

### Branford Walkers August 2025 Schedule

All hikes meet at 8:45 am at the hike location. We start hiking at 9 am. Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the leader. **No dogs allowed.**

Aug 1	<b>Farmington Canal</b> , New Haven. Walk the brand new section of the Farmington Canal Trail in downtown New Haven with Vinnie Kiernan (203-562-6012). We'll see the historical display of the canal's entire length on the wall of the tunnel. We'll walk under the streets of Temple St, Whitney Ave, and Hillhouse Ave. We'll see the courtyards of the newest colleges at Yale University on College Street. If time allows we'll see the new Schwarzman Center at Woolsey Hall. Meet in front of Saint Michael's Church at 29 Wooster Place in the Wooster square area. There's free parking in this area for two hours on Greene Street and Academy Street. Cell phone number on day of hike is 203-980-4001.
8	<b>Racebrook Tract</b> , Orange and Woodbridge. Off Racebrook Rd (Rt 114) in Orange, just north of Derby Ave (Rt 34). From Wilbur Cross Parkway, take exit for Derby Ave East or South (exit 57 or 58). After about a mile, turn left on Racebrook Rd (Route 114). Look for sign at entrance to parking area on right about 2/10 mile north of Rt 34. From I95, take exit 41, Marsh Hill Rd, north (toward Post Rd), go right on Indian River Rd to Racebrook Rd (Route 114). Bear left on Racebrook, cross route 1 and continue about 2.4 miles to and across Rt 34. Look for sign at entrance to parking area on right about 2/10 mile north of Rt 34. GPS: 905 Racebrook Road, Orange. Leo Cristofar 203-214-5824
15	<b>Weber Woods</b> , Westbrook. Going North on I95, take Westbrook Exit 64. Go north at end of exit onto Horse Hill Road going toward Deep River. After you pass the Messerschmidt Pond boat launch on the right, the dirt road entrance to Weber Woods is about 200 feet on the left and has a Cockaponset State Forest sign. Going South on I95, take Westbrook Exit 64. Go right at the end of the exit onto Horse Hill Road and follow the directions above. Going East on Rt 80, go through Madison and Killingworth and keep going toward Deep River. Go right onto Rt 145. The dirt road entrance to Weber Woods is a short distance on the right. If you pass Messerschmidt Pond you've gone too far. Sue Frechette 860-227-6520
22	<b>Genesee</b> , Madison. For GPS use: 1825 Durham Rd (Rte 79), Madison. <u>From the south, I95 or Rte 1:</u> Drive north on Rte 79 (exit 61 from I95) for about 6 miles to traffic circle at Rte 80. Take 2nd exit from traffic circle, continuing on Rte 79 north. Drive 2.8 miles to gate on left for Genesee (Regional Water Authority sign). <u>From the north, through Durham:</u> Take Rte 17 south through Durham. Just south of Durham center, at traffic light, bear left onto Rte 79 south. Drive 5.3 miles to gate on right for Genesee (Regional Water Authority sign). Joint with New Haven Hiking Club. Geoff Smith 203-488-3352
29	<b>Lake Bethany</b> , Bethany. Lake Bethany parking lot, 200 Hatfield Hill Road, Bethany, off Rt 69 (Litchfield Turnpike). Regional Water Authority, no pets. Heavy rain cancels. Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3352