



ACCESS/PARKING:

- Florida Hill Road, south side, 0.2 mile east of the intersection of Florida Hill and Cooper Hill Roads. [GPS Address: 200 Florida Hill Road]
- Florida Road, west side, near entrance, 0.2 mile from intersection of Florida and Florida Hill Roads. [GPS Address: 230 Florida Road]
- The refuge can also be accessed from the Rail Trail.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate, with some hills. 1.5 hours.

FEATURES: Trails at Florida Refuge cross wetlands via bridges and walkways. Platforms offer good viewing of the abundant amphibians that can be found here. Wildflowers in the area include marsh marigolds, *hepaticas*, and Dutchman's breeches.

The many large boulders, some with impressive overhangs, make good resting or picnic spots. The hillside trail offers overlooks of the terrain below and across Route 7 to Redding in Fall and Winter after trees have shed their leaves.

HISTORY: The 34-acre, western section was acquired by the Commission with State and Federal aid from Helen Woodbury Boulton in 1969. The 26-acre eastern section was acquired by the Commission with the help of The Nature Conservancy from Henry and Rosemary Hayes in 1974. The Nature Conservancy was repaid with money from the Open Space Fund and with State and Federal aid. Additional land was acquired through several subdivisions.

