Greenwoods View: (2.7 miles moderately hilly) From the NY/CONN border, keep the evergreen trees and wood chip piles on your left, follow Big Bear up a gentle slope looking on your right for pollinator-friendly plants. Just after the Norway Spruce grove on your left, turn right on Big Bear. Continue past several stone walls and Chris’ Trail on your right. Turn right onto Greenwoods which, after passing Carolyn’s, reveals expansive western views of the farmlands and rolling hills of Pawling, NY. To head back, continue downhill on Greenwoods, and then back uphill after passing the junction with Wolf Oaks. Turn left at the junction with Big Bear. After passing Dave Beers’ and Greenwoods, retrace your path on Big Bear the way you came in, following the small arrow signs back to parking. Turn left onto Agneil and take either Lady Bird or Upper Brook to parking.

Carolyn’s Trail to Bobby’s Field: (1.8 miles very hilly) This strenuous spur trail traverses several habitats and has an elevation change of 240 feet in a short distance. From Greenwoods, turn onto Carolyn’s. At the bottom of the hill turn left at the large Silver Maple tree and follow the path south to Bobby’s Field. There are several plantings of orchard trees here, which attract many birds and pollinators. This field is bordered to the west by an extensive marsh. Depending on the season this is a great area to hear frogs and watch butterflies and dragonflies. There is a beautiful large White Oak on the western border of Bobby’s Field. When hiking back up Carolyn’s on your return, there is a seasonal waterfall on your right.

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The generosity and foresight of the Wristons cannot be overstated. We are extremely grateful to be able to conserve this property forever as open space.

Kathy and Walter at Deer Pond Farm

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Western Trails Map

Pawling, NY

Open Dawn to Dusk

447 acres and 10 miles of trails connecting to an additional 388 acres and 10 miles of trails in Sherman, CT

All trails are accessible from the visitor parking area which is 0.5 miles east of the NY Border

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Directions to NY Trails:

From the parking area, walk part way down the driveway toward the road, turn left onto Lady Bird. Follow the small arrow signs pointing toward NY. At the meadow opening, keep left downhill. At the pond bear right onto Agneil. At the intersection of Agneil and Old Stagecoach, turn right. The NY/CONN border marker is a stone monument on your left, 0.5 miles from the parking area. Follow Big Bear for all NY trail access.

Note: Limited Cell Service on Trails.

Suggested Hikes

Kirby View (2.3 miles slightly hilly) From the NY/CONN border, bear left at the large evergreen trees and the wood chip piles onto Meadow Trail. The meadow ahead is a good place to look and listen for birds and other wildlife. After passing Agneil on your left, Meadow Trail ends at the junction with Big Bear. Head left, and after passing Coyote on the right, turn right onto Kirby View. The view that eventually appears on your left overlooks Pawling, NY and the Taconic Mountain range in the distance. Do you see any hawks, eagles or vultures riding the thermals? To return to parking, continue on Kirby View and turn right onto Dave Beers’. After passing Coyote, turn right onto Big Bear. Notice the stone erratics deposited by glaciers from the last ice age. Turn left onto Big Bear, past the wood chip piles, and follow the small arrow signs pointing back to the parking area via Agneil, then Lady Bird or Upper Brook.