Area 24
WEST MOUNTAIN REFUGE: REED SECTION

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.