



## Area 51

### LIEBOWITZ KNAPP SANCTUARY

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Size: 26 acres

**ACCESS/PARKING:** Parking is available at the cul-de-sac on Whitlock Lane across from Bennett's Farm Road. There is also parking for two cars on Mountain Road at the orange access trail. [GPS Address: 200 Bennett's Farm Road]

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate, about 1 hour to explore this delightful preserve.

**FEATURES:** The trail is a one mile loop that features a number of rocky outcrops (cobbles), a somewhat seasonal stream with a cascade, and a small vernal pool near the southern end. There is a great ledge at the beginning of the trail that is partially on private property.



At the southern end of the property, the trail connects to the white trail in Pierrepont State Park that goes to Knollwood Drive and then on to Pierrepont Pond.

A trail links Hemlock Hills and Seth Low Pierrepont State Park to the south with this sanctuary, paving the way to connect the major open spaces in northern Ridgefield.

Trails now connect Bennett's Pond State Park, Pine Mountain, Hemlock Hills, Liebowitz-Knapp Sanctuary and Pierrepont State Park with only a short walk along Bennett's Farm Road.

#### Palm Warbler

**HISTORY:** Originally part of a 90-acre estate, the property was subdivided in 1973. It was subdivided again in 2012 into a parcel containing the house and related structures and a second parcel of 26 acres of forest and wetlands. Existing logging roads remained unmolested and the vegetation and wildlife were left to their own resorts. Dr. Albert B. Knapp and Charles Knapp donated this undeveloped parcel to the Town of Ridgefield in 2012 for the public's enjoyment and as a vehicle for teaching the ethics of conservation.



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