Day celebration. In Connecticut, hikes are coordinated through the Connecticut Forest & Park Association that, together with hike sponsors, run the largest National Trails Day celebration in the country.

Saturday, June 3 – Killingworth – 10:00 a.m.

This hike features a new 1.5 mile loop in the Killingworth and Kelseytown Reservoir watershed area, which includes some minor hills and will cross the Menunketesuck River footbridge. The new loop trail continues north past Pete's Pond to the west bordering the Cockaponset state forest. Meet at the Platt Nature Center located at 344 Roast Meat Hill Road. If the weather is questionable, updated information on the hike will be posted to ctwater.com. The rain date for this hike is Sunday, June 4.

Sunday, June 4 – Tolland – 10:00 a.m.

A 3.5 mile out and back hike in Tolland adjacent to the Shenipsit Lake Reservoir. The hike proceeds along the old railroad bed which is part of the Blue-Blazed Shenipsit Trail. Meet at the trail entrance on Route 74 across from Vern-Rock Electric (24 Tolland Stage Road, Tolland). There is no rain date for this hike.

Both hikes are appropriate for children and families. Dogs are permitted on the hikes as long as they are leashed. The trails are not considered handicapped accessible. For more info on Connecticut Trails Day, visit ctwoodlands.org.

Located in Killingworth, the **Killingworth and Kelseytown Reservoir** hiking trail is also an approved DPH recreation program. The trail is opened for hiking from the third Saturday in April through October 31.

Located in Ellington, Vernon and Tolland, the **Shenipsit Lake Reservoir** is a public drinking water supply source that has an approved Department of Public Health (DPH) recreation program which has been opened since 1994. The program includes the year-round hiking trail around the lake in cooperation with the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, and fishing from designated shoreline areas and program-registered electric and oar-powered boats from the second Saturday in April through October.

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.

The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Haddam, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Oxford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southbury, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock.

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