

**Branford Walkers December 2024 Schedule**

**All Branford Trail hikes meet at 8:45 am at the starting point**, where we will start hiking at 9 am. Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the leader. Sorry, no dogs are allowed.

<p>Dec 6</p>	<p><b>Harrison Farm Preserve</b>, North Branford. Off Rte 80, just east of the center of North Branford. Take 139, 22, or 80 into North Branford. Traveling east on 80, take the first left after crossing Crooked Brook, onto North Street, approximately 1/4 mile past where Rte 139 meets 80, and a couple of hundred yards past where Rte 22 heads south from 80. Traveling west, take the first right, immediately after passing the Atwater Library on the right, onto North Street. There is a Key Bank on the left, across from the library. Drive to the end of North St. Do not go through the gate into RWA property. (The gate may be locked anyway.) There is a parking area on the left, just before the gate. You can park there, or to save a few steps, turn around and park anywhere along the right (west) side of North Street. Geoffrey Smith,203-488-3352</p>
<p>13</p>	<p><b>Lake Pattaconk</b>, Chester  Directions: I 95 N. Take exit 64 for route 145. Turn left onto rt 145 north to rt 80. Go right for 0.4 mile, then left to continue north on 145 to end. Turn right onto rt 148 east. Go 0.1 mile, take a left onto Cedar Lake Road, go approx. 2 miles take a left at a brown boat-launch sign and follow park road past lake into parking lot. Sue Frechette 860-227-6520. Sue Frechette 860-2276520</p>
<p>20</p>	<p><b>Niantic</b> boardwalk and more. Flat and easy. Great views. 3-5 miles (flexible) Meet Cini Memorial Park, Niantic. I 95 North to Exit 72 ( avoids blasting). Follow one way connector to traffic light. Turn left onto Rt 156 East and left into Cine Park (big sign). Location is about 3.6 miles E of Rocky Neck State Park. If you drive over Niantic bridge, you've gone too far. Park sits somewhat under bridge. Park in far eastern end of lot. GPS: 147 Main St, Niantic (Dad's Restaurant). Park is 0.3 ml past the restaurant. Sylvia Lack 203-624-1126</p>
<p>27</p>	<p><b>Hammonasset Beach State Park</b>, Madison. From exit 63 of I95, go south to park entrance. Park at Meig's Point Nature Center. Lunch afterwards at Lennie and Joe's Fishtale. Neal Cohen 203-783-9618</p>