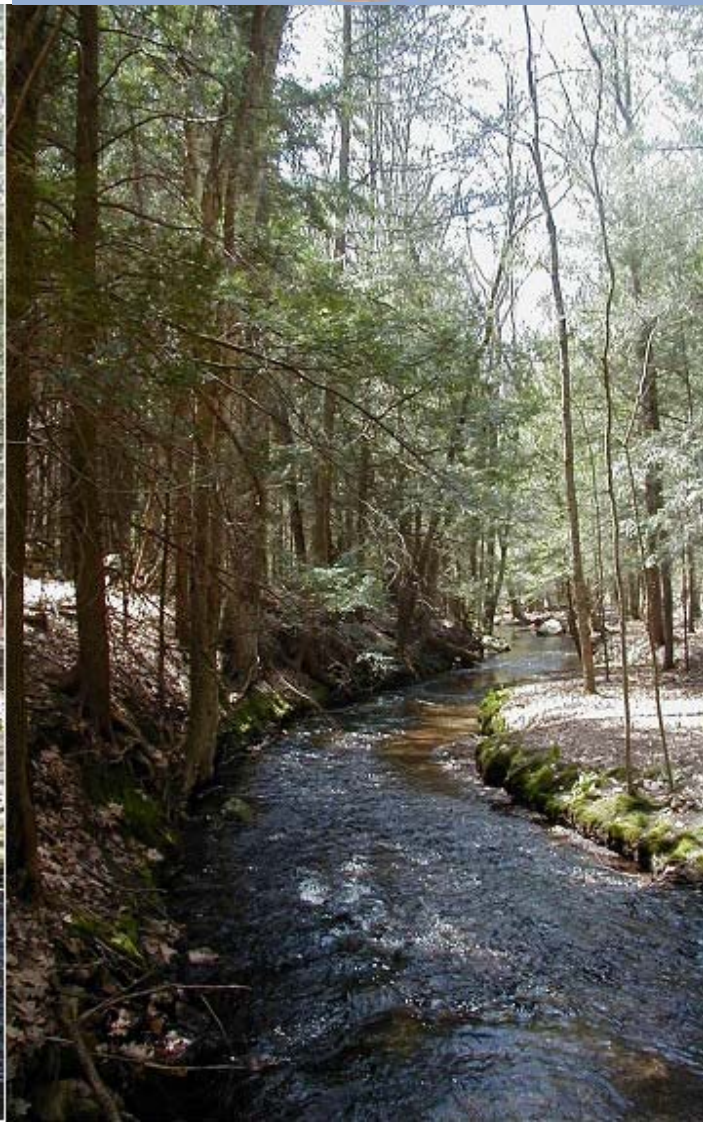


Belding Wildlife Management Area Trail Guide



The chimney is all that remains of a cabin that Max Belding built using old tobacco barn timbers.

The 282-acre Belding Wildlife Management Area (WMA) contains a diverse mosaic of wildlife habitats including softwood and hardwood forests, agricultural fields, wetlands, streams and a pond. Cold springs feed the Tankerhoosen River which runs through the property. Hemlocks line the river keeping the water cool enough to sustain wild trout populations. The section of the Tankerhoosen River that flows through Belding WMA was designated a Class 1 Wild Trout Management Area in 1993, the first of its kind. Fishing and hiking are popular at Belding WMA. Connecticut Forest and Park Association maintains the Shenipsit Trail and the Belding Path as part of the blue-blazed hiking trail system. The Wildlife Division maintains an interpretive trail on the loop formed by the Belding Path and Shenipsit Trail.



Belding WMA focuses on conservation education with educational programs and demonstrations pertaining to wildlife and natural resource management. The WMA has interpretive trails, habitat management demonstration areas, and a backyard wildlife habitat area. Belding WMA offers conservation education programs that uses the expertise of Wildlife Division and other DEP natural resource management staff. Staff may also be available, by appointment, to conduct group educational programs and to give technical assistance and professional advice to visitors on an individual basis.

For a safe and enjoyable visit, please observe the following rules:

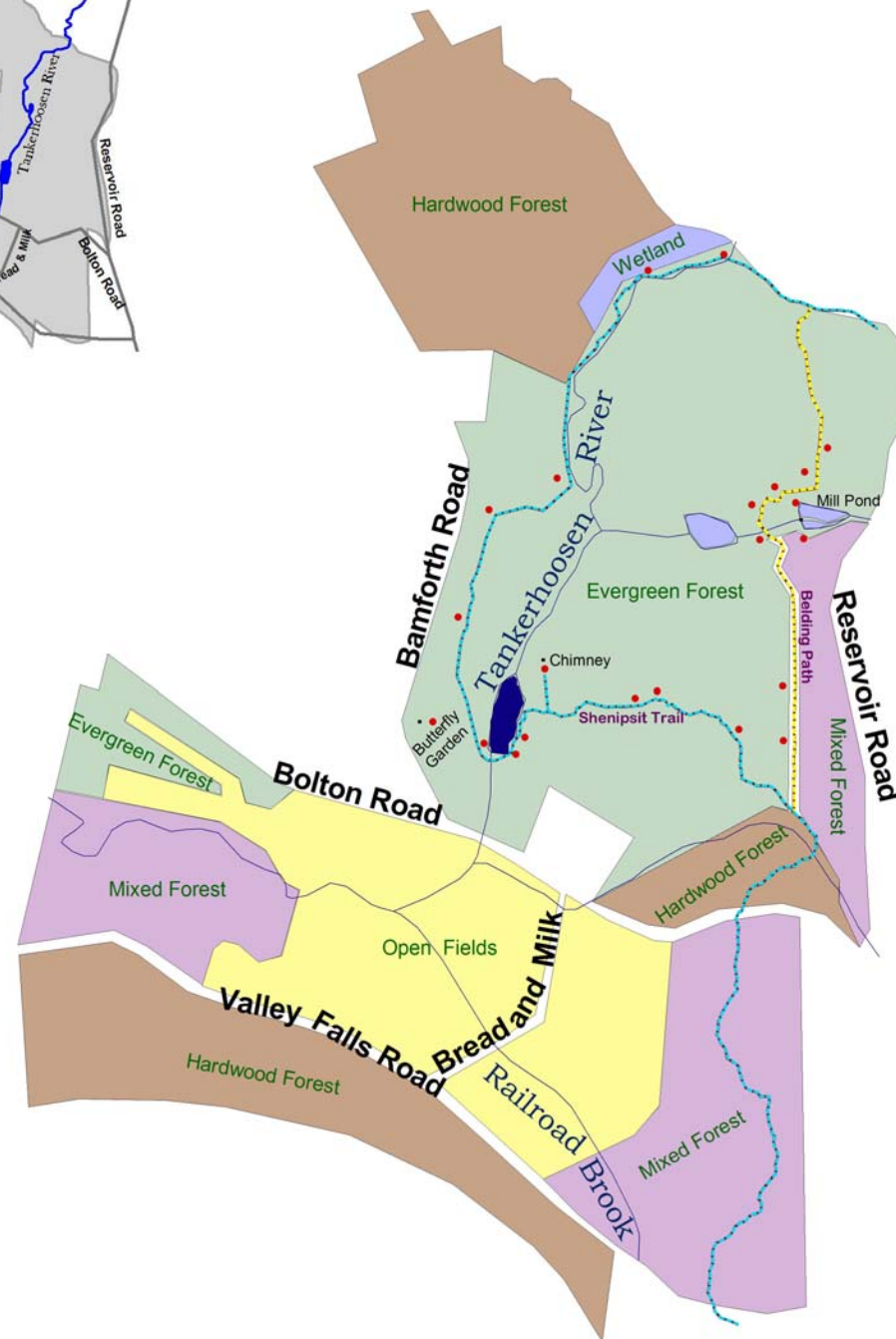
- Trails open at sunrise and close at sunset.
- Dogs must be on a leash *at all times*.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Motorized vehicles, bikes, and horses are prohibited.
- Fires and camping are not allowed.
- Collecting of plants and wildlife or feeding of wildlife are prohibited.

Be careful of poison ivy along the trails and check yourself thoroughly for ticks.



Interpretive trail – 1.5 mile loop

● Trail signs



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