ACCESS/PARKING: Nod Hill Road at Pelham Lane at the park visitor center. [GPS Address: 746 Nod Hill Road, Wilton]

DIFFICULTY: Easy. 2 hours.

FEATURES: The topography of the farm undulates between gentle and rather steep slopes and includes glacial boulders and outcroppings, successional old fields, woodlands, meadows rimmed by stone walls, a pond, and other wetlands.

Bordering the 36-acre National Historic Site is the 29-acre Nod Hill Refuge owned by the Town of Ridgefield that combines with 19 acres owned by the State of Connecticut and has trails depicted in the map. South of the Weir Farm site in Wilton, the Nature Conservancy owns the 110-acre Weir Preserve, which also has hiking trails through fields and woodlands. Entrances to this preserve are on Pelham Lane and Nod Hill Road.

HISTORY: Weir Farm was established in 1990 as a National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service. Together with its private partner, the Weir Farm Art Center, the site preserves and interprets the historically significant properties and landscape associated with the life and work of J. Alden Weir (1852-1919), one of the founders of the Impressionist tradition in American Art. The landscape of the area is vividly captured by Weir’s art and greatly influenced artist friends of Weir such as Twachtman, Ryder, and Hassam.

Call (203) 834-1896 for information on Weir Farm National Historic Site’s visitor center hours and scheduled tours, or go to www.nps.gov/wefa. To join the Weir Farm Heritage Trust or learn about its special programs, call (203) 761-9945.