

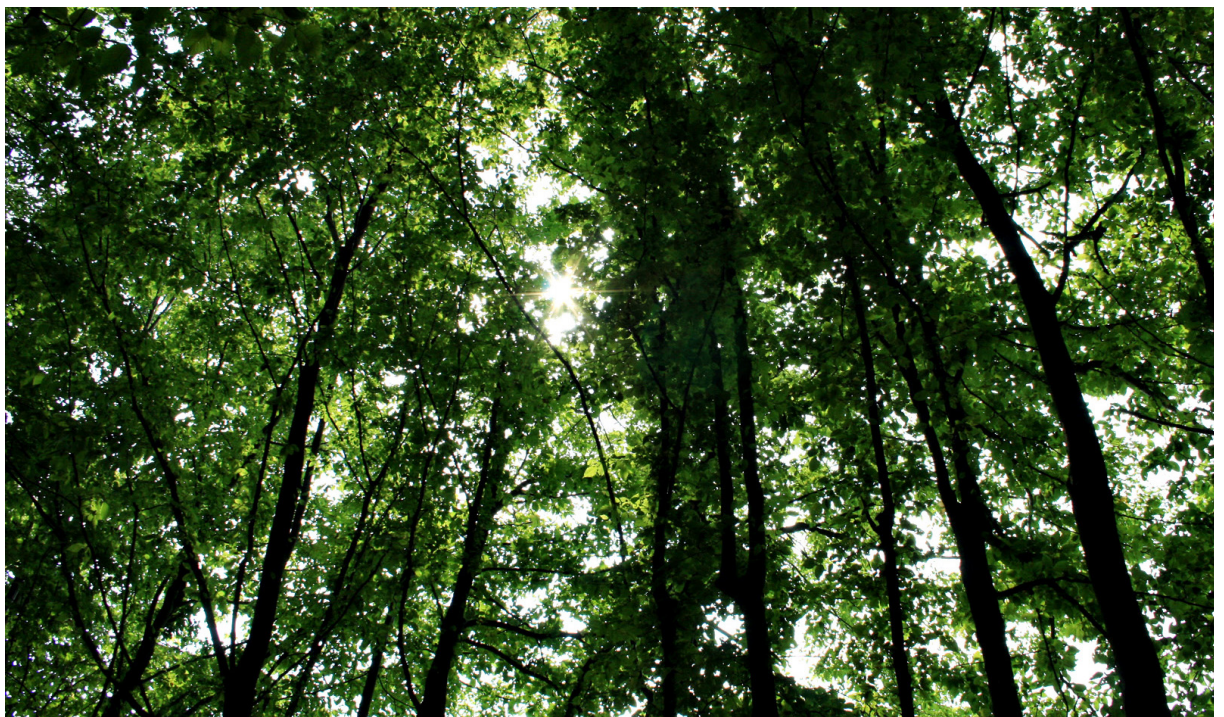
The Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy transferred the Gregg Preserve to the Wilton Land Conservation Trust beginning in 1979. The transfer occurred in several transactions. The first transaction in 1979 was comprised of 18.6 acres. Approximately 2.016 acres followed in 1983 and another 2.019 acres in 1984. The Nature Conservancy transferred another 52.25 acres in 1985. Janet Gregg Howell originally donated the property to The Nature Conservancy in the name of the late Dr. John Gregg.

**M**ostly open deciduous woods comprise the 74.5 acre preserve. However, two superior stands of planted evergreens along with two open fields give the Gregg Preserve a diversity of cover types, which make a visit to the Preserve most intriguing.

The network of trails created on the Gregg Preserve occurred mainly under private ownership. One section of the trail system follows and crosses Mayapple Brook with a series of wooden bridges. The brook meanders throughout the parcel flowing generally from east to west. The parcel's large wooded swamp situated in the north drains to the south and makes up a part of the Mayapple Brook watershed.

The Gregg Preserve's wide trails cover relatively gentle terrain. The Preserve is suitable for many pursuits including cross country skiing, walking, botanizing, and birding as seasons permit. Check the spruce groves for roosting owls and the stream side for warblers. A visit to this attractive preserve is most rewarding experience.

For a longer hike, one can access the trails of the adjoining Belknap Preserve via the eastern portion of the orange trail.



**Directions:** From Wilton Center, take Route 7 north for 2.6 miles to Honey Hill Road on the right (east). Follow Honey Hill 0.5 miles to Mayapple Road. The entrance to Gregg Preserve is off the Mayapple cul-de-sac.

**Acreage:** ±74.5

**Parking:** At end of Mayapple Road; one or two cars at Seeley Road

**Access:** Entrance at southwest corner of the Mayapple Road cul-de-sac; off Seely Road; Belknap Preserve

**Trails:** One well-developed trail around the property's perimeter and interior crossing trails. Horseback riding on designated trails by permission from the Wilton Land Conservation Trust.

**Ownership:** Wilton Land Conservation Trust



**GREGG PRESERVE**