

Yoakum Preserve

Trail Distances

- Parking to Trailhead ~ 0.4 Mile
- Preserve Access Trail ~ 0.7 Mile
- Long Wolf Hill Loop ~ 2.4 Miles
- Short Wolf Hill Loop ~ 1.6 Miles

Difficulty: Difficult



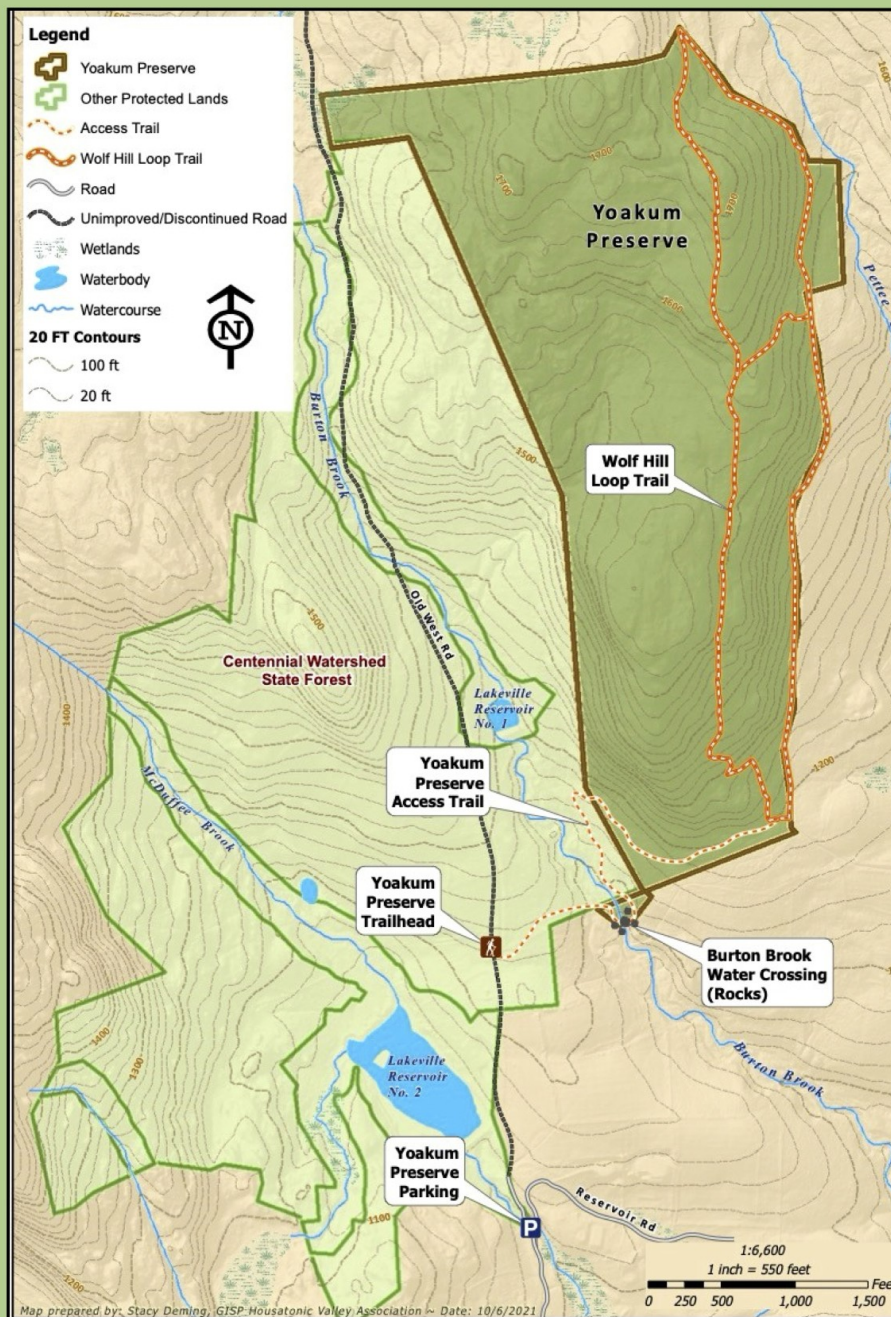
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Open dawn to dusk

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The 241 acre Yoakum Preserve was acquired from Alice Yoakum by the Salisbury Association Land Trust in 2020. She sold the land she loved so it would be preserved forever. The purchase was financed through grants from the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition program, Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation, the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation and the Housatonic Valley Association/Greenprint Partners Pledge Fund.

The forested Preserve is on the south side of the Mt Riga uplands and includes the 1,778' Mt Riga summit. Historically the land was known as Wolf Hill. The eastern boundary is the long abandoned Middle Road. The western boundary borders adjoins the Centennial Watershed State Forest protected by The Nature Conservancy. It is part of one of the largest forest blocks in western New England.

Parking is at a pull off on the right side of Reservoir Road just past the 2nd intersection of Tokone Hills Road. To access the preserve, walk past Lakeville Reservoir #2, up the abandoned West Road and across Nature Conservancy land. It involves bridge-less rock crossing of Burton Brook. During high water the brook may not be passable.



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To reach the Yoakum Preserve this trail traverses Centennial Watershed State Forest, land owned and collaboratively managed by Aquarion Water Company, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy.

One of the primary purposes of this 15,300-acre project is to protect and provide a safe, reliable, and adequate drinking water supply.

To reach the Yoakum Preserve you are entering and crossing the watershed of a public drinking water supply where access permission has been granted to SALT and their guests based on the following trail rules:

- Trails are open year-round from sunrise to sunset.
- Trails are for foot travel (hiking, running, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing) only.
- These activities are permitted only on marked (blazed) trails.
- Visitors may not fish; swim; wade; camp; build campfires; rock climb; smoke; carry alcoholic beverages; boat (including but not limited to floatation devices); or disturb or remove plants, animals, minerals, or artifacts.
- Pets, including horses, are prohibited.
- Vehicles of any kind, motorized or not, including all types of cycles are prohibited.
- Park only on designated parking on Reservoir Road.
- Drone use is prohibited.

To report unauthorized use, call SALT at 860-435-0566