

Be part of the future.  
Preserve our landscape.

### The Trail Description

This 340-acre preserve, located west of Litchfield Center, includes a spectacular viewpoint near its 1350-foot summit, as well as a large pond to the west. The area was subject to significant nickel mining explorations in the 1800's. Most of the Prospect Mountain Preserve was acquired in 1983, largely through the efforts of Dallett Hoopes, a founder of the Litchfield Land Trust. The Blue Trail is named for him. The White Trail is named in recognition of Graham Thompson, also an early leader of LLT. The entire Prospect Mountain trail system is part of Connecticut Forest and Park Association's (CFPA) statewide system of trails, and is jointly administered by CFPA and LLT.

The **BLUE TRAIL** is rated moderate/challenging as it includes a 400-foot gain to the summit, as well as some steep and rocky areas.

The **YELLOW TRAIL** also moderate/challenging, diverges from the Blue trail at 0.1 mi from its eastern trailhead crosses seasonal wetlands and ascends steeply to meet the Blue trail near the 1350 ft. summit.

The **RED TRAIL**, west of Prospect Mountain Road, is relatively easy. It passes along the south shore of Granniss Pond then turns north, crossing a footbridge, below the pond along its western shore on a boardwalk. This loop trail continues on through a pine plantation, old stone walls, an old farm road, an old high meadow, and back down towards the pond's eastern side. The last feature before completion of the loop is an old horizontal mine shaft opening and a pond overlook.

The **WHITE TRAIL**, of moderate difficulty, begins at Prospect Mountain Road, initially loops southeast, passing through wetlands and an old pine plantation, then recrossing the wetlands before turning sharply to the right and through barway. It continues in a northerly direction through mostly open forest of moderate inclines and descents. Finally, the trail bears more easterly, becoming steeper until it meets the Blue trail near the south summit.

### 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

### JOIN US.

#### Become a member.

Each membership level entitles you to one year of basic benefits including: a window decal, bi-annual newsletter, email updates and knowing that you are contributing to Litchfield open space.

- Individual annual membership ..... \$35
- Family annual membership ..... \$50
- Supporter..... \$100
- Patron ..... \$250
- Benefactor.....\$1000

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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](http://www.litchfieldlandtrust.org)
- OR return this card to us with a check payable to **LLT:**

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## Prospect Mountain Preserve

**BLUE TRAIL** – Dallett Hoopes Trail:  
1.7 MI from Route 202 on Prospect Mt. Rd.

**YELLOW TRAIL** – 1.7 MI from Route 202 on Cathole Rd.

**RED TRAIL** – Granniss Pond Trail: 1.7 MI from Route 202 on Prospect Mt. Rd.

**WHITE trail** – Graham Thompson Trail:  
1.1 MI North from Route 202 on Prospect Mt. Rd.

340 Acres • Trails of varying difficulty

Cathole Rd. & Prospect Mountain Rd., Litchfield, CT

This beautiful, heavily wooded landscape includes a broad high plateau, a 1350 ft. summit elevation, striking rock outcrops, old stone walls, traces of an old wood road and early nickel mining sites.

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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