Directions

The Nancy Danaher trail is west of Litchfield center on Clark Road. The trailhead is on the east side of Clark Road about 1.35 miles south of Route 202 or 0.6 miles north of Route 118. The trail consists of a stem and loop totaling about 2 miles in length.

The Trail Description

Starting in a hemlock grove, the stem portion of the trail crosses a small meadow before descending into a wetland environment in the Spruce Brook valley. After crossing two footbridges, the trail begins to climb gently. It passes a large boulder, stone walls and 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 uphill, the trail divides at the loop portion. The right fork continues a moderate ascent, winding past rock outcrops until reaching the summit and the landmark Pinnacle Rock.

Past Pinnacle Rock the trail winds northeast paralleling the ridgeline. The open upland forest is largely beechoak-maple. Look for occasional patches of young American chestnut and "witches brooms" on young birch. The trail eventually curves west then southwest to begin the return, and soon follows an old woods road. Further on, the trail passes a distinctive Flat Rock, then descends gently to the trail junction, thus completing the loop. Follow the stem trail back to the entrance.

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

40 acres of land were donated by Rufus and Leslie Stillman in 1978 and an adjoining 37-acre parcel was donated by Thomas and Nancy Danaher in 1997.

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Stillman-Danaher Preserve

Nancy Danaher Trail

77 Acres

2 Miles • Easy/Moderate

Clark Road, Litchfield, CT 1.35 miles South from Route 202 or 0.6 miles North from Route 118

This beautiful, heavily wooded landscape includes a broad high plateau, a valley with a double stream crossing, striking rock outcrops, stone walls and an old woods road.

