

Shelton Lakes Greenway Trail Map

OPEN DAWN TO DUSK for hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, and picnicking. All dogs must be leashed except within the designated Dog Park.

SHELTON LAKES RECREATION PATH: The "Rec Path" is a handicapped-friendly path designed to be shared by pedestrians and bicyclists. Please keep to the right, pass on the left, and control dogs on a short leash.

HIKING TRAILS: Three primary loop trails are marked with white or red painted rectangles (Turkey Trot, Oak Valley, and Nells Rock Trails). The 13-mile Paugussett Trail is blazed blue. Markings for trail connectors vary.

PROHIBITED: fires, motorized vehicles, hunting, littering, ice skating, metal detecting, harvesting wild plants,



LEGEND

- Dog Park
- Canoe Launch
- Fishing
- Fishing Platform
- Picnic
- Garden
- Scenic Overlook
- Ballfield
- Tennis
- PARKING**
- primary
- secondary

Shelton Lakes Recreation Path: The 4-mile long handicapped-accessible "Rec Path" runs from Pine Lake near downtown Shelton to Lane St. in Huntington Center, with granite posts marking road crossings. Shared by walkers, runners and bicyclists. Stroller-friendly. Keep to the right, pass on the left.

Paugussett Trail - blue: First blazed in the 1930s, the Paugussett runs north-south through the greenway and continues to Monroe for a total length of thirteen miles. It's marked with blue rectangles and is part of the state-wide Blue-Blazed trail system maintained by volunteers from the CT Forest and Park Association.

LOOP TRAILS (white or red rectangles):

Turkey Trot Trail - white (2.0 mi) begins on Constitution Blvd North. The school Cross-Country Team uses the white-triangle connector trail to create a 5K course.

Oak Valley Trail - red (1.6 mi.) is a "lollipop" loop with a stem of 0.4 mile and a loop of 1.2 mile. The trail begins at the Hope Lake picnic area. Formerly blazed white.

Nells Rock Trail - white (1.5 mi.) begins at the large parking area on Nells Rock Road across the street from Chordas Pond and L'Hermitage

Understanding the Trail System

Three loop trails (Turkey Trot, Oak Valley, and Nells Rock Trails) are bisected by two major north-south trails (the Rec Path and Paugussett Trail). These trails are marked with painted blazes of specific colors and shapes.

ARTERIAL TRAILS:



Trail Markings: Trees along most trails are marked with painted blazes. When there are two blazes of the same color, the upper blaze indicates the direction of a turn. Loop trails at Shelton Lakes are marked with white or red rectangular blazes. Other trails are marked with blazes of different shapes and colors.

CONNECTOR TRAILS:

Dog Paw Path: Blazes in the shape of dog paws lead from the Dog Park to the Rec Path. (0.2 mi.)

Flower Trail: Red squares with white flowers lead people from the Rec Path to Eklund Garden. (0.25 mi.)

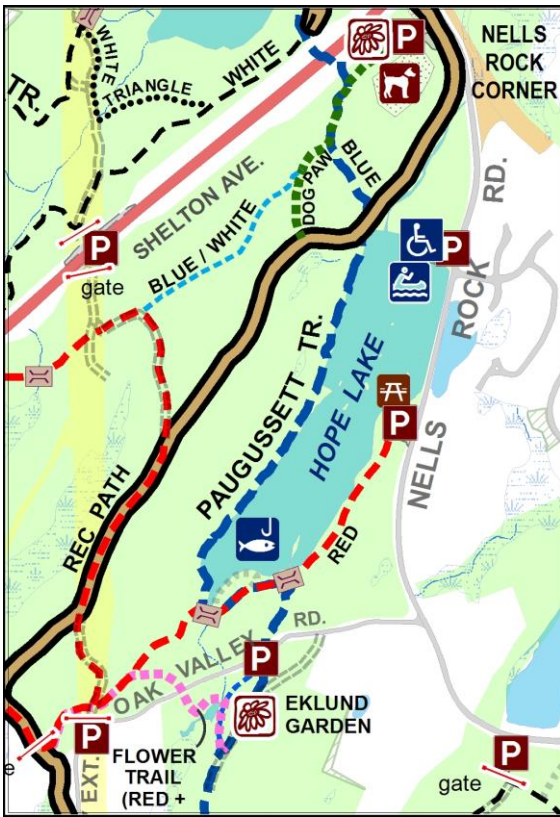
Wesley Waterfall Loop: This short side loop to an intermittent waterfall is blazed with yellow and white rectangles. (0.1 mi.)

Basil Brook Bypass: This unblazed rustic trail provides an alternative to the Rec Path. (0.8 mi.)

SIS Connector: Marked with yellow squares, this trail ties into the school walkway system to allow a loop around the Intermediate School. (0.2 mi.)

Blue/White Trails: These connect the blue-blazed Paugussett to white trails. Blazes are part blue and part white.

Shelton Lakes Greenway



Shelton, Connecticut

Featuring:

- Shelton Lakes Recreation Path
- Paugussett Trail
- Turkey Trot Trail
- Oak Valley Trail
- Nells Rock Trail

MILEAGE

Shelton Lakes Recreation Path

- Southbound**
- 0.0 Shelton Ave at Pine Lake
 - 0.3 Meadow Street
 - 0.8 Constitution Blvd
 - 1.2 Silent Waters Overlook
 - 1.4 Shelton Ave at Dog Park
 - 1.6 Hope Lake bench
 - 2.1 North Gate at Flower Path
 - 2.3 South Gate
 - 3.0 Wesley Drive Upper Crossing
 - 3.5 Wesley Drive Lower Crossing
 - 3.8 Land Trust Meadow
 - 4.0 Boardwalk
 - 4.2 Lane Street



Paugussett Trail (blazed blue)

- Northbound**
- 0.0 Buddington Road
 - 0.6 JCT Nells Rock Tr. (white)
 - 0.9 JCT Nells Rock Tr. ("Four Corners")
 - 1.4 Eklund Garden, Oak Valley Rd
 - 1.5 Hope Lake, JCT Oak Valley Tr. (red)
 - 1.9 JCT Rec Path near Dog Park
 - 2.0 Shelton Ave
 - 2.1 Silent Waters Overlook
 - 2.6 Powerlines
 - 2.8 Independence Drive
 - 3.1 Constitution Blvd
 - 3.6 Meadow Street at Mayflower Lane
 - 3.8 End of Mayflower Lane roadwalk
 - 4.4 Route 110 at Indian Well entrance
 - 4.8 Indian Well S.P. at Falls Parking Lot
 - 5.3 Indian Well Overlook
 - 7.1 Birchbank Mtn Overlook
 - 7.8 Round Hill Road/Okenuck Way
 - 8.2 Poet Path
 - 9.0 Webb Mtn, Monroe
 - 12.9 East Village Rd, Monroe

Attractions

Nells Rock Corner is the most popular entrance to the Shelton Lakes Greenway. There are gardens and benches, access to the Rec Path and other trails, and a **Dog Park** with two enclosures, one for small dogs. All male dogs must be neutered. A portalet is available in warmer months. The dog park enclosure is managed by the Parks & Recreation Department 203-925-8422.

Hope Lake (*aka Nells Rock Reservoir*) is stocked with trout by the CT DEEP. Canoes and kayaks may be launched near the dam on the north side. There is also a handicapped-accessible fishing platform near the dam. A small picnic area is maintained immediately south of the causeway.

Silent Waters and Pine Lake are lightly used for fishing and kayaking. Both are too shallow for trout stocking but are home to bass and pickerel.

Eklund Wildflower Garden is a rustic botanical garden stocked with plants indigenous to the greater Northeast. Eklund Garden and the gardens of Nells Rock Corner are managed by the Community Garden Committee.

Greenway Rules

The Shelton Lakes Greenway is open dawn to dusk for hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, picnicking, letterboxing, and geocaching.

All dogs must be leashed except within the dog park enclosure.

Prohibited: Fires, creation of unauthorized trails and bike ramps, hunting, motorized vehicles, wild foraging, cutting vegetation, ice skating, swimming, littering, dumping, metal detecting, and removal of historic objects. Refer to Shelton Ordinance Section 11-51 for additional information.

To report unauthorized use:
 Dog issues: Animal Control 203-924-2501
 Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency): 203-924-1544
 Natural Resource Manager: 203-924-1555 x1315

Report trail maintenance issues to the Conservation Department at 203-924-1555 x1315 or conservation@cityofshelton.org.

Our trails are maintained by volunteers. For information about volunteering and upcoming events, visit the Shelton Trails Committee's blog at www.sheltonconservation.org/trails.



About the Shelton Trails Committee: The Shelton Trails Committee holds planning meetings at 5:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at City Hall Room 303, and hosts volunteer work parties on the second and fourth Saturday morning of each month. The Committee also leads guided hikes. For more information, visit the Trails Committee blog at www.sheltonconservation.org/trails.

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