

## WELCOME

In 2002, a partnership between Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy was developed to preserve some 15,300 acres of land for open space preservation, water supply protection and enhancement, promotion of a diverse and resilient forest and ecosystem, and provide public use opportunities that are consistent with the other goals. The Conservation Land Committee (CLC), which is composed of representation of the three organizations, manages this land on a landscape basis. As partners with the environment, we strive to keep this land the way nature intended through forest and wildlife management, watershed protection, research, and public education.

The Conservation Land Committee's "Be Our Guest" Public Access Program is a way for us to share the natural beauty of the land with you. If you enjoy fishing, hiking, bird watching or cross-country skiing, or just appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors, then we invite you to Be Our Guest on the designated areas of the watershed land.

Our fishing permit gives you access to great freshwater fishing at our reservoirs in Weston, Redding, Monroe and Shelton.

Our hiking permit allows you access to approximately 10 miles of scenic trails on the conservation lands which is part of approximately 40 miles of trails in the Saugatuck Valley Trails system in Redding and Weston.

In turn, we ask that you abide by a few simple rules to help us safeguard the public water supply, minimize impact to the natural environment and make your experience a safe and enjoyable one. Your support will help us keep these watershed areas open for public education and recreation.

If you have any questions about the Conservation Land Public Access Program, please call the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut's Watershed & Environmental Management office at (203) 452-3510.

## GUIDELINES

- To fish, you must have an Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut permit. A permit is valid only for the year in which it is issued. Fishing permits are not transferable.
- To be on the Conservation Lands, you must have a valid permit issued by Conservation Land Committee through Aquarion Water Company.
- Swimming, wading, camping, alcoholic beverages, smoking, campfires, picnicking, littering, radios, motors and vendors are prohibited.
- Hunting and trapping are only permitted in designated areas by special permit.
- Vehicles of any kind, including all types of cycles, are prohibited on the Conservation Lands property.
- Pets or horses are prohibited on the Conservation Lands property.
- The use or possession of firearms is not allowed in recreation areas.
- Please stay in designated fishing areas along the shoreline or on the blazed hiking trails.
- Please do not disturb the vegetation - do not pick or remove wildflowers or plants.
- Refuse containers are located on our property. If they are full, please carry out your trash.
- Chemical toilets are located in the Saugatuck Reservoir recreation area (see map).
- Parking is available at various locations at the Saugatuck Reservoir (see map).
- State law prohibits trespassing on the ice of a frozen reservoir or anywhere on Conservation Lands property.

If you choose to violate these guidelines, you may be subject to criminal penalties and your guest privileges will be revoked. Aquarion Water Company and Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection law enforcement officers regularly patrol the property to enforce State laws and regulations.

## ANGLERS

Fishing season begins the third Saturday of April and ends on the last day of December. Ice fishing is prohibited. During fishing season, you may fish daily, including holidays, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

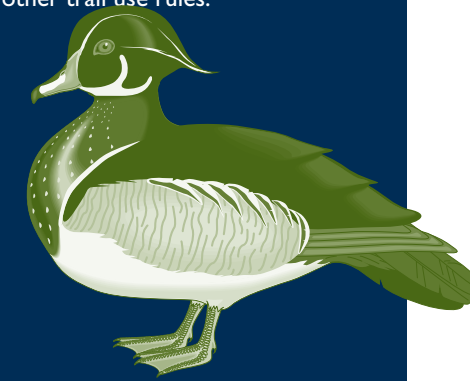
- Anglers 16 years of age or older must have a valid State fishing license to apply for an Aquarion Water Company fishing permit. Anglers under the age of 16 are not required to have a permit, but must be accompanied by an adult permit-holder.
- Anglers 65 years of age or older are eligible for a lifetime permit.
- Non-residents and Connecticut residents with valid season State fishing licenses may purchase a season or daily permit. Non-residents, with a valid 3-day non-resident fishing license, may only purchase daily permits.
- Fishing is permitted only from the shoreline. Boating, flotation devices and waders are prohibited.
- To help us protect the public water supply from contamination, the introduction of alewives into the water is prohibited. Also, please do not empty bait containers into the reservoir to help us protect the public water supply from contamination.
- Cleaning fish on the shoreline or elsewhere on the Conservation Lands property is prohibited.



## HIKERS

The Saugatuck Reservoir Trails are part of the Saugatuck Valley Trails system. Trails are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset. The Saugatuck Valley Trails map is considered your hiking permit for the Conservation Lands property. You or an individual in your group must carry the map at all times while on the trails. Please call the Aquarion Water Company Watershed & Environmental Management office at (203) 452-3510 for a free trail map/permit. In addition to the trail use rules listed on the map, please note:

- You may also enjoy jogging, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the trails.
- Horseback riding is not allowed on the Conservation Lands property, although it is permitted where posted on other trails in Redding.
- Hikers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult permit-holder.
- No motorized vehicles, bicycles or mountain bikes are allowed on the trails.
- Remember that your Saugatuck Valley Trail map serves as your permit. Please carry it with you at all times.
- Please refer to the Saugatuck Valley Trails map for other trail use rules.



## AQUARION PERMITS

**Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut Offices:**  
Weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**EASTON**  
Watershed & Environmental Management  
714 Black Rock Road (Route 58)  
Easton, CT 06612

**WESTPORT**  
Land Management  
1 Canal Street  
Westport, CT 06880

### Town Clerk's Office at these Town Halls:

**EASTON**  
225 Center Road  
Easton, CT 06612

**NEWTOWN**  
45 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

**TRUMBULL**  
5866 Main Street  
Trumbull, CT 06611

**MONROE**  
7 Fan Hill Road  
Monroe, CT 06468

**REDDING**  
Lonetown Road at  
Redding Center  
Redding, CT 06895

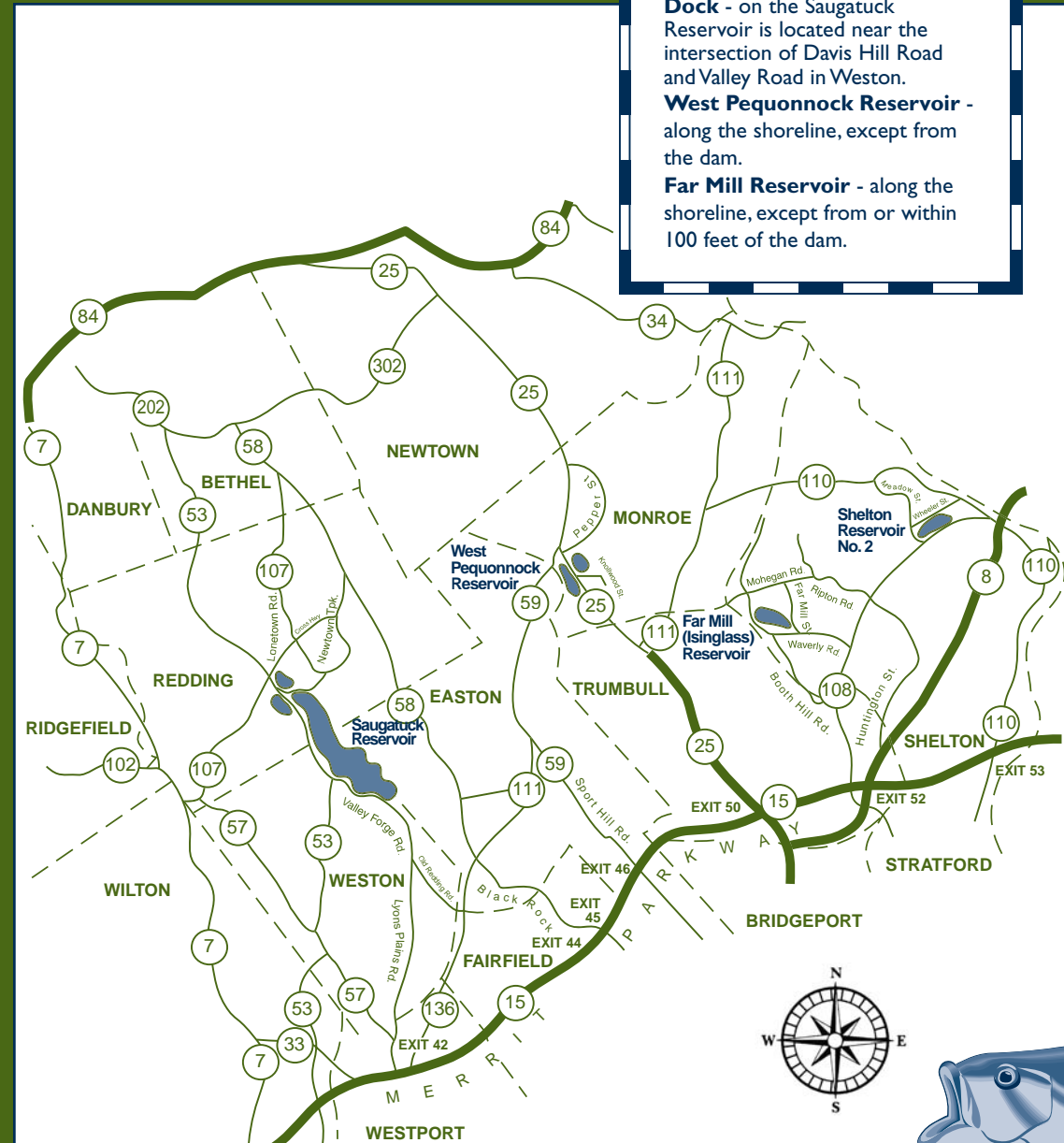
Permits are also available for purchase at selected area sporting good stores.

### Zebra Mussel Alert!

We are trying to monitor the whereabouts of zebra mussels in Connecticut. Be on the lookout for zebra mussels in fresh and brackish waters. These non-native mussels clog water intake pipes and valves, posing a multibillion-dollar threat to utilities and industries. Costly nuisances to boaters, fishermen and shoreline residents, they also have serious ecological impacts.

Most zebra mussels are thumb-nail size, but they can grow larger. They usually have light and dark bands on the "D-shaped" shells, but their patterns vary. They grow in clusters, attaching firmly to substrates with strong, adhesive threads. If you think you have found some, note the date and exact location. Then contact Aquarion Water Company at (203) 452-3510.

## FISHING AREAS



### SHORELINE FISHING IS AVAILABLE AT:

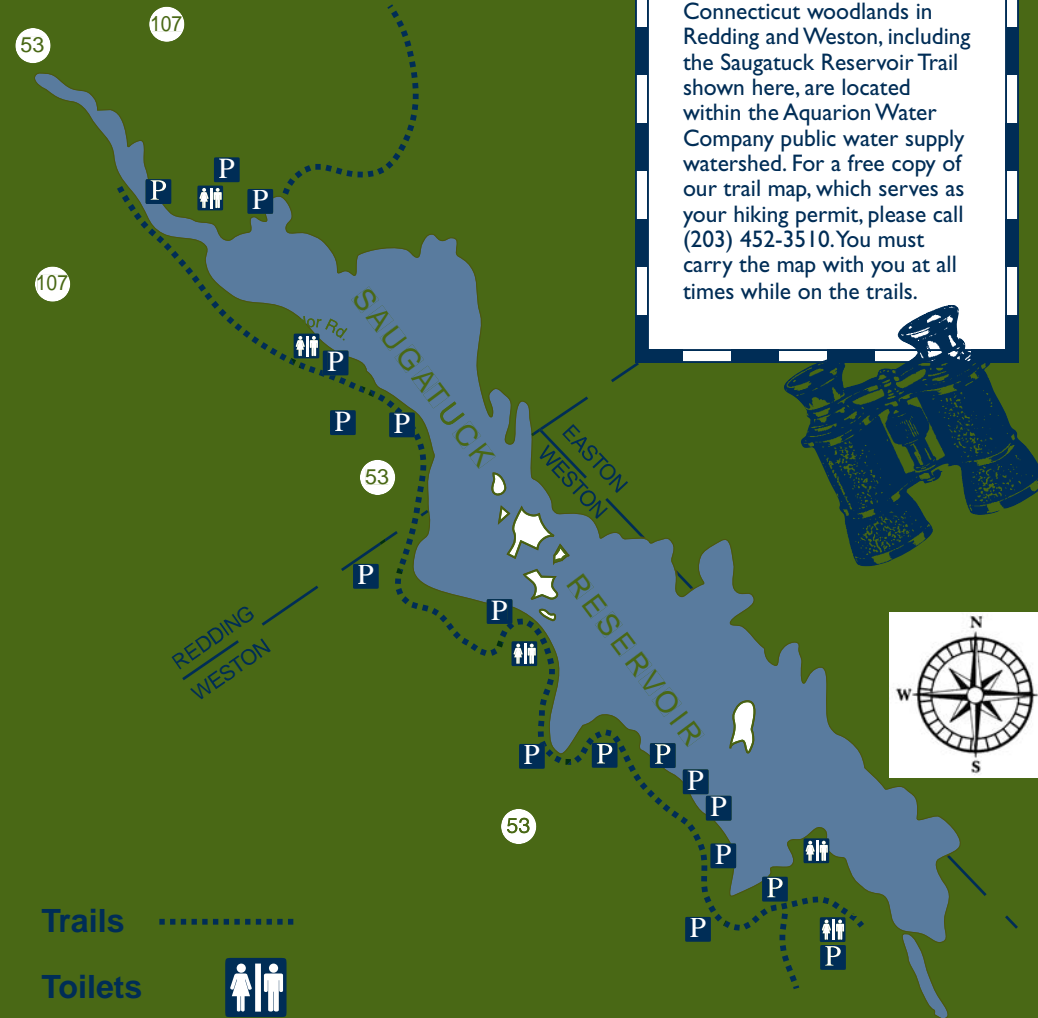
**Saugatuck Reservoir** - from the western shoreline 800 feet northwest of the Samuel P. Senior Dam in Weston up to the intersection of Glen Road and Newtown Turnpike in Redding, including the Saugatuck Glen.

**Wheel Accessible Anglers' Dock** - on the Saugatuck Reservoir is located near the intersection of Davis Hill Road and Valley Road in Weston.

**West Pequonnock Reservoir** - along the shoreline, except from the dam.

**Far Mill Reservoir** - along the shoreline, except from or within 100 feet of the dam.

## SAUGATUCK VALLEY TRAILS



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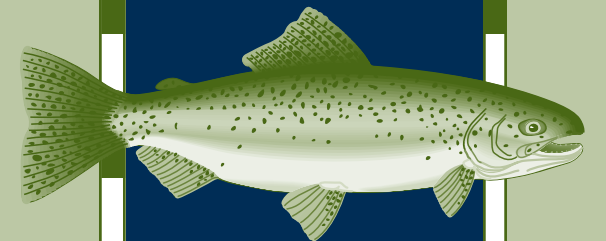
Toilets 

Parking 

The Saugatuck Valley Trails is a joint project of Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, the Aspetuck Land Trust, Inc., Connecticut Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Redding Land Trust and other contributors. The majority of these 40 miles of scenic trails across Connecticut woodlands in Redding and Weston, including the Saugatuck Reservoir Trail shown here, are located within the Aquarion Water Company public water supply watershed. For a free copy of our trail map, which serves as your hiking permit, please call (203) 452-3510. You must carry the map with you at all times while on the trails.

# BE OUR GUEST

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAM



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