

Branford Walkers January 2026 Schedule 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. Sorry, no dogs are allowed.	
Jan 2	East River Preserve , Guilford. From I95, take exit 59 (Goose Lane). Go north on Goose Lane about 1.7 miles, passing Bear House Hill Road. Turn right onto Sullivan Drive and drive in to large parking area at rear. Approximate GPS: 1 Sullivan Drive, Guilford. Leo Cristofar 203-214-5824
9	Local hike in Branford , starting at Pat Johnson's house, 106 Sunset Hill, Branford. Meet at 9 am to walk starting around 9:30, followed by picnic at Pat Johnson's. You can choose not to hike but instead you can help Pat prepare the food. You can also choose to hike only and leave before the picnic starts, in which case there is, of course, no charge. You are welcome to bring any food to share or for yourself. Beer also available for an extra \$1/bottle. There will be a food charge of \$10, payable in cash at the picnic. No IOUs, checks, credit cards, debit cards, Venmo or other modern means of payment. Feel free to invite friends or relatives who you think might enjoy our organization and/or join us on our regular Friday walks. Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3352
16	Westwoods , Guilford. Take I-95 exit 57 for Rt. 1 north. In about 0.6 mile, turn right onto Dunk Rock Rd, which is just past and opposite Bishop's Orchard. For parking area and trailhead, using Google Maps, use 582 Dunk Rock Rd. Guilford. Sylvia Lack 203-624-1126
23	Racebrook Tract , 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 42A or 42B). 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, to parking area on right. GPS: 835 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Kathy Heltke 203-530-4390
30	Farm River State Park , East Haven. IMPORTANT NOTE: You will see several signs contradicting what is written here, but we are not starting at the official entrance to this trail, so please ignore those signs and instead use the following directions: From Branford and points east, use exit 54 of I95. Go left under I95, then right on rte 1 for 0.9 miles, going under the RR tracks, then turning left onto rte 142 (Short Beach Rd) for 2.8 miles, crossing into East Haven and ignoring both the signs for Farm River State Park and the parking lot on your left. At 2.8 miles, at a light, turn left onto Mansfield Grove Rd

for 0.4 miles, going just *past* Pevetty Rd to the parking lot on your right, on the corner of Hoop Pole Rd.

From New Haven and points west, take exit 52 of I95. Take Rt 1 north to rt 142. There is a light at the intersection and a small office building on the corner. Turn right on 142 (Hemingway Ave) for 1.0 mile, then turn left to stay on 142 (now Short Beach Rd). There is a light at this intersection and a Shell station on the corner. Continue 0.7 miles, then turn right at the light onto Mansfield Grove Rd and follow the directions above. Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3354