



Scantic Riparian Area

Length: 0.5 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Land Owner: Northern CT Land Trust

NCLT's Scantic Riparian Area Nature Preserve is located off of Durkee Road in Somers and is open to the public for walking or horseback riding. It is an outstanding location for birding and there is also beaver activity in the area with a beaver dam and at least one lodge. The former loop trail along the river is closed due to periodic flooding as well as a broken footbridge. A walk of about a half-mile along the power line maintenance road leads past cattail marshes.

Park under the power line tower on Durkee Road just west of the Scantic River bridge. Walk around the locked gate across the road to access the area. Due to the large bird population please leave dogs at home when visiting the area.

The Somers Recreation Department would like to thank the dedicated organizations and passionate volunteers including the Northern Connecticut Land Trust and Somers Open Space & Trails Committee for their tremendous efforts in the preservation and maintenance of the trail networks outlined within.