



Area 50 MCKEON FARM



Haying at McKeon Farm

Size: 43 acres

ACCESS/PARKING: Located at the intersection of Ridgebury Road and Old Stagecoach Road. Access to the trail is at the cul de sac at the end of Lauzun Lane and along Old Stagecoach Road. [GPS Address: 300 Lauzun Lane]

DIFFICULTY: Easy. 45 minutes.

FEATURES: The property consists mainly of hillside meadows and forest, which provide important habitat for many birds, flora, and fauna. The property also contains wet meadows, which provide important habitat for various species of butterflies. A trail leading around the field and through the gully in the middle of the site is accessible to the public from the cul-de-sac at the end of Lauzun Lane.

Approaching McKeon's farm from the south or west, one travels through heavily wooded areas into the cleared fields and meadows of the farm, offering lovely vistas in all directions.

The site includes sheep, goat, and llama pastures in the Apple Orchard and the two Ridgebury Pastures operated by Henny Penny Farm and a teaching garden for individuals on the spectrum run by Cornerstone Home and Gardens. The commission is currently in the process of creating a large pollinator garden in the Upper Meadow.

HISTORY: The property was purchased in 2002 for approximately \$3,440,000. The Conservation Commission contributed \$250,000, and \$820,000 was from the State of Connecticut as a result of a settlement with the local water company. Over \$2,000,000 came from private individual donations.



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