

Become a Friend of Goodwin Forest

We are a non-profit 501c(3) volunteer organization, working in cooperation with Center staff. In partnership with the DEP and CFPA, the Friends support the Center and Forest by volunteering on trails and in gardens as well as supporting educational programs. We also bring awareness of the forest to state officials and the public as well as raise critically needed funds. Friends will receive email notices of Goodwin events and activities and our periodic electronic newsletter.

The Connecticut Forest and Park Association, Connecticut's oldest conservation organization, has a long history with the Center. James Goodwin was a CFPA president and served as director for nearly 40 years. CFPA partners with the CT DEP to operate the Goodwin Center. Their website is: www.ctwoodlands.org

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Friends of Goodwin Forest
23 Potter Road
Hampton, CT 06247

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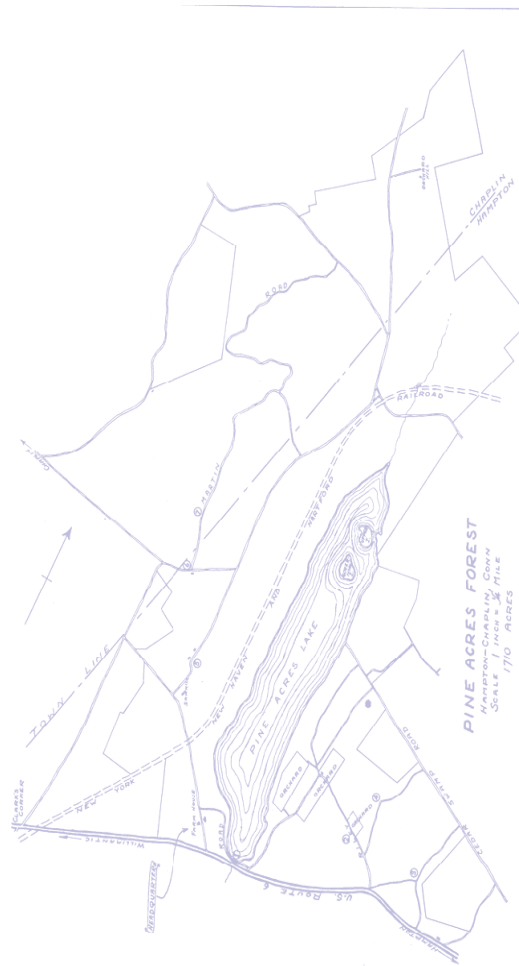
Member levels:

- Basic \$20
- Goodwin Circle \$55
- Supporter \$100
- Benefactor \$250
- Other _____
- I am already a member of CFPA.

All levels \$55 and over include membership in CFPA, a subscription to Connecticut Woodlands magazine and CFPA's quarterly News & Notes.

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Checks payable to: CFPA/Friends of Goodwin Forest



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The mission of the Friends of Goodwin Forest is to advocate, enhance and support education, recreation and conservation activities of the historic James L. Goodwin Forest and Conservation Education Center.



In the hills of Connecticut's Quiet Corner lies a natural treasure: the Goodwin State Forest and Conservation Education Center.

The 2,000 acre state forest is home to 3 large ponds, 14 miles of trails, demonstration areas, wildlife observation platforms, a Conservation Education Center and over 2 acres of native plant wildlife gardens. Biking, horseback riding, snow shoeing, kayaking, bird watching, hiking, camping, and letterboxing are some of the activities available to visitors throughout the year.

Located off Route 6 in Hampton, CT

The Goodwin Conservation Education Center was a gift to the people of Connecticut from James L. Goodwin, to provide "forestry, wildlife, and general conservation. education"



The Center

The Goodwin Conservation Education Center is managed jointly by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, Inc. It includes a nature museum, a picnic pavilion and a youth group camping area.

The Center offers year-round educational workshops and field tours covering a wide variety of topics.

Visitors are also encouraged to use our maps and trail guides to hike our educational trails at any time and learn on their own.



The History

James L. Goodwin (1883-1967) hailed from one of Hartford's most prominent families. One of America's first professional foresters, Goodwin began acquiring land in Hampton in 1914. Soon "Pine Acres Farm" had grown to nearly 2,000 acres. For 50 years, he practiced pioneering and state of the art forest management. In 1964, Goodwin gifted the entire property to the people and state of Connecticut. Thanks to his vision and generosity, this diverse and wonderful slice of our natural world is available for all to enjoy.



The 2,000 Acre Forest

Some of the popular trails are:
The **Blue-Blazed Natchaug Trail** begins at the Conservation Center and stretches north to connect with the Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail.

The **Air Line State Park Trail**, a former railroad bed, crosses Potter Road just a few hundred feet from the Center. The graveled bed makes it ideal for hiking, cross country skiing and horseback riding.

Pine Acres Lake (135 acres) is large and shallow, with logs and stumps protruding in many places. It is ideal for a challenging canoe excursion. Bass, bluegill and bullhead fishing is popular. Electric motors only.

Self guided brochures and maps are available in our entrance gazebo for these and other hikes.

The Gardens

Are you looking for beautiful and interesting native plants for your own gardens? Come visit the Richard Haley Native Plant Wildlife Gardens where trained Master Gardeners grow and propagate dozens of species of native plants for conserving resources and attracting wildlife.

Explore the amphibian ponds or relax on the benches near the wooded paths .

Picnic tables scattered throughout the park and an expansive front lawn are perfect places for family get togethers or lunch!



Opportunities

Join our group of dedicated volunteers!
Help us:

- Create an historical record of the Goodwin Forest and property
- Maintain and create trails
- Work with master gardeners and staff in the various gardens (enhance your skills or learn new ones.)
- Develop the Friend's group (publicity, fund raising, website, mailings, etc.)
- Advocate and raise public awareness.