The Trails

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

The Jewett Preserve is open from sunrise to sunset and provides opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, non-motorized biking, hunting, horseback riding and leashed pets. See the message boards at the entrances for activity guidelines. In general please:

- Respect the environment – do not disturb or remove anything
- Respect other users, share the trails and keep them clean
- Stay on trails – bikes and horses, White Trail and Yellow Trails only
- During deer/firearm hunting season written consent is required to hunt Monday – Friday. The preserves are closed to other users on these days.
- During bow hunting season written consent is required to hunt Monday – Thursday.
- Hunting is not permitted on Saturdays or Sundays.
- For more information on the Lyme Hunting Program, visit: www.lymelandtrust.org/stewardship/hunting-program/

The land is adjacent to TNC’s 340-acre Pleasant Valley Preserve and across Mt. Archer Road from Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve. It was one of the three largest unprotected parcels in the Eightmile River watershed, and includes more than a mile of high quality tributaries of the Connecticut River. It links a 1,000-acre block of protected open space to the south with a 3,000-acre block to the northeast, forming more than 10 miles of open space, predominantly along the Eightmile River.

There are several trails on the property. The White Trail (~2.5 miles, if you return to the start along Mt. Archer Rd) connects to the White Trail on Mt. Archer Woods/Eno to form 3.6 mile loop, suitable for equestrians and non-motorized bicycles. There is a nice overlook with a bench about 0.5 miles from the Mt. Archer Entrance. The Yellow Trail splits from the White Trail loop about 0.9 miles from the Mt. Archer entrance, goes through an interesting “split rock” and runs for about 0.7 miles where it joins the Pleasant Valley Preserve trail system. This combination trail of White and Yellow was developed as part of an Eagle Scout Project led by André Yeomans. If you return to the start along Macintosh and Mt. Archer roads you will have completed a 2.6 mile loop. The remaining trails are designed for pedestrian use only. The Blue Trail (~0.3 mile) connects the White Trail to the Pleasant Valley Preserve Green Trail. The Red Trail (~2.1 miles) connects the White Trail (near the Cemetery Entrance) to the Pleasant Valley Preserve Green Trail (near the Overlook).

For additional maps visit: www.lymelandtrust.org.

Report any problems during your visit on the Trail Condition Form: www.lymelandtrust.org/trail-condition-form/

In October 2004, the Town of Lyme and The Nature Conservancy bought 434 acres and conservation easements protecting another 46 acres for $3.27 million from the children of the late Molly and Chuck Jewett: Charles W. Jewett of Henderson, Nev.; Jennifer Jewett of Silver Spring, Md.; and Jonathan Jewett of Lyme. Financial assistance was provided by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Open Space and Watershed Protection Program. Private buyers Hugh and Donna Scott of Lyme bought the 46 acres, with extensive conservation restrictions on 34 of them. Twelve of the 46 acres include the Jewetts’ circa 1752 house, as well as barns, a pond, fields, and adjacent forest. The conservation easement on the 12 acres permits the addition of a guest house.

For more information:
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