

APRIL 2021

SOMERS REC CONNECT



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Somers Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life of our residents and strengthen the bonds of community by offering diverse and affordable recreational and cultural programs in welcoming and safe parks and recreation facilities. We strive to make fitness, health and wellness a priority for people of all ages. We aim to create a happy and healthy community where residents come together to play, learn and live.

Somers Recreation Contacts

Maureen Parsell
Deputy Director of Recreation
mparsell@somersct.gov
860-265-3840

Kim Halligan
Recreation Coordinator
somersrec@somersct.gov
860-265-3840

IN THIS ISSUE

- ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCAVENGER HUNT
- "YOU'VE BEEN EGGED"!!
- BASES: EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY
- APRIL HAPPENINGS
- CAMP/PROGRAM REGISTRATION
- LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY & JUNE
- MACIE'S PLACE SPLASH PAD
- POLICIES & GENERAL INFORMATION
- FORMS
- RECREATION SUBSIDY PROGRAM
- SOMERS YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES
- SOMERS SENIOR CENTER
- SOMERS ALERT SYSTEM
- PARKS & FACILITIES
- HIKING & TRAILS
- PLANET GREEN RECYCLE INK PROGRAM

Somers Recreation

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

Mission: Follow each clue to the next location until you find the pot-of-gold!!

We had some fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day with another FUN, family Scavenger Hunt!! This time, we partnered with several local businesses who participated by being a location in our hunt for the pot-of-gold. Our first location was the Somers Public Library. From there, you had to figure out the "clues" and continue on to the next location.

The pot-of-gold was located at... **THE RECREATION OFFICE!!**

Special thanks to **Keeley Joyal**, a senior at Somers High School, who painted our windows for the Scavenger Hunt. I'm sure you will all agree how wonderful they came out!! We are hoping to partner with Keeley to bring some more art classes to Somers in the very near future!!

A **HUGE** Thank you to all of the local businesses that partnered with us and also for donating items for our prize drawing!

Somers Public Library
Bond 124
Star Hardware
The Humble Fox
Hometown Kitchen
Anytime Fitness

Joanna's Restaurant
Board & Brush
Colonial Flower Shoppe
Dunkin' Donuts
Geissler's Supermarket

Thank
you
merci
gracias

Thank you for your incredible support of this program... we couldn't have done it without you!!



Somers Recreation

MARCH

"You've Been Egged"

The Easter Bunny and his Peeps were out and about delivering and hiding treat-filled Easter eggs each night during the week of March 29th. You probably heard the ruckus we made each night when the Easter Bunny arrived, with lots of fan-fare, on a Somers Fire Truck with sirens and lights flashing and the Peeps arriving in their "Bunny Van".

HUGE thanks to the Somers Fire Department and the Somers Rotary Club for partnering with us to bring this program to our community... we couldn't have done it without them!!

You've Been "Egged"!!



Somers Recreation

Employee Appreciation Day

March 5th was Employee Appreciation Day and we couldn't let this day go by without thanking our AWESOME, ESSENTIAL staff! Our BASES (Before and After School Enrichment Services) Staff provides before and after school care. In the mornings, our staff provides breakfast and activities to prepare students for a successful school day. In the afternoons, our staff provides daily homework assistance, arts/crafts and STEM activities. Together, we offer a professional, safe and strong BASE for all participant's scholastic future!

Thank you, Amy, Doug, Barbara, Heather, Celia, Amelia, Giovanna, Danielle and Khadija for all you do for our BASES participants and families!!

Let me introduce you to our AMAZING staff...

Before School Program:

Amy Bulgajewski – Before School Program Director

Hello. My name is Amy Bulgajewski and I have been a Paraprofessional for 12 years. My last four years have been here, at Somers Elementary. I have truly enjoyed my time here in Somers and found the community and district to be very welcoming. I also am the Director of the BASES Before School Program where I have enjoyed meeting the families of this close-knit small town.

Doug Hostetler-Before School Program Counselor

My name is Doug Hostetler and I am a counselor at the BASES Before School Program. I am a 2017 graduate of Somers High School. I am currently a student at Roger Williams University majoring in finance and play on the men's basketball team. I also coach and train local basketball players at The Court in Enfield.

After School Program:

Heather Aston, After School Program Director

Teaching and working with children is a passion of mine! I feel very fortunate to be part of the Somers community- it's a great place to be! In addition to working at the BASES After School Program daily, I am also a First grade teacher at Somers Elementary School. I enjoy directing lively, interactive activities that focus on developmental activities, physical exercise and entertainment. It is an honor to be a part of such a dedicated and dynamic group of educators and supportive community.

I am a native of Connecticut, but have made the big move to Massachusetts over the past few years. I am a graduate of the University of Saint Joseph and the University of Connecticut. I have a Bachelor's degree in History with an Elementary Education Endorsement, and am certified to teach grades K-6. I also have a Master's degree in Reading and Language Arts and a Sixth Year diploma in Curriculum and Instruction.

I have a wonderful fiancé, whom I will say "I do" to in November 2021! I also have an adorable, fur baby named Buster; he is an orange tabby cat. My hobbies include spending time with my family, going to the beach, reading, decorating my home, crafting, riding my bike and walking, eating tacos and traveling.



Somers Recreation

****NOTE****

Current COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed in all of our programs. Programs may be cancelled and rules and guidelines may be changed with little to no notice.



Celia Bruel – After School Program Counselor

Hi. My name is Celia Bruel and I'm a senior at Somers High. I have been a counselor for several Rec programs including After School, Day Camp and Tot Soccer. I am planning on going to school next year to start my education as a future Physical Therapist. I play softball, ski and I also love exercising.

Amelia Carengo – After School Program Counselor

My name is Amelia Carengo and I am a counselor at the After School Program. I am a junior at Somers High School and hope to one day go to college and become an elementary school teacher. I have worked at the Summer Day Camp as a CIT since 2018 and was a camper there since I was 5! This is my first year at the After School Program and I really enjoy spending time and playing with the kids!

Giovanna Gioscia – After School Program Counselor

My name is Giovanna Gioscia and I'm a senior at Somers High School. This is my 3rd year working at the After School Program and I have also worked at Small Fry Camp and Somers Day Camp. I am a classical saxophone player and enjoy playing in various ensembles and competing! Next year I will be double majoring in music education and saxophone performance and aspire to win a job in a military band or become a high school band director.

Danielle Hoague – After School Program Counselor

Hello. My name is Danielle Hoague. I am currently a senior at Somers High School. I started working at the After School Program last September. I also worked at the Summer Day Camp in 2020. I plan on attending Central Connecticut State University in the fall and majoring in elementary education.

Khadija Williams-BASES After School Program Counselor

Hi! My name is Khadija Williams and I'm a senior at Somers High School. I've worked as a counselor for Somers Recreation for the past two years. Participating in the BASES After School Program as well as the Day Camp has been a very rewarding experience for me. I have gained valuable knowledge in child care as well as working with my peers to problem solve in tough situations. I've learned how to balance both work and being a student while building a strong work ethic by helping others. The recreation programs are fun, supportive, and flexible and have allowed me to gain my first work experiences, preparing me for a bright future as an adult!



Somers Recreation

****NOTE****

Current COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed in all of our programs. Programs may be cancelled and rules and guidelines may be changed with little to no notice.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

Saturdays Unplugged

We could all use some time to unplug and recharge. There are many benefits to unplugging for just 24 hours... you might find you are more relaxed and happier, you'll sleep better and your thoughts may become clearer. For the month of April, why not continue to unplug? Just one day a week. Go for a walk. Play a new game. Take up a new hobby. Read a book. Listen to a podcast. The ideas are endless! Let's do this, Somers!!

"There is no Wi-Fi in the forest, but I promise you will find a better connection." -Unknown

Summer Camp and Small Fry Camp Registration is now OPEN!!

Register TODAY at Somers.RecDesk.com.

Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T.)

We are hiring C.I.T.s for our Summer Camp. Must be ages 13-16. Camp dates are June 28th through August 20th. Please click [HERE](#) for the C.I.T. Job Description and click [HERE](#) for a Town of Somers Application for Employment.

Application deadline is May 14th.

Registration is now OPEN for the following Classes and Camps. Register through Somers.RecDesk.com TODAY!!

Gymnastics 3-Week Series:

Instructors: Bailey Russell and Cathy Mynahan - USAG & AAU Safety Certified

In partnership with SOMERSault Jungle Gymnastics, Somers Recreation is offering introductory classes in a 3-week series!! Parent & Me Class, Intro to Preschool, Intro to Gymnastics & Intro to Tumbling. Class descriptions, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Tennis Summer Camp:

Instructor: Eric Henne, Somers High School P.E. Teacher

Learning to play tennis offers a gift for life! We will be promoting teamwork, social skills and sportsmanship... this is a great outlet to help promote motor skills! Class descriptions, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Pickleball Summer Camp:

Instructor: Eric Henne, Somers High School P.E. Teacher

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. Whether you are a beginner who just wants to learn a new sport for fun or you're a seasoned player who craves the thrill of more competitive play, pickleball offers something for everyone! Class descriptions, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Art/Music Summer Camps:

Instructors: Jack Yarrows and Joey Wedge

Somers Recreation is pleased to offer a 5-week Art/Music Camp this summer - June 28th-July 29th!! Courses will be offered in half-day sessions with morning (9:00-11:30 a.m.) and afternoon (12:00-2:30 p.m.) sessions. All classes will be held at Kibbe Fuller. Class descriptions, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Somers Recreation

SOMLAX Lacrosse Camp

Instructor: Ken McCarthy, Varsity Lacrosse Coach at SHS

Ken McCarthy, Varsity Lacrosse Coach at SHS for over 28 years, and his staff will provide a safe environment where players of all ages and abilities can have fun and improve their game by learning fundamental skills and advanced tactics and techniques of lacrosse. Camp will run June 28th-July 1st from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Registration is now open on Somers.RecDesk.com.

STEM Summer Camps

Instructors: K-Rockets Engineering & Technology School

We have a variety of classes for youth interested in all things STEM related!! Classes are being held for those entering Grades 1-5 and entering Grades 6-8; Lego Engineering, Science Fun, CSI- Crime Scene Investigation, Fun Robotics and Minecraft Mod Design!! Class descriptions, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Discover Golf Camp at Cedar Knob Golf Course

Instructors: Cedar Knob Staff

Is your child interested in learning a sport he or she can play for a lifetime? Somers Recreation is partnering with Cedar Knob Golf Course to offer the **DISCOVER GOLF: Youth Golf Camp**. Learn the fundamentals of golf while making new friends and having fun! A typical day includes golf etiquette, driving range and on-course instruction, chipping and putting, contests and a half-hour lunch break. Class dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

Wiffle Ball Camp

Instructors: "For the Love of the Game"

Wiffle Ball Camp is BACK for another week again this summer!! We brought it back because we know... **it's everyone's favorite backyard game!!** Camp description, dates, times, fees, etc. can be found [HERE](#).

LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY & JUNE

May 3rd-7th: Screen Free Week

May 9th: Mother's Day

May 17th-21st: Fill-A-Public Works Truck

May 26th: National Senior Health & Fitness Day

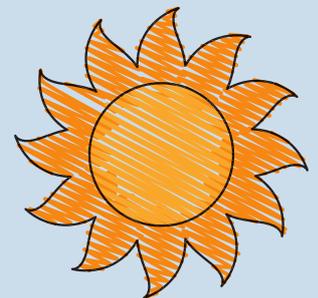
May 31st: Memorial Day

June 5th & 6th: Girls on the Run 5K Celebration

June 14th: Flag Day

June 20th: First Day of Summer

June 20th: Father's Day



Somers Recreation

Making a Splash in Somers!

We've got some exciting news for you, Somers!
Did you hear that we are adding a Splash Pad at Field Road Park?

Bill and Wendy McCloskey have donated funds to build a splash pad in memory of their daughter, Macie Grace, who in 2007 passed away at six-days old of Trisomy 13, a rare, genetic disorder.

The McCloskey's wanted to give back to their community and to share the kindness that was bestowed upon them during those difficult days. We can't wait to share their story with you. It is a story of grief, giving and finding joy and happiness again.

We are starting a fundraising campaign to raise the remaining funds needed to complete this project and will be sharing more information with you in the coming weeks.



Macie's Place Splash Pad Drawing



Macie's Place Splash Pad Drawing



Somers Recreation

****NOTE****

Current COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed in all of our programs.

Programs may be cancelled and rules and guidelines may be changed with little to no notice.

POLICIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

Refund Policy:

The Somers Recreation Department will provide a full refund when a program is cancelled. All refund requests for a program that has not been cancelled must be submitted at least one week prior to the start of the program. Refunds will not be issued once a program begins unless there is an injury or illness which prohibits active participation in the program and is documented by a physician. No refunds will be issued without a [Refund Request Form](#). If a refund is granted, the amount will be pro-rated to reflect the number of remaining days in the program from the date the Refund Request was submitted.

Weather Cancellation Policy:

The Somers Recreation Department follows the Somers School District inclement weather policy. If schools are closed, recreational activities and rentals are cancelled. Every effort will be made to adhere to the following notification windows. Weather cancellations will be communicated the following ways by 4:00PM weekdays and 2 hours prior to game/program start times on Saturdays:

1. Website: <http://somers.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>
2. Facebook: www.facebook.com/somersrecreation
3. Via text alerts (sign up instructions below)
4. Tune into WFSB Channel 3 for the most recently updated information. If there are no updated announcements, please assume all games/programs will continue as scheduled.

*****Any cancellations due to weather/thunderstorms that may occur after 4:00PM weekdays and within the 2 hour window of games/programs on Saturdays will be determined by the staff onsite.***

Sign up for Text Alerts on the Somers Recreation [RecDesk](#) Website:

- ***http://somers.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/;***
- ***Login to your RecDesk account from the Member Info tab of your household account;***
- ***Scroll down to Phone Numbers and Mobile Notifications;***
- ***Enter your mobile number and mobile carrier;***
- ***Click the box under Opt-in Text Alerts.***

Photo Policy:

Participants in Somers Recreation Department's events, programs and camps acknowledge that photographs and videos may be taken during these activities. By participating in our programs, you allow reproductions of these photographic materials to be used in promotional activities including but not limited to: brochures, email campaigns, social media and more exclusively by the Somers Recreation Department.

Register Early:

Please be sure to register **EARLY** for programs you wish to participate in. ***Somers Recreation reserves the right to cancel programs due to low enrollment.***

We are Social!

Be sure to "LIKE" Somers Recreation on [Facebook](#)! Check out the Somers Recreation website at Somers.RecDesk.com for all of our latest events and programs.

FORMS

[Field Use Permit](#)

[Pavilion Gazebo Rental Form](#)

[Refund Request Form](#)

Somers Recreation

****NOTE****

**Current COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed in all of our programs.
Programs may be cancelled and rules and guidelines may be changed with little to no notice.**

Recreation Subsidy Program:

The Somers Recreation Department, in conjunction with Somers Social Services is pleased to provide the Recreation Subsidy Program. The Recreation Subsidy Program is available to Somers residents and is income based.

Applicants should contact Social Services at 860-265-7551 to inquire about the Recreation Subsidy Program or to complete an application. You can view a Recreation Subsidy application [HERE](#).

For complete information on the Recreation Subsidy Program please click the Policy Page link [HERE](#).

Information on the guidelines used for subsidy eligibility & program allocation can be found [HERE](#).



Thank You!

Somers Recreation Department would like to extend a sincere **"THANK YOU"** to the hundreds of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to help make recreation in Somers function and flourish. Somers Recreation Department programs and classes, our youth sports teams and leagues, and the outstanding special events offered in town are the result of community-wide assistance and support. Recreation in Somers is truly a collaborative effort, and the hard work of our community members results in outstanding and diverse recreational opportunities for our residents.

Somers Youth Sports Leagues:

[Basketball](#)

[Lacrosse](#)

[Little League](#)

[Soccer](#)

[Softball](#)

Somers Senior Center:

The Town of Somers Senior Center is open to all residents ages 55+. All seniors are welcome! It is our goal to create a warm and welcoming environment where seniors feel at home and can take part in social, educational and recreational activities.

Don't miss out on all of the great programming brought to you by the Somers Senior Center. Follow the below link for more information on programs...

[## **Somers Alert System

**Have you registered with Everbridge yet?
If we can't REACH you, we can't ALERT you!**

Click \[HERE\]\(#\) to register.

Alert me!

Or, text 'Somers' to 888777 to receive text message alerts.](http://Somers(somersct.gov)</u></p></div><div data-bbox=)**

Somers Recreation

PARKS & FACILITIES

Connor's Place at Field Road Park

Connor's Place is a boundless playground located at 96 Field Road. It was constructed in memory of Connor Swan and was completed in 2007. The playground features two playscapes, one for children under the age of 5 and the other larger area for children ages 5 and up. A recycled rubberized surface creates a safe play environment for kids of all ages. Connor's Place includes wheelchair accessible ramps, high back swings with seatbelts, several rock climbing walls and slides, elevated sand tables, sandbox (bring your own toys), benches and more! The pavilion at Connor's place is the perfect place for birthday parties, family events, or business outings. The pavilion features several picnic tables, a charcoal grill, electrical outlets, and nearby restrooms, basketball court and volleyball court.



HIKING & TRAILS

Wondering about the trail network present in Somers? The Somers Recreation Department would like to thank the dedicated organizations and passionate volunteers including the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and Somers Open Space & Trails Committee for their tremendous efforts in the preservation and maintenance of the trail networks outlined below.

Bald Mountain Length: 1.25 miles - [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty : Moderate

Overview: This loop includes sections of challenging, steep terrain. Where the trail splits approximately 1/8 mile from the parking area, take the left fork for a more gradual climb or the right fork for a steeper, more direct route to the summit. The summit of Bald Mountain is 1,121 feet above sea level, which makes it the highest point in Somers. Although this is the only maintained and marked trail on the mountain, many unmarked trails exist along the ridge to the north and on the west side of the mountain offering the possibility of a longer hike. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: To reach the trailhead, follow Rte. 190 east 2 miles from the center of Somers to Randall Road. Turn left on Randall, then Left on Lance and right on County Road. The small parking area is located on the left just past 159 County Road.

Allowed Uses: Non-motorized trail open to everyone during daylight hours.

NOTE: Hunting is allowed on adjacent state land so please wear bright clothing and use caution during hunting season.



Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

—Frank Lloyd Wright

Somers Recreation

HIKING & TRAILS CONTINUED...

Forest View North and South - Length: 1.2 miles - Total distance from Whitaker Woods parking area to summit of Soapstone: 3.2 miles. [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty: Moderate

Overview:

The Forest View Trail connects the Northern Connecticut Land Trust's (NCLT) Whitaker Woods property on Wells Road in Somers to trails on Soapstone Mountain with access to the summit.

[Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: Although the trail crosses Mountain View Road, it is not recommended that hikers park there due to limited parking and poor sight lines for cars coming down Mountain View Road. Better options are to park at Whitaker Woods and hike uphill to Soapstone Mountain with a car spotted at the upper or lower Shenipsit State Forest Soapstone parking areas off Gulf Road, or an up and back hike from Whitaker Woods.

Allowed Uses: Hikers & Equestrian Riders

Scantic Riparian Area - Length: 0.5 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Overview: NCLT's Scantic Riparian Area Nature Preserve is located off of Durkee Road in Somers and is open to the public for walking or horseback riding. It is an outstanding location for birding and there is also beaver activity in the area with a beaver dam and at least one lodge. The former loop trail along the river is closed due to periodic flooding as well as a broken footbridge. A walk of about a half mile along the powerline maintenance road leads past cattail marshes. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: Park under the powerline tower on Durkee Road just west of the Scantic River bridge. Walk around the locked gate across the road to access the area.

Allowed Uses: Hiking and Equestrian Riders. **Due to the large bird population please leave Fido at home when visiting the area.**

Skyline Scenic Area - Length: 1.5 mile loop

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Overview: The Skyline Scenic Area offers a 1.5 mile trail loop with a broad, panoramic view across the Connecticut River Valley on clear days from the scenic overlook. The trail is well-marked with yellow plastic diamonds. The shortest way to the lookout point is to the left from the parking area. This half mile section, known as the Ledge Trail, includes a steep, rocky section that may be treacherous when wet, snow covered, or icy. To the right from the parking area is the much easier, mile-long section leading to the same lookout. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: The small Skyline Scenic Area parking area is located on the north side of Stafford Road about 0.2 miles west of the intersection with Root Road. It is not plowed in the winter.

Allowed Uses: Non-motorized trail open to hikers

It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.

-Robert Louis Stevenson



Somers Recreation

HIKING & TRAILS CONTINUED...

Whitaker Woods

Length: A total of almost five miles of trails have been built which create the opportunity for several loop hikes of various length and difficulty. [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty: Varying from easy to moderate

Overview: Whitaker Woods is a unique 266 acre property in the center of Somers that is pristinely maintained. The land is characterized by a variety of terrain with the network of trails taking you past stone walls, over brooks, through stands of mature white pine, and across open fields. The main trail is the Old Forest Loop which starts and ends at the Wells Road parking area. This 1.8 mile long trail follows old woods roads for almost its entire length with steady climbs to its highest elevation at the top of the loop whether walked clockwise or counterclockwise. All the other trails are accessed from the Old Forest Loop, branching off at various points. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: Parking lot near 80 Wells Road.

Allowed Uses: No motorized vehicles. Hikers are asked to keep dogs leashed and under control at all times. All trails except the Overhill Trail and Underhill Trail are also open to horses and riders.

Land Owner: Northern Connecticut Land Trust

Camp Aya Po

Length: 1 mile to 1.6 miles [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Overview: Camp AyaPo consists of 178 acres formerly owned by the YWCA and purchased by the town of Somers in 2014. There are several trails located on the property – one that encompasses Hurds Lake and others leading to the summit of Perkins Mountain. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: Take Route 190 to Battle Street just east of the Route 190 intersection with Route 83. After several miles, Battle Street turns into Mountain Road. Remain on Mountain Road and take a left on Camp Road and look for the parking area on the left.

Allowed Uses: This property is open during daylight hours for non-motorized passive recreation activities both on the trails and on the water. All trails except the Lakeside Trail are multiuse trails open to equestrians and mountain bikers as well as hikers. Hurds Lake can be used for fishing and limited kayak or canoe use. A small boat ramp is located at the west end of the dam.

There is no lifeguard on duty and visitors swim at their own risk.

McCann Family Farm

Length: 1.95 miles to 3.0 miles. [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty: Easy

Overview: The popular beautiful, hilly, 84 acre McCann Family Farm stretches from near the center of Somers on Route 190 up the northwestern slopes of Soapstone Mountain. Two marked trails are maintained as well as several unmarked paths. The 1.95 Shady Brook Trail (blue diamonds) stays in the northern 2/3 of the property, while the 3.0 mile Jerry Stage Trail (yellow diamonds) visits the southern boundary area. [Complete Trail Description.](#)

Access: The entrance and parking area are located on the south side of Route 190 about 0.7 miles east of the light at Rt. 83 or 0.5 miles west of the light at Gulf Road.

Allowed Uses: Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash at all times. No motorized vehicles or horses are allowed. The parking area is plowed following winter storms to allow access for passive winter recreation activities. **Land Owner: Northern Connecticut Land Trust**



Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

-Albert Einstein

Somers Recreation

HIKING & TRAILS CONTINUED...

SOMERSVILLE MILL TRAIL

Length: 1 mile from mill site to Bailey Road parking area. [Trail Map](#)

Difficulty: Easy

Overview: This trail offers a pleasant walk along the Scantic River starting at the Somersville Mill site and following the south side of the river into Enfield where it connects to a Connecticut DEEP trail and continues to the Scantic River State Park parking area on Bailey Road. The trail is marked with yellow diamonds and follows along the river bank for much of its length. At the far end be sure to take time to look at the ruins of the dam and canal which supplied water for the Powder Hollow munitions factory.

Access: A small parking area is located at the site of the former Somersville Mill on Maple Street just past the south end of the Scantic River bridge. The trail can also be accessed from a DEEP parking area on the north side of Bailey Road off Rte. 191 in Enfield.

Are you interested in participating in Town of Somers HIKING & TRAILS activities and events? Check out a calendar [HERE](#) of upcoming happenings.

If you have questions or comments about the trail network in Somers, please contact Somers Recreation Department at somersrec@somersct.gov.

PLANET GREEN FREE MAIL IN RECYCLE INK PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know have inkjet printer cartridges that need to be disposed of and are not sure what to do with them?

Planet Green offers a FREE mail in recycling program! If you have four (4) or more cartridges simply put them in a box, click on this link to receive a free USPS shipping label, <https://doorstepink.com/pages/recycle-free-shipping-request>, put the label on the box and send them to Planet Green. Planet Green recycles the inkjet cartridges for re-use.

Or better yet... just drop them off at the Recreation Department and we will recycle them for you!

This service is free and keeps inkjet cartridges out of our waste stream. Please help us to reduce, reuse and recycle!

****Printer Ink Cartridges Only -- Toner Cartridges will not be accepted****

