The James L. Goodwin State Forest and Conservation Center were donated to the people of Connecticut by James L. Goodwin in 1964. One of Connecticut’s first professional foresters, Goodwin specified that the Center be used in perpetuity to provide “forestry, wildlife and general conservation education to youth and adult groups.”

Today, the Center is managed under a unique partnership called the Goodwin Collaborative. The primary partners are the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Forest & Park Association and the Friends of Goodwin Forest.

In-depth information and application are available at www.ct.gov/DEEP/Goodwin and FriendsofGoodwinForest.org
Master Naturalist Training

Learn about Connecticut’s environment and natural history, conduct field research and become a steward of the state’s natural resources.

Share your knowledge through volunteer service, lead nature walks, make new friends who share your interests, encourage others to conserve and experience nature!

The mission of the James L Goodwin Conservation Center’s Master Naturalist program is to develop a diverse community of naturalists and promote stewardship of Connecticut’s natural resources through education and service.

The Master Naturalist Program is a two level program:

Apprentice Level (1st year)
35+ hours of formal field and classroom training

Master Level* (2nd year)
35+ additional hours of specialized field and classroom training, research project

*Apprentice Level certification required

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