

Quinnipiac River Linear Trail

Side Trails

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There are 3 side trails accessible from the first mile of the main, paved linear trail. These are unpaved and offer a woodland experience. Our volunteers added wood chips and markers to make the trails easier to use. They are not handicapped-accessible.

Be aware that ticks can live in tall grass and herbs. Check yourself, your kids and your dogs if you brush up against vegetation. Keep dogs leashed.



Side Trail Entrance



Main Trail



Bridge



Tunnel



Parking

Bicentennial—blue—is a short loop through the site of the former camp of reenactment soldiers for Wallingford's 1975-76 bicentennial celebration. Sheehan H.S. students and educator Bill Fritz built the first footbridge which was later rebuilt as an eagle scout project.

This trail—**white**—is U-shaped. The southernmost entrance slopes down to pass a buried sanitary sewer line and on to the river, then turns north along an elevated riverbank that supports upland forest. It exits at the main trail close to the bridge. This trail honors **Americorps NCCC**, who helped build the side trails.

Turtle—green—is an out-and-back trail that winds through the forest to end at a clearing with scattered trees. The clearing is the former site of 100-acre Community Lake before its dam burst in a severe storm on Jan. 25, 1979. Remnant ponds and the river remain. Turtles come from the river to lay their eggs in the sunny clearing.

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