Kirby View (2.3 miles, slightly hilly)
Walk part way down driveway toward entrance, and follow signs on your left to NY onto Lady Bird Trail. Continue onto Agneil, following arrows to NY. Pass the NY/CONN stone border marker and head left at the large evergreen trees and wood chip piles onto Meadow Trail. The meadow is a good place to look and listen for birds and other wildlife. At the end of the Meadow Trail, pass the southern entrance to Agneil on your left. Continue straight on Big Bear, heading left. Pass Coyote on the right, then turn right onto Kirby View. The view overlooks part of the village of Pawling, NY and the Taconic Mountain range. Look for soaring hawks, eagles or vultures. To return to parking, continue on Kirby View and turn right onto Dave Beers’. After passing Coyote, turn right onto Big Bear. Turn left onto Big Bear, rest the wooded chip piles, and follow the arrow signs back to the parking area via Agneil, then Lady Bird or Upper Brook.

Longer walks for more experienced hikers: Destinations near the southern and western boundaries of Deer Pond Farm traverse longer mileages and cover more rugged terrain. The Flat Top Mountain Trail and the southern terminus of Carolyn’s Trail provide a good workout. Other far corners like Dealy, Laurel, Wolf Oaks and Ledges Loop/Bruce’s Trails will take you to other interesting and scenic features.

Deer Pond Farm:
a gift from the late
Kathy and Walter Wriston

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.

TRAIL MAP

Over 15 miles of trails to explore
on 835 acres spanning
Sherman, CT and Pawling, NY

Trails Open Dawn to Dusk
No dogs, horses, fishing, swimming, camping, fires, hunting or collecting

Suggested Hikes
Distances listed as round trip from parking area.

Family Friendly Pond Walk (0.5 mile, easy) This is an enjoyable walk for all ages. From the parking area, walk through the pollinator garden onto Lady Bird Trail. Head downhill, passing a small pond. Continue towards the meadow and larger pond where you may spot fish, frogs and tadpoles, as well as damselflies and dragonflies patrolling the tall grasses at the water’s edge. Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows and Chipping Sparrows are often seen in this area. The white plastic gourds on towers in the meadow are for colonially nesting Purple Martins. Continue around the pond and follow the stone wall uphill back to the parking area.

Birdwatching Loop (1.5 miles, moderately hilly) From parking area, head downhill past the pond and meadow to Bilberry Trail. Turn right onto Link Up Trail. In the spring and early summer, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Veeey may be seen or heard in this area. Bear right onto Cathedral Trail. Beyond the kiosk, look for log benches facing a shrub wetland. This is a good location for birding because the mix of wetland, forest and meadow habitats attracts a diversity of birds. Yellow Warblers, American Redstarts and Baltimore Orioles nest nearby. Follow Lowlands Trail to Old Stagecoach, crossing a stream where Louisiana Waterthrush might be heard. Bear right onto White Oak, then right onto Agneil. Follow uphill, and take Lady Bird or Upper Brook back to the parking area.

NOTE: Limited Cell Service on Trails.