

The Trails

LOCATION: The entrance kiosk and parking lot for Mount Archer Woods is on the south side of Mt. Archer Road at the stone pillar about one mile from the intersection of Mt. Archer Road and Route 156 and 2/3 of a mile from the intersection of Brush Hill and Tantomorantum Roads. The access to Pickwick's Preserve is from 183 Joshuatown Road; go about 0.4 mile down the driveway and park at the gate on the right.

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES:

The preserves are open from sunrise to sunset and provide opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, non-motorized biking, hunting, horseback riding and leashed pets. See the message board at the Mt. Archer entrance for activity guidelines. In general please:

- Respect the environment – do not disturb or remove any artifacts
- Respect other users, share the trails and keep them clean
- Stay on trails – bikes and horses, White 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 prohibited Saturdays and Sundays.**
- **Hunting is prohibited north of the stone wall on Mount Archer Woods.**
- For more information on the Lyme Hunting Program, visit: www.lymelandtrust.org/stewardship/hunting-program/

TRAILS: There are four trails on the properties: **White** (1.9 mi), **Yellow** (1.2 mi), **Red** (0.8 mi) and **Blue** (0.4 mi). If walked in combination, **White + Yellow** = 2.8 miles; adding the **Red** makes the distance 3 miles. The trails are well suited to easy hiking, cross-country skiing and afford equestrian and bicycle access. The **Blue trail** connects the **Red trail** to Joshuatown Road through Pickwick's Preserve.

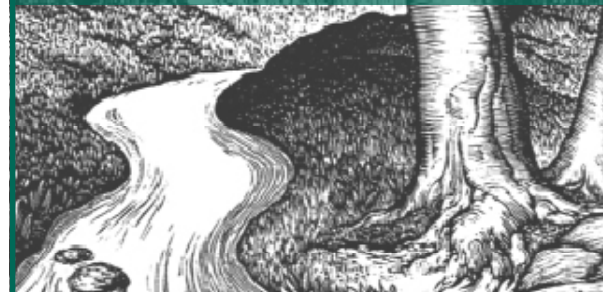
FEATURES: All trails cover relatively flat terrain over one of the highest points in Lyme. In spite of the elevation there are several wet spots and vernal pools. Due to the perched water table, especially near the **White Trail**, the forest vegetation resembles that more characteristically associated with moist lowlands. Of note are several stands of large tulip poplar trees. Continuing south (and down slope) on the **Yellow and Red trails** the vegetation is more typical of dry hilltops. Stone walls and rock piles indicate that much of the land was originally used for pasture. At the southern end of the **White Trail**, take note of the stone ruins that go back to the early 18th century. These are remnants of houses, barns, sheds and penning areas, as well as pasture stone walls lining the paths of colonial road systems. There is an additional foundation near the intersection of the **Yellow and Red trails**. These are significant archaeological sites that can yield important information about our colonial past.

For additional maps visit: www.lymelandtrust.org. Report any problems during your visit the Trail Condition Form:

www.lymelandtrust.org/trail-condition-form

For more information see www.lymelandtrust.org

TRAILS OF LYME Mount Archer Woods Chauncey Eno Preserve & Pickwick's Preserve



Thomas W. Nason, *The Brook*, Florence Griswold Museum; Lyme Historical Society

Mount Archer Woods is a 275-acre, town-owned property purchased in 2003 with private donations and funding from the town of Lyme, the State of Connecticut and The Nature Conservancy. In 2006, an anonymous donor purchased and donated an easement on the 18-acre **Pickwick's Preserve**, providing access to the trails from Joshuatown Road. The preserve was named for the donor's Shetland sheepdog, an avid hiker of Lyme's woodlands.

