Rock Outcrop on Yellow Trail

Size: 46 acres

ACCESS/PARKING: Barrack Hill Road, 0.8 mile from North Salem Road; north end of Settlers Lane; entrance off Grandview Drive, at the old dirt road. Parking can be found at Barrack Hill Road; Grandview Drive; Settlers Lane cul-de-sac. [GPS Address: 170 Barrack Hill Road]

DIFFICULTY: Generally easy, with steep sections on trails from Settlers Lane and Barrack Hill Road. 40 minutes.

FEATURES: A large field and a plaque to commemorate the donors mark the Barrack Hill entrance to the park. Trails include:

- The yellow trail can be accessed either at this field or from Grandview Drive at the stonewall-lined "old dirt road." This trail circles over a stream and wetland close to Barrack Hill Road, then travels up through woodland on the top of the ridgeline and down the slope to the "old road."
- The orange trail begins at Settlers Lane with a steep climb up the ridge, then circles through the woodland and old stone walls at the top of the ridge. The Titicus River Valley is visible at several points.

The range of habitats — meadow, woodland, wetland, and stream — allows a large variety of plant and animal life. There are boulder outcroppings inlaid with quartz and stone walls built by early farmers to clear fields or mark boundary lines.

HISTORY: Richard Salomon gave the park to Ridgefield in 1967 in memory of his aunt and uncle, B.E. and Regina S. Levy, from whom he had inherited the property. Liso Knolls, Inc. and Alan Smart donated open space adjoining the park.