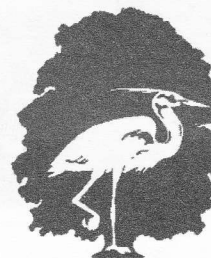


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## Land Trust Receives Funding for Fishway Repair and Improvement

The Lyme Land Conservation Trust was awarded funding from several state and federal agencies to support repairs and improvements to the Moulson Pond Fishway. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Long Island Sound Community Stewardship Grants Program provided \$45,000 through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Long Island Sound Futures Fund. The Connecticut DEP provided \$13,900 through the Long Island Sound License Plate fund.

Linda Bireley explained, "The Lyme Land Trust will repair and make improvements to a fishway that restored upstream access to a river blocked since colonial times. This will maintain and enhance the restoration of migratory fish to the entire Eightmile River Watershed, which is currently being considered for designation under the Federal Wild and Scenic Program." She added, "We are grateful for the support provided by these agencies, a local landowner and a committed cadre of volunteer



*Ralph Lewis represented the Land Trust at an August 9, 2005, event recognizing the LIS License Plate Fund recipients.*

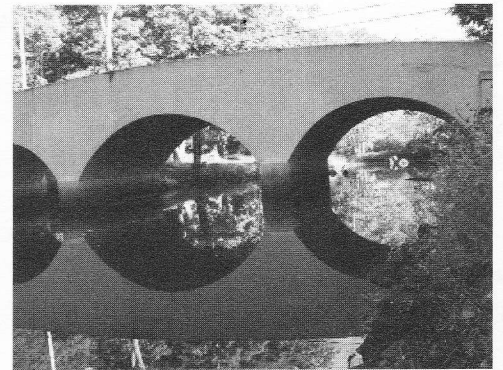
monitors." The repairs were completed in October 2005 and the other improvements will be made in 2006.

## Lyme Town Voters Support the Protection for the Eightmile River

On Friday, January 13, over 300 town residents came to a special town meeting at the Lyme Consolidated School to vote on the future of the Eightmile River. Residents were asked to consider two issues: first, a management plan for the Eightmile River watershed and second, a recommendation to seek national Wild and Scenic Designation for the river. Both proposals passed by a voice vote of an approximately 95% to 5% margin.

The management plan and proposal for designation were produced by the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Study Committee. The Study Committee has spent three years conducting a scientifically-based research study of the watershed. For more information on the study of the river and the full text of the management plan, visit [www.eightmileriver.org](http://www.eightmileriver.org).

On Jan. 23 and Feb. 1, the citizens of East Haddam





and Salem respectively, overwhelming voted to also support the management plan and proposal for designation of the Eightmile River. The positive votes in the three towns move the process of protecting the river to the next stage, seeking Wild and Scenic Designation for the Eightmile River by an act of the U.S. Congress.

## Lyme Land Trust Website Up and Running

We are pleased to announce our new website:  
**[www.lymelandtrust.org](http://www.lymelandtrust.org)**.

The Land Trust is catching up with the times and is creating a website. At this time, some pages are still under construction, but many pages are up and available for viewing. You can visit the website to find out about our upcoming events and to discover ways of getting involved with Land Trust activities. We have put up information about Trust lands open to the public, as well as other public access properties in Lyme. There are directions and information about trails, and soon we hope to provide maps for viewing and downloading. The website also includes news briefs and biographies of board members, as well as information about land preservation options. If you have any suggestions for other features you would like to see on our website, please let us know.

The Board of Directors would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Stephen Wardlaw, M.D., Lyme resident and Land Trust member. Stephen has been volunteering his time, energy and expertise as our website creator and manager. He has enabled us to meet and exceed all our hopes and expectations for this website.



Photo by Mark Yuknat

## Join Us for the Lyme Land Trust Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Lyme Land Trust will be held on Friday, June 2, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Lyme Public Hall. The first portion of the program includes an annual report on the activities of the Land Trust and a presentation of the slate of new directors to the membership for a vote.

The second portion of the program will be presented by Andy Griswold, Director of CT Audubon Society EcoTravel. He will speak about Bald Eagles living along the lower Connecticut River. In the winter, this area can be host to as many as seventy Bald Eagles, as well as the occasional Golden Eagle, the largest concentration of eagles in New England. Andy Griswold will share his knowledge of these amazing creatures as he leads us through a photographic tour of eagles on the lower Connecticut River.



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LYME LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

FEBRUARY—OCTOBER 2006

## SECOND SATURDAY WALK SERIES

Our Second Saturday Series includes a walk led by a director of the LLCT board on one of their favorite trails in Lyme. All walks are held rain or shine. Anyone completing 5 or more of the walks will receive a LLCT tote bag for their efforts! (Please note that there are also walks on the first Saturday of the month in both May and June.) For further information about location of properties, see Trails and Properties page on our new website at [www.lymelandtrust.org](http://www.lymelandtrust.org).

### **Saturday, March 11th, 11:00 AM**

Roaring Brook Preserve with Matt Elgart. Roaring Brook Preserve is on the corner of Day Hill Rd. and Ferry Rd. (Rt. 148), please park at the Hadlyme Hall on Ferry Rd.

### **Saturday, April 8th, 11:00 AM**

Moulson Pond Fish Ladder with Linda Bireley. Located on Mt. Archer Rd. near Rt. 156. Please park at 8-Mile River Cemetery on Mt. Archer Rd. Bring polarized sunglasses if you can, they allow for better fish viewing.

### **Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 AM \***

Mt. Archer Woods with State Archeologist Dr. Bellatoni and Linda Bireley \* Note first Saturday of the month

### **Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 AM**

Kids Walk at Hartman Park with Emily Lerner. Walk on the Gnomelet Children's Trail. Hartman Park is on Gungy Rd.

### **Saturday, June 3rd, 10:00 AM \***

Trails Day Walk: Jewett Property with Marta Cone. Please park at the Mt. Archer Woods parking lot on Mt. Archer Rd. \* Note first Saturday of the month

### **Saturday, June 10th, 10:00 AM**

Tadpole Discovery with Ed Natoli. Meet at the Lyme Library Parking Lot.

### **Saturday, July 8th, 10:00 AM**

Plimpton Preserve with Mary Guitar. Please park on Stone Post Rd., entrance on Sterling Hill Rd.

### **Saturday, Aug 12th, 10:00 AM**

Honey Hill Preserve with Susan Ballek. On Clark Hill Rd, off Rt. 82.

### **Saturday, September 9th, 10:00 AM**

Ravine Trail with Ralph Lewis. Meet at Joshuatown Rd. entrance; parking at Selden Creek Preserve lot across road.

### **Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 AM**

Pleasant Valley with Mike Richardson. On Macintosh Rd, off Rt. 156.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, June 2nd, 7-9 pm,  
Lyme Public Hall**

Lyme Conservation Land Trust  
Annual Meeting

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For further information, call Emily Lerner 434-3626 or visit [www.lymelandtrust.org](http://www.lymelandtrust.org)