

ACCESS/PARKING:

- Old Stagecoach Road. [GPS Address: 11 Old Stagecoach Road]
- Lauzun Lane cul-de-sac. [GPS Address: 300 Lauzun Lane]

DIFFICULTY: Easy. 45 minutes.

FEATURES: Located at the intersection of Ridgebury and Old Stagecoach Roads, the property consists mainly of hillside meadows and forests, which provide important habitat for many birds, flora, and fauna. The property also contains wet meadows, which provide important habitat for various species of butterflies. A trail leading around the field and through the gully in the middle of the site is accessible to the public from the cul-de-sac at the end of Lauzun Lane. The large barn on the property sports a museum for farm tools, some of which are over 100-years old. The Commission has established a

pollinator garden in Stagecoach Pasture 2.



Approaching McKeon Farm from the south or west, one travels through heavily wooded areas into the cleared fields and meadows of the farm, offering lovely vistas in all directions. In 2021, the Commission created a series of educational signs along the trails that cover the history, current uses, and ecosystems that exist at the farm.

HISTORY: The property was purchased in 2002 for \$3,440,000: \$250,000 came from the Conservation Commission, \$820,000 from the State of Connecticut as a result of a settlement with the local water company, and the rest from private individuals.

The Conservation Commission permits animal grazing on the site in the apple orchard and the Ridgebury and Stagecoach 1 and 2 pastures; accordingly, these parcels have restrictive access during grazing season.

