



# Be Our Guest

Fishing

Hiking

Snowshoeing

Cross-Country Skiing

Wheelchair Access



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# Welcome

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In 2002 a partnership between Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy was developed to preserve some 15,200 acres of land for open space; to protect public water supplies; for the promotion of a diverse and resilient forest ecosystem; and to provide public use opportunities consistent with these goals. In 2004 Governor Rell officially dedicated this land Centennial Watershed State Forest. The Conservation Land Committee (CLC), composed of representatives of the three organizations, manages this land on a landscape basis. As partners with the environment, we strive to keep this land the way nature intended through forest and wildlife management, watershed protection, research, and public education.

The Conservation Land Committee's "Be Our Guest" Public Access Program is a way for us to share the natural beauty of the land with you. If you enjoy fishing, hiking, bird watching or cross-country skiing, or just appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors, then we invite you to Be Our Guest on the designated areas of the watershed land.

Our fishing permit gives you access to great freshwater fishing at Saugatuck Reservoir, West Pequonnock Reservoir and Far Mill Reservoir in Weston, Redding, Monroe and Shelton.

Our hiking permit allows you access to 18 miles of scenic marked trails within Centennial Watershed State Forest.

In turn, we ask that you abide by a few simple rules to help us safeguard the public water supply, minimize impact to the natural environment and make your experience a safe and enjoyable one. Your support will help us keep these watershed areas open for public education and recreation.

If you have any questions about the public access program, please call the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut's Watershed & Environmental Management office at (203) 445-7339. Visit [www.aquarionwater.com/recreation](http://www.aquarionwater.com/recreation) or <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Centennial-Watershed-State-Forest> for more information.

## ***General Rules for Public Access***

- To fish you must have an Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut permit. The permit is valid only for the year in which it is issued. Fishing permits are not transferable. A current Connecticut state fishing license is required to purchase a permit.
  - To be on the Centennial Watershed State Forest land, you must have a valid permit issued by the Conservation Land Committee through Aquarion Water Company.
  - Swimming, wading, camping, alcoholic beverages, smoking, campfires, picnicking, littering, radios, motors and vendors are prohibited.
  - Hunting is only permitted in designated areas by special permit.
  - Vehicles of any kind, including all types of cycles, are prohibited.
  - Pets or horses are prohibited within Centennial Watershed State Forest.
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- The use or possession of firearms is not allowed in recreation areas except by special permit as part of the controlled deer management program.
  - Please do not disturb the vegetation – do not pick or remove wildflowers or plants.
  - Refuse containers are located on our property. If they are full, please carry out your trash.
  - Parking and chemical toilets are located in the Saugatuck and Aspetuck reservoir recreation areas (see map).
  - State law prohibits trespassing on the ice of a frozen reservoir or anywhere within Centennial Watershed State Forest.

If you choose to violate these guidelines, you may be subject to criminal penalties and your guest privileges will be revoked. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and Aquarion Water Company law enforcement officers regularly patrol Centennial Watershed State Forest property to enforce State laws and regulations.

To report unauthorized use, please call: Aquarion Water Company at (203) 445-7339 or CT DEEP Dispatch at (860) 424-3333.

### ***Trail Use Rules***

- Trails are open year round from sunrise to sunset.
- Trails are for foot travel (hiking, running, cross-country skiing and snow shoeing) only.
- Trail users must stay on the trail.
- A copy of the trail map is considered your hiking permit. You or an individual in your group must carry it with you at all times while on the trail.
- Hikers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult permit holder.
- Hikers may not: fish, swim, wade, camp, build campfires, rock climb, smoke, carry alcoholic beverages, boat (includes flotation devices), or disturb or remove plants, animals, minerals or artifacts.
- Dogs, horses, and other pets are prohibited.
- Vehicles of any kind, motorized or not, including all types of cycles, are prohibited.
- Park only in designated areas.

### ***Fishing Rules***

Fishing season begins the second Saturday of April and ends on the last day of December. Ice fishing is prohibited. During fishing season, you may fish daily, including holidays, from 6 a.m. until a half hour after sunset.

- Anglers 16 years of age or older must have a valid State fishing license to receive an Aquarion Water Company fishing permit. Anglers under the age of 16 are not required to have a permit, but must be accompanied by an adult permit-holder.
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- Anglers 65 years of age or older are eligible for a lifetime permit with a valid lifetime State fishing license. Non-residents and Connecticut residents with valid season State fishing licenses may purchase a season or daily permit. Non-residents, with a valid 3-day non-resident State fishing license, may only purchase daily permits.
- Fishing is permitted only from the shoreline. Boating, flotation devices, waders/wading are prohibited.
- To help us protect the public water supply from contamination, the introduction of alewives into the water is prohibited. Also, please do not empty bait containers into the reservoir to help us protect the public water supply from contamination.
- Cleaning fish on the shoreline or elsewhere on reservoir property is prohibited.

## ***Fishing Areas***

### **Shoreline Fishing is Available at Three Reservoir Locations:**

#### **Saugatuck Reservoir**

From western shoreline 800 feet northwest of Samuel Senior Dam in Weston, up along Valley Forge Road and Route 53 to the intersection of Glen Road and Newtown Turnpike in Redding, including Saugatuck Glen.

#### **Far Mill Reservoir**

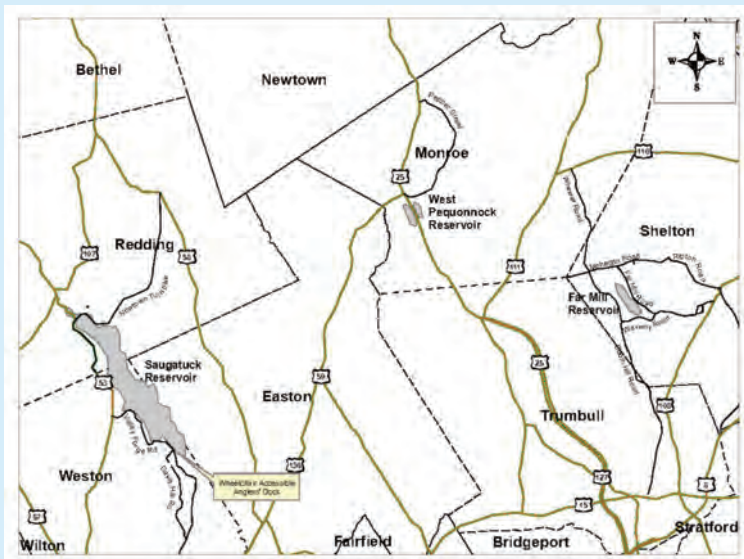
Along the shoreline, except from or within 100 feet of the dam.

#### **West Pequonnock Reservoir**

Along the shoreline, except from the dam.

#### **Wheelchair Accessible Anglers' Dock**

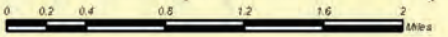
On Saugatuck Reservoir at the intersection of Davis Hill Road and Valley Forge Road in Weston.



# Hiking Trails

## Centennial Watershed State Forest Saugatuck and Aspetuck Trails

Easton, Newtown, Redding & Weston, Connecticut

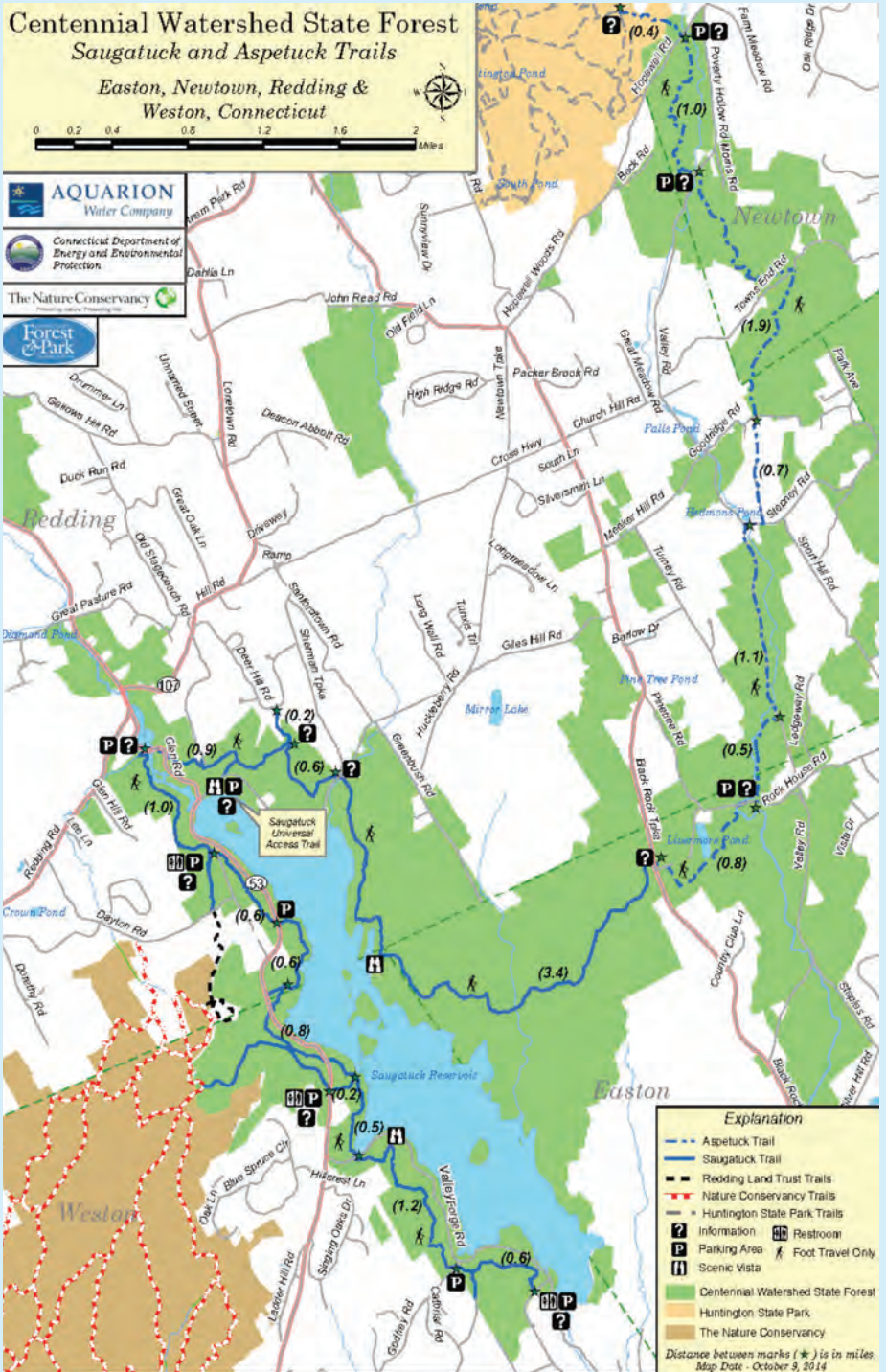


**AQUARION**  
Water Company

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The Nature Conservancy

Forest & Park



**Explanation**

- - - Aspetuck Trail
- Saugatuck Trail
- - - Redding Land Trust Trails
- - - Nature Conservancy Trails
- - - Huntington State Park Trails
- Information
- Restroom
- Parking Area
- Foot Travel Only
- Scenic Vista

Centennial Watershed State Forest  
Huntington State Park  
The Nature Conservancy

Distance between marks (★) is in miles.  
Map Date - October 9, 2014

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## ***Fishing Permits can be purchased at these locations:***

Aquarion Water Company  
Environmental Management  
714 Black Rock Road (Route 58)  
Easton, CT 06612  
Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office at these Town Halls:

### **Easton**

225 Center Road  
Easton, CT 06612

### **Monroe**

7 Fan Hill Road  
Monroe, CT 06468

### **Redding**

Lonetown Road at Redding Center  
Redding, CT 06895

### **Trumbull**

5866 Main Street  
Trumbull, CT 06611

### **Shelton**

54 Hill Street  
Shelton, CT 06484

### **Weston**

56 Norfield Road  
Weston, CT 06883

Permits are also available for purchase  
at selected area Bait & Tackle Shops.

For additional information,  
visit Aquarion's website at

**[www.aquarionwater.com/fishing](http://www.aquarionwater.com/fishing)**

A Public Access Program For Centennial Watershed State Forest

