



## Area 24

### WEST MOUNTAIN REFUGE: REED SECTION

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Near the Trail Entrance

Size: 27 acres

**ACCESS/PARKING:** Oscaleta Road, 0.4 mile from the intersection of Oscaleta and West Mountain Roads. McManus section trailhead is across the street. [GPS Address: 90 Oscaleta Road]

**DIFFICULTY:** The yellow trail is moderately easy, one steep slope near junction with blue trail. 45 minutes. The blue trail is steep.

**FEATURES:** An old road runs through the Reed section with an impressive boulder bridge that crosses the stream.

In spring, wildflowers—including hepatica, trillium, and jack-in-the-pulpit—abound. An impressive stand of maidenhair fern grows at the bottom of a mountain laurel-covered ledge cliff.

In winter, Long Island Sound is visible to the south. A fox den has been sighted in the area.

**HISTORY:** This section of West Mountain Refuge consists of lands donated by and purchased from Jean Donald Reed in 1979.



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