

ACCESS/PARKING:

- Old Stagecoach Road at Aspen Ledges Road. [GPS Address: 1 Aspen Ledges Road]

DIFFICULTY: This loop of about 1 mile is mostly easy, but challenging where the trail follows the ledge on the southeastern part of the property. 30 minutes.

FEATURES: Part of the trail was an historic stagecoach road from Ridgefield to Norwalk, which is depicted on the 1867 Beers map of Ridgefield in the Town Clerk's historical records. The property is on a prominent ridge line and has a ravine, exposed ledges, and rocky cliffs.

From the end of Old Stagecoach Road, the 1-mile trail follows old subdivision roads out to the northwest boundary, passing a large vernal pool. Near the western corner, the trail passes near a ledge with views to the southwest over Ridgefield High School.

Continuing to follow old roads, the trail turns to the southeast, and passing a large rock ledge on the left, it leads to the vicinity of the old stagecoach route. From there it follows the route to where it climbs through a break in the ledge on the south to return to Old Stagecoach Road.

HISTORY: Originally, 9 acres were acquired through the subdivision process. In 2003, 29 additional acres of the subdivision were acquired by a purchase that utilized the Commission's Open Space Fund. A 3-acre parcel in the center of the property was privately purchased and is being used for a cell tower.



