

# BREWSTER FARM

## ACCESS/PARKING:

- Lounsbury Road (south side), about 0.6 miles west of the intersection with Cains Hill Road, across from Banks Hill Place. [GPS Address: 57 Lounsbury Road ]
- Lounsbury Lane (at the end of the paved portion), about 1.2 miles north of the intersection with Florida Hill Road. [GPS Address: 100 Lounsbury Lane]
- Limited parking is available at each access point.

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate, 1 hour.

**FEATURES:** The red-blazed Jones Trail runs on woodland hills and marshland around the Brewster Farm, one of three remaining working farms in Ridgefield. The trail includes views of the surrounding hills, the stone walls that crisscross the property, and fields. The trail runs largely on private property that has been conserved from development. Starting on Lounsbury Road across from Banks Hill Place, it quickly goes left through a cut in the stone wall and runs generally south-east from Lounsbury Road to Lounsbury Lane.



The trail crosses wetlands and a stream, up a hill, and along a ridge. Eventually, the trail offers a view of the Hickories organic farm. The Lost and Found Loop splits off, traversing low on the hill, doubling

back just before a stream, and then traverses back on the high side.

**HISTORY:** The Brewster Farm, also known as The Hickories Farm, became a farm over 250 years ago. The Lounsbury family purchased 46 original acres in 1839. Two of the Lounsbury sons became governors of Connecticut. In 1936, the Brewster family purchased the property and continues to farm the land. In 1997, Ridgefield purchased the development rights to 96 acres of the property through a conservation easement. The easement allows for the creation of trails throughout the property that are available for public use.

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**Legend**

- Conservation Area
- Open Space
- Jones Trail
- Stone wall
- Parking
- Wetlands