

<p align="center">Branford Walkers February 2026 Schedule</p> <p align="center">All 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.</p> <p align="center">Sorry, no dogs are allowed.</p>	
Feb 6	<p>Bittner Park, Guilford. Off rte 77, 2.7 miles north of I95 exit 58 . GPS 1390 Durham Rd (rte 77), Guilford. Leo Cristofar 203-214-5824.</p>
13	<p>Lake Chamberlain, Bethany.</p> <p><u>From I95:</u> Take exit 47, MLK Blvd (Rte 34). Merge onto Rte 34 west, continue 1.9 miles. Turn right onto Ella Grasso Blvd (Rte 10), continue 0.9 miles. Turn left onto Whalley Avenue, continue on Whalley for 2.3 miles.</p> <p>Take the right fork onto Rte 69 (Litchfield Turnpike), continue 3.8 miles. Turn left onto Morris Road, to end, about 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Sperry Road. Entrance is about 150 yards ahead, on the right, with a sign for Lake Chamberlain. No sign, wrong gate.</p> <p><u>From Rte 15</u> (Wilbur Cross), take exit 59, turn north onto Rte 69. Continue north on Rte 69 approximately 3-1/2 miles to Morris Road. Turn left onto Morris Rd, then follow directions above.</p> <p>For GPS, use 7 Sperry Road, Bethany. Joint with New Haven Hiking Club.</p> <p>WARNING: DO NOT take Dillon Road off of Rte 69. This leads to a locked gate. SECOND WARNING: These directions use <u>old</u> exit numbers.</p> <p>Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3352</p>
20	<p>Weber Woods, Westbrook. Going North on I95, take Westbrook Exit 64. Go left 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.</p> <p>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</p>
27	<p>NB Land Trust Property off Beech Street, North Branford</p> <p>Beech Street is off of Rte 80 in North Branford. Coming from the east (Guilford) on Rte 80 west, go past a shopping center on the right. Then take the first right onto Beech Street. Beech Street seems to end in about 1/4 mile, but never fear, turn right and then your first left takes you back onto Beech. Continue about 1/2 mile. The parking lot is on the left. If you pass a grassy/dirt road on the left, you just missed the PL. Turn around and take the first right into the parking lot. Coming from the opposite direction, you can join Rte 80 by going north on Rte 22 or Rte 139, then turn right onto Rte 80. Or you could come south on Rte 22 from Northford and turn left onto Rte 80. Or you could pick up Rte 80 anywhere back through East Haven, or back all the way to I91, exit 8. However it is you get there, drive through the center of North Branford on Rte 80 heading east. Continue about 1 mile and turn left onto Beech Street. Follow the directions above. Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3352</p>

