

Be part of the future.
Preserve our landscape.

The Trail Description

Starting at the Community Garden the trail head is located at the end of the parking area to the right of the garden shed. The easy quarter mile stroll follows a cut path through a hay field. The hay in this field is harvested late in the season to protect ground nesting birds. The path ascends a modest hill and at the height of the land a kiosk with a map is located on the right. The path descends along a ruined stone wall at the edge of a hay field to a viewing platform with bench seating. The platform overlooks a beaver pond in a tranquil wetland valley. This is a quiet place with wonderful nature viewing and a rich place for bird watching. It was named for a pair of Marsh Hawks that entertained the trail crew volunteers as they worked on the property.

The Litchfield Community Garden located on the Graham Thompson Preserve is a jointly managed partnership between the Litchfield Land Trust & Litchfield Community Center. The preserve is named for Graham Thompson, a founding member, past President and early driving force for the Litchfield Land Trust.

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

Thank You

Funds provided by the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy and the State of Connecticut allowed the Litchfield Land Trust to acquire and preserve this property formerly known as Hassig Farm.

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Be a part of the Team!

I would like to:

- ☐ **Volunteer.** Please contact me to learn about current opportunities in land monitoring, special events, office support, or other activities.
- ☐ **Donate skills and talents** _____
- ☐ **Talk about donating land or an easement**

Payment Methods

(Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.)

- ☐ Matching gift from my employer (Please include your employer's matching gift forms.)
- ☐ Online at www.litchfieldlandtrust.org
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Graham Thompson Preserve

Marsh Hawk Trail

36 Acres

0.5 Miles • Easy

Intersection of Brush Hill Road and Route 202, Litchfield, CT

Located behind the Community Garden.

Walking distance from the Litchfield Community Center.

This Grassy trail begins at and meanders past the Community Garden plots, along a rubble stone wall to a platform at the edge of a hayfield overlooking a beaver pond and the valley beyond.

Litchfield Land Trust is a non-profit membership organization whose mission is the preservation and conservation of open space, including farm and forest land, and the natural resources located thereon, primarily in the town of Litchfield for the benefit and education of the public.



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Graham Thompson Preserve



Baldwin Hill Road

Beaver

Viewing Platform

Boulder

Swamp

Hay Field

Garden

Shed

Pond

You Are Here

Legend

- Graham Thompson Preserve
- Field/Farmland
- Swamp
- Marsh Hawk Trail
- Stone Wall

0 50 100 200 300 400 Feet

Brush Hill Road

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