

## General Information

The John H. Weigold Conservation Area is a 33 acre parcel of land. It was purchased in 2002 with assistance from a state DEEP grant. The old mill pond has become a swamp with a brook running through it and its old dam is located by the side of the road. The pond dam and spillway has been restored by the Boy Scouts. Connecting on the west is the 82 acre Tobiassen Memorial Forest owned by Joshua's Trust. Connecting to the north is the 28 acre Auperin Conservation Area owned by the Town of Tolland.

The Auperin Conservation Area was purchased in 2008 from the Lincoln Auperin family with assistance from a state DEEP grant. This 28-acre property has a range of forest types, a seasonal vernal pool, and a small seasonal brook. The red trail, completed as an Eagle Badge project, loops off the Weigold blue trail.

## Wildlife & Habitat Information

The property is heavily forested with primarily oak, beech, and birch. Along the southern border, it has a permanent brook and a ledge rising 70 feet above the brook forming one wall of a gorge. On the western border, a vernal pool exists. Coldwater fish, wildlife, and a host of different bird species prosper along the brook, vernal pool, and swamp, and up onto the rocky ledges and upper tree canopy. The property drains to the Skungamaug River.

## Stewardship

The maintenance of our open space parcels is everyone's responsibility. The town has designated that the Conservation Commission develop a stewardship plan for each parcel. Once the plans are approved, the Tolland Conservation Corps provides volunteers to work on the property. These dedicated volunteers maintain the trails, bridges, and parking areas. For more information, please contact the Tolland Development Office at 860-871-3601.

For additional information on Tolland's conservation areas and hiking trails:

Conservation Commission website at [www.tolland.org](http://www.tolland.org)

Conserving Tolland website at [www.conservingtollandct.org](http://www.conservingtollandct.org)

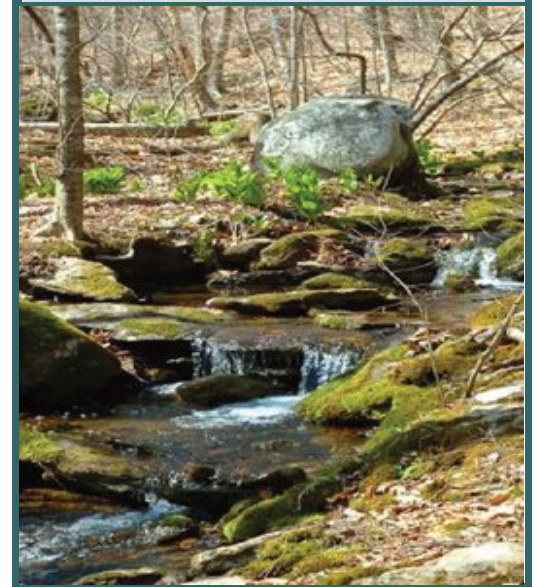
PLEASE...

- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace.
- No littering. Carry out what you carry in.
- No motorized vehicles.
- No horseback riding or mountain biking.
- Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife.
- Stay on marked trails and roads.
- No hunting or firearms allowed.
- No setting of fires.
- Respect the rights of other visitors.
- Area is closed from sunset to sunrise. Night use is by permit only.
- Notify the Conservation Commission of organized group activities.

Conservation Areas have been purchased with Town of Tolland open space referendum funds and grants from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



## Trail Map and Information Guide



**Weigold & Auperin  
Conservation Areas  
256 Weigold Road  
Tolland, Connecticut**

Distances are Approximate

Blue Trail (Weigold)	0.80 mi	
Red Trail (Auperin)	0.30 mi	
Yellow Trail (Joshua Trust)	1.40 mi	
Brook		
Vernal Pool or Swamp		
Bridge		

