

GOLET FARM PRESERVE

Directions:

- From Route 82 take Route 151 north toward Moodus Center.
- Take a right onto Route 149.
- Take the first right after the Post Office onto Great Hillwood Road.
- The dirt driveway to the preserve is on your right, across from the Senior Center.

Permitted Activities:

- ♦ Hiking
- ♦ Nature study
- ♦ Snowshoeing
- ♦ Birding
- ♦ Cross-country skiing

No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.

Open Sunrise to Sunset

For more information or to report any problems during your visit, see:
www.ehlt.org

Trail Facts:

- ◇ The red trail is .5 miles long.
- ◇ The red trail winds through the meadow and then takes you through a wooded section along an apparent glacial esker, past a glacial kettle, now a vernal pool, and then along the border of a wetland. Eventually, the trail follows an old forest road that once led to a portable sawmill. It then loops around returning you to the parking area.
- ◇ The blue trail is .5 miles long.
- ◇ Traveling counterclockwise around the blue trail loop, the trail leads you along another old farm road to former pastures and hay lots. Leaving the meadows, the trail skirts another wetland before crossing an old drainage ditch plunging into a sandy area of mixed pines and hardwoods.

The Golet Farm Preserve is valuable to Moodus and East Haddam in that it connects several important properties, Heritage Park, The Senior Center, Oak Grove Senior Housing, some Town owned land, and the Elementary School, in the most densely populated part of town..



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The East Haddam Land Trust acquired the 32-acre Golet Farm Preserve in July, 2015. Charles Golet had acquired the property in 1911 and for most of the next 45 years it consisted of a 32-head milking herd, chickens and a small orchard. The livestock supplied milk, cream, butter and eggs to the Moodus community. Over several years small parcels were split off to provide home sites for some of Mr. Golet's children. Tom Smith, who is one of Mr. Golet's grandchildren, wanted to keep some of the land from being developed. Eventually, he and some cousins agreed to sell the remaining undeveloped property to the EHLT. However, Mr. Smith, with a spirit of tremendous generosity, decided to donate his 78% interest in the property, valued at \$95,000, to the EHLT.



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