

## ACCESS/PARKING:

- Linden Road, 1-2 cars. [GPS Address: 60 Linden Road]
- Norrans Ridge Drive, trail side of gravel road off Norrans Ridge near the intersection of the loop road, 2 cars. [GPS Address: 50 Norrans Ridge Drive]

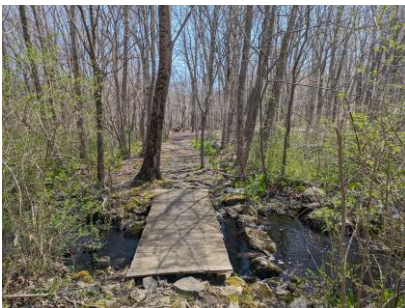
**DIFFICULTY:** Easy. 30 minutes or so, depending upon trail combinations selected.

**FEATURES:** Several trails are available in this open space:

- Marked as the Red trail, a dirt road is bordered by stone walls and ends at the Fox Hill condominiums. Waterproof boots may be needed where the bridge crosses a stream feeding the Norwalk River.
- The Yellow trail is the preserve's major loop trail. It utilizes part of the Red trail and takes advantage of both Town-owned and adjacent State open space lands.

As part of the old Outpost Nursery, the land has many unusual specimen trees: birches, maples, oaks, white pine, and sweet gum, to name a few. Varieties of ferns, club-mosses, and Spring wildflowers abound, including marsh marigolds at stream edge, as well as occasional large boulders for climbing or sitting.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** This activity is allowed on the Red and Yellow trails from Linden Road to Fox Hill. Remove skis to cross bridge over small stream.



**HISTORY:** The 1987 Beechwood subdivision yielded 17 acres of open space. These link 22 acres from the Willow Court subdivision and 6 acres from other subdivisions for a total of 45 acres. The property adjoins 63 acres acquired by the State for flood control in conjunction with the dam at Fox Hill.

The open space was renamed the John Soluri Preserve in July of 1990 in honor of the late landscape architect who worked to preserve the natural features of the site and who served on the Conservation Commission from 1984-87.

