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Town of Southold
**Park
Passport**

A Guide to Selected
Preserves & Trails of Southold Town
2021 Season

Official Park Passport Challenge Handbook
Hike a Trail | Collect Badges | Win a Prize

See inside for details

Find a full list of public trails & preserves at the Land Preservation
page of the Southold Town website:

www.southoldtownny.gov



Welcome to Southold Town's

Discover Southold Town's beautiful natural spaces by exploring our parks and trails. Our Park Passport program is a fun and interactive way to encourage you to visit each trail and see how unique each one is. Find landscapes with a variety of natural features - forests of hardwoods, meadows blooming with flowers, saltmarshes teeming with young marine life, and so much more. Keep on the lookout for diverse wildlife too. Birds, bunnies, squirrels, salamanders, toads, and even a vocal bull frog may appear, depending on the ecosystem of the trail you are hiking.

The trails and parks are free to access, so visiting them is an ideal affordable family outing. This booklet is your guide, complete with trail maps, a description of some notable areas of each one, and of course the address so you can easily find it.

Take our Park Passport Challenge and be entered in our prize drawing for a \$20 gift certificate to Magic Fountain in Mattituck. After all that hiking you deserve some ice cream! As you walk through each trail, look for the Park Passport sign and kiosk for that trail. Collect a badge from the kiosk that is your proof of visiting. Affix the badge to the respective page in your Park Passport Booklet. When you have your booklet filled with the badges from all the preserves, turn it in to the Recreation Department at 970 Peconic Lane, Peconic.

This Park Passport belongs to:

First & Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Park Passport Program!

Parks & Trails Included in the Park Passport

All trails/preserves are open year-round, dawn to dusk, unless noted.

Ruth Oliva Preserve at Dam Pond

11855 Route 25, East Marion, Acreage: 36.0, Length of trails: 1.30 mi.

Paul Stoutenburgh Preserve

63445 Route 25, Southold, Acreage: 53.0, Length of trails: 1.10 mi.

Sound View Dunes Park

4503 Soundview Avenue, Peconic, Acreage: 57.0, Length of trails: 1.20 mi.

Downs Farm Preserve

23800 Route 25, Cutchogue, Acreage: 51.0, Length of trails: 1.10 mi.

Laurel Lake Preserve

5145 Route 25, Laurel, Acreage: 174.0, Length of trails: 2.20 mi.

Custer Preserve

1080 Main Bayview Rd., Southold, Acreage: 6.0, Length of trails: 0.40 mi.

Mill Road Preserve

1900 West Mill Rd., Mattituck, Acreage: 25, Length of trails: .90 mi

Park Passport Challenge Rules

- Visit each park/trail/preserve in this booklet.
- Collect a badge for each, affix it where indicated to the corresponding page in your passport booklet.
- Collect ALL badges and submit your passport booklet to the Southold Town Recreation Department.
- Park Passport booklets must be received by Sept. 30, 2021

DEADLINE FOR PARK PASSPORT CHALLENGE CONTEST:

All completed booklets must be received by

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 to be eligible for the drawing.

We will announce the winner on Friday, October 15, 2021.

Ruth Oliva Preserve at Dam Pond

Location: 11855 Route 25, East Marion | **Acreage:** 36.0 | **Trail Length:** 1.30 mi.

The Ruth Oliva Preserve includes ecological communities, providing food and habitat for many species of animals including whitetail deer, red fox, eastern cottontail raccoons, opossum, squirrels, bobwhite quail, pheasant, and a variety of songbirds. Dam Pond and its fringing salt marsh are important habitat for osprey, diamondback terrapin, and migrating and overwintering waterfowl and shorebirds.



Down's Farm Preserve

Location: 23800 Route 25, Cutchogue | **Acreage:** 51.0 | **Trail Length:** 1.10 mi.

Down's Farm Preserve offers areas of old-field, mixed hardwood forest, hillside seep and salt marsh communities. This site also includes remains of Fort Corchaug, a Native American encampment on the southern end of the property. However, this section is off limits to hikers.



Paul Stoutenburgh Preserve

Location: 63445 Route 25, Southold | **Acreage:** 53.0 | **Trail Length:** 1.10 mi

The Paul Stoutenburgh Preserve showcases the diversity of the East End's natural environment: tidal salt marsh meadows, pristine woodlands, vernal freshwater ponds and wetlands. Its forest lands are dominated by oaks and hickories, but also include birches, maples, American beech, and mature white pines. This diversity provides habitat for a wide range of wildlife, including egrets, salamanders, herons, hawks, crabs, deer, bats, and fox.



Sound View Dunes

Location: 4503 Soundview Ave., Peconic | **Acreage:** 57.0 | **Trail Length:** 1.20 mi.

Sound View Dunes offers a hike through upland swales containing hardwoods and pines that loop to the beach on Long Island Sound. The beachside dunes are dotted with bayberry and beach plum. Find a variety of songbirds, shorebirds, wading birds and winter waterfowl. It's also habitat to a wide range of other wildlife, including deer, bats and fox.



Laurel Lake Preserve

Location: 5145 Route 25, Laurel | **Acreage:** 174 | **Trail Length:** 2.20 mi

Laurel Lake Preserve is the Town of Southold's largest. It is home to a mixed hardwood forest as well as shrubs, including low-bush blueberry and the elusive mountain laurel. Wildlife includes songbirds, woodpeckers, owls, fox, and woodchucks. This preserve's varied landscape of forest, meadow and fresh water wetlands offers a chance to observe a variety of flora and fauna, so pack those binoculars and camera zoom lenses.



Mill Road Preserve

Location: 1900 West Mill Rd., Mattituck | **Acreage:** 25 | **Trail Length:** .90 mi

The Mill Road Preserve is located in the “Cox’s Neck” area, named after Samuel Cox, who had constructed a tidal mill on Mattituck Inlet in 1821. This was one of the earliest tidal mills in the country and was operated until around 1902. The preserve is mostly woodland, with the trailhead opening into shrubland/grassland that provides food sources and bedding for wildlife. Look for signs of bobwhite quail, songbirds and whitetail deer.



Custer Preserve

Location: 1080 Main Bayview Rd., Southold | **Acreage:** 6 | **Trail Length:** .40

Custer Preserve is a country meadow that offers vistas with wildlife and plant observations that change with the seasons. Wildflowers and grasses host rabbits, squirrels and provide food and shelter for songbirds. Look to the sky for raptors. This preserve is a green oasis easily visible, and accessible, from the busy Bayview/Pine Neck neighborhoods.



Guide to Visiting the Trails

When you visit our trails, please help protect and maintain the natural beauty and wildlife habitat of the area. Our public trails showcase the North Fork's natural treasures, including forest, wetland, dune, and beach habitats. They are intended for passive recreational purposes, to balance public access with protecting the ecological integrity of each parcel. Trails are generally open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk, except for those that are included in the deer management program and are open to hunting. Visitors should observe open access to avoid those open to hunting in season, which begins Oct 1st, every year.

When you visit please observe the following:

- Stay on designated trails
- Leash your dog, and pickup after it.
- No littering or dumping. If you bring it in, carry it out.
- No camping
- No fires

*Protect yourself and your family against TICKS
Wear repellent, check daily, shower after being outdoors.*

Thank you!

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