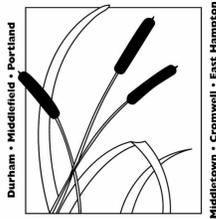


**MIDDLESEX**



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# The MIDDLESEX LANDSCAPE

Serving the towns of Durham, Middlefield, Middletown, Cromwell, Portland, and East Hampton



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## **Please Join Us for Our 2019 Annual Meeting This Saturday (April 27th) at 9:30 AM**

**deKoven House  
27 Washington Street  
Middletown, CT 06457**

On this Saturday, April 27th, Coffee and refreshments will be provided before a short business meeting at 9:30, and a presentation by our guest speaker, Paul Colburn, Master Wildlife Conservationist. The topic of his presentation is “Black Bears in Connecticut”. Mr. Colburn will focus on the natural history of black bears in Connecticut, an overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction, as well as current research efforts. He will provide practical recommendations for optimum coexistence with our black bear population; an important topic for land trust properties and neighboring landowners, as black bears re-establish their range in many of the towns in The Middlesex Land Trust’s service area.

Bring your hiking shoes! After the meeting at the deKoven House, we will be heading out to enjoy the land we work so hard to protect. Join us on a hike at Sellev Preserve in East Hampton at noon.



## **Stewardship Update**

Land conservation doesn't end once the land is protected by the Land Trust. Stewardship - otherwise known as active land management - ensures that preserved lands remain healthy and ecologically significant for future generations. Ongoing stewardship efforts

by the Middlesex Land Trust's all volunteer stewardship committee and stewardship volunteers include: clearing and marking trails, mowing meadows and parking areas, removing invasive plants and re-planting with native species, conducting biological inventories, repairing and constructing fencing, and much more.

If you are interested in joining one of our work parties, please visit our website or email Kathy Blachowski at [kathy.middlesexlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.middlesexlandtrust@gmail.com) to be added to our stewardship email list.

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## 2019 Hike Schedule with John LeShane

Join us for a hike this year with John LeShane at one of our beautiful preserves that you have helped to protect! There is a hike scheduled every month in 2019 from April through November!

All of our 2019 hikes will be held on Saturdays and begin at 10:00 a.m. with the exception of our April 27th hike after our Annual Meeting, which will begin at noon. The following hikes are currently scheduled:

April 27th at Noon: Sellew Preserve, East Hampton  
May 25th at 10:00 a.m.: Mica Ledges Preserve, Durham & Madison  
June 29th at 10:00 a.m.: Palmer-Taylor Preserve, Portland  
July 27th at 10:00 a.m.: Abe Temkin Preserve, Portland  
August 31st at 10:00 a.m.: Highland Pond Preserve, Middletown  
September 28th at 10:00 a.m.: Oak Ledges Preserve, Portland  
October 26th at 10:00 a.m.: Lower Pine Brook Preserve, East Hampton  
November 30th at 10:00 a.m.: Brainerd Quarry Preserve, Haddam Neck

Although conditions vary for each hike, the following information is relevant for most of our activities and hikes:

Participants should wear sturdy shoes or sneakers and bring snacks and water as desired. Steady rain or snow will cause us to cancel an event - check our Facebook page or website for updates. These hikes are between 2 to 4 miles. To register for one of our hikes (suggested, but not required), or for additional information, call the Middlesex Land Trust at 860-343-7537 or send an email to [info@middlesexlandtrust.org](mailto:info@middlesexlandtrust.org).

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## Get Your Family Outside This Spring and Summer!

In addition to enjoying the many wonderful hiking trails on Middlesex Land Trust preserves in our community and the Air Line Trail through many of our local towns, be sure to check out CT Department of Energy and Environmental

Protection's [\*The Great Park Pursuit\*](#)

[\*2019 - CT State Parks Family Adventure\*](#). Their 14th Annual No Child Left Inside Great Park Pursuit will begin on May 11, 2019. This year, there will be 4 guided events and 2 semi-guided events. All events are free and, although you



are encouraged to register, registration is not required to attend. Please check CT DEEP's No Child Left Inside [website](#) for more details.

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**...and for those days that you just can't get outside...  
Enjoy the live camera feeds from Audubon Connecticut!**

Audubon Connecticut has an osprey camera live feed in Greenwich, CT, and their website includes various other live feeds throughout the state of Connecticut! You can view the various cameras on their [website](#).



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**The Middlesex Land Trust, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve open space in northern Middlesex County (Durham, Middlefield, Middletown, Cromwell, Portland, & East Hampton).**

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