

Stillman-Danaher Preserve

Nancy Danaher Trail Map

This preserve results from the donation of 40 acres of land by Rufus and Leslie Stillman in 1978 and an adjoining 37-acre parcel donated by Thomas and Nancy Danaher in 1997. This beautiful, heavily wooded landscape includes a broad high plateau, a valley with a double stream crossing, striking rock outcrops, old stone walls and traces of an ancient woods roadway.

Litchfield Land Trust



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The trailhead of the Nancy Danaher trail is located west of Litchfield center on Clark Road about 0.6 mile from US Route 118 and 1.35 miles from US Route 202. It is marked by a Litchfield Land Trust sign off the shoulder of the road on the eastern side. The trail consists of a stem and loop totaling about 3 miles in length.

Starting in a hemlock grove, the stem portion of the trail crosses a small meadow before descending a moderately steep slope into a broad wetland environment on the broad floor of the Spruce Brook valley. After crossing the two branches of the stream over footbridges, the trail begins to climb gently. It passes a large boulder, stone walls and several large trees then levels out in a broad flat area of seasonal wetness and vernal pools. The forest is mature mixed hardwood-hemlock with numerous birch trees. Shortly after resuming an uphill course, the trail divides at the beginning of the loop portion. The right fork continues a moderate ascent, winding past rock outcrops until reaching the summit and the landmark Pinnacle Rock, about 50 feet in length and sloping to a height of 15 feet, perched near the edge of a ridgeline with an easterly drop.

Past Pinnacle Rock the trail continues in a northward direction, along a plateau paralleling the ridgeline. The relatively open upland forest is largely beech-oak-maple with occasional pine and hemlock. The trail eventually curves west then south to begin the return, and soon intersects and follows an old woods road before picking up its own course again. Look for occasional patches of young American chestnut. Further on, the trail passes the distinctive Flat Rock, then descends gently and reaches the trail junction, thus completing the loop. Follow the stem trail back to the trailhead.

LLT Preserve Policies:

- Stay on designated trails
- No motorized vehicles
- No fires, swimming, hunting or trapping
- Wear orange during hunting season
- Help keep the preserve clean – no littering or dumping

The Litchfield Land Trust is a non-profit, member-supported organization whose mission is to preserve and protect the natural resources in the Litchfield, CT area, including water resources, marsh land, swamps, woodland, agricultural land and open spaces and the plant and animal life therein, and the preservation of unique, historical and scenic sites.

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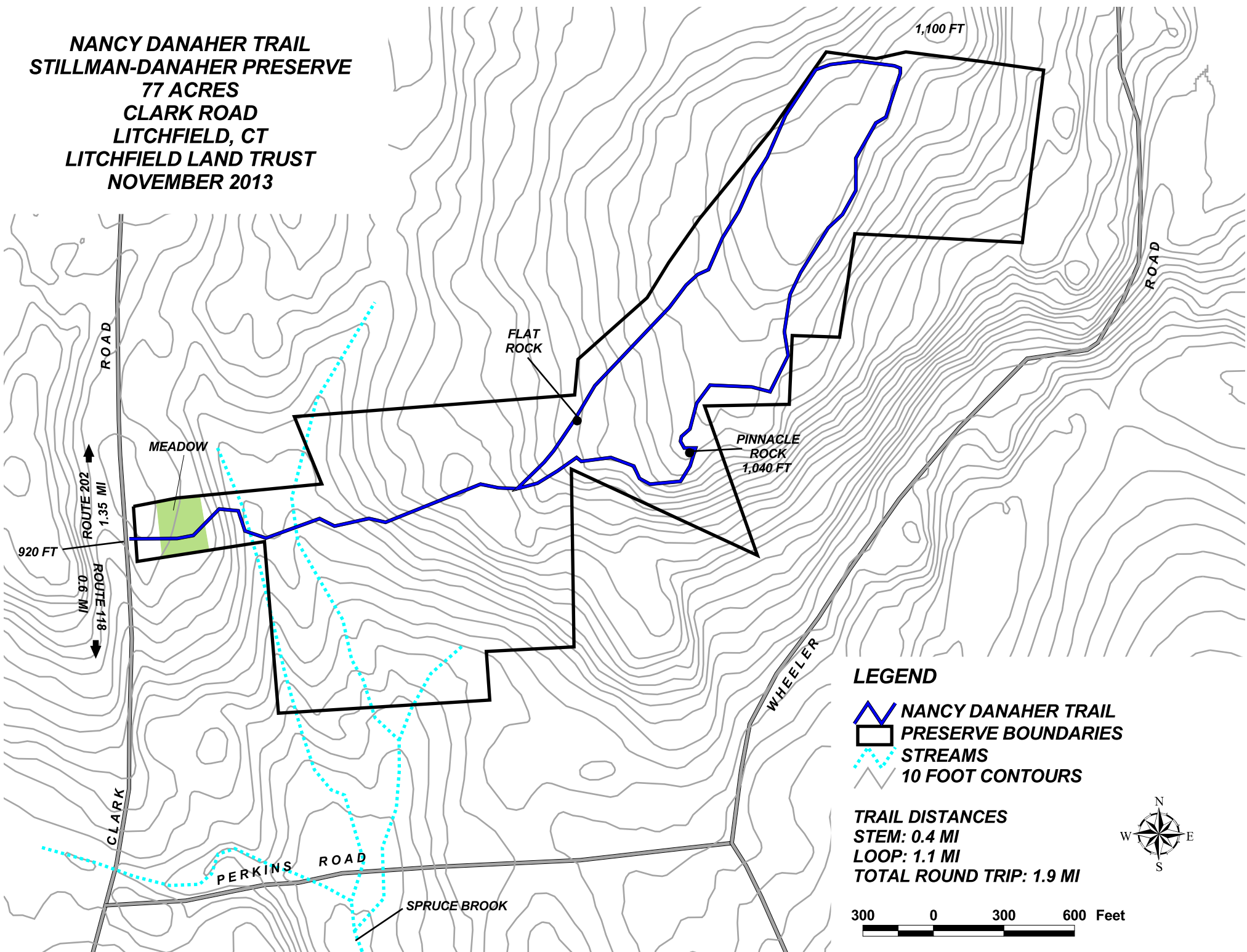
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 77 ACRES
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LEGEND

-  NANCY DANAHER TRAIL
-  PRESERVE BOUNDARIES
-  STREAMS
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TRAIL DISTANCES
 STEM: 0.4 MI
 LOOP: 1.1 MI
 TOTAL ROUND TRIP: 1.9 MI

