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Stay in touch with the Winchester Land Trust

Winchester Land Trust's Facebook page is the best way to see the latest information regarding events such as our recent hike on the Ruez Trail. Our website is www.winchester-landtrust.org. You can email us at winchesterlandtrust@yahoo.com or call us at 860-379-9622. We receive our "snail mail" at PO Box 10, Winchester Center, CT 06094.



**The WLT Annual Meeting will be August 30 at 4 p.m.
at the gazebo on the Winchester Center green.**

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Welcome to the Winchester Land Trust

Come visit your land trust, your land, and your trails.

The Winchester Land Trust (WLT) currently owns over 319 acres spread across all parts of Winchester. WLT works with the public and government representatives to promote the benefits of land conservation and balanced growth.

Visit our website to learn more and to download trail maps.
www.winchesterland-trust.org

“Like” us on Facebook to receive up-to-date information about hikes, cleanups, and other community events.

Participate in upcoming WLT events.

Get maps and meet board members on July 17 at the Winsted Farmers Market, 3-6pm on the Winsted Green.

Find out “what’s new” at the WLT Table during the Fall Foliage Festival on Main Street, Winsted in October.

Attend a presentation sponsored by WLT at Beardsley & Memorial Library in March or April. In April 2015, educators from Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy brought Poppy the Owl and other birds to the library. (see article inside)

Hike with the WLT on Connecticut Trails Day, annually on the first weekend in June.

Support the WLT by making a donation. Use the enclosed envelope or go to our website to donate online.

Protecting Water Resources

Did you know that WLT has permanently protected land on Highland Lake, Lake Winchester, Park Pond, the Still River, and Rugg Brook? Protecting these properties from development preserves water recharge areas, absorbs rainwater, reduces flooding, filters contaminants, and helps preserve the water quality for Winsted's lakes, ponds, streams, and drinking water. These photos show some of the magical spots that are permanently preserved through your generosity and WLT's work.



Overlooking WLT's Still River preserve



Long Pond Ridge at Highland Lake



WLT's Rosgen Swamp section of Rugg Brook



A cold day on Lake Winchester with WLT members Jen Perga, Jay Martin and Louise VanAltstyne

WLT brings Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy to visit Beardsley & Memorial Library



Board member, Kathy Oneglia, with Woody the Wood Duck.



Cheerio the Mandarin Duck.

You didn't need to be enrolled in Hogwarts to meet a tame owl this spring. Poppy the Barn Owl, Woody the Wood Duck, Cheerio the Mandarin Duck, and Pito the Black-bellied Whistling Duck, were on hand at Beardsley & Memorial Library with the avian education team from Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy in Litchfield. Education Director Jessica Caton and Director of Aviculture Nick Tiberio introduced birds from their collection at the Litchfield avian research and breeding facility. The program was sponsored by Winchester Land Trust. Poppy the Barn Owl, a beautiful bird whose species is endangered in Connecticut due to habitat loss, underscored the common mission of both groups. Anyone interested in visiting LRWC should check their website for weekend openings and tours. Pictures of Poppy and the other exotic birds shown with their handlers at Beardsley are online courtesy of the Register Citizen and reporter John Nestor, whose coverage of the event perfectly captured the excitement and commitment of these researchers.



George Closson and LRWC intern Rochelle Streker with Pito the Black-bellied Whistling Duck.



Nick Tiberio with Poppy the Barn Owl.