

VERNON HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL

There are two types of trails: (1) a riverside hiking trail and (2) a wide, flat walking trail. The trails can be accessed from several parking sites and are intersected by several alternate trails at various points.

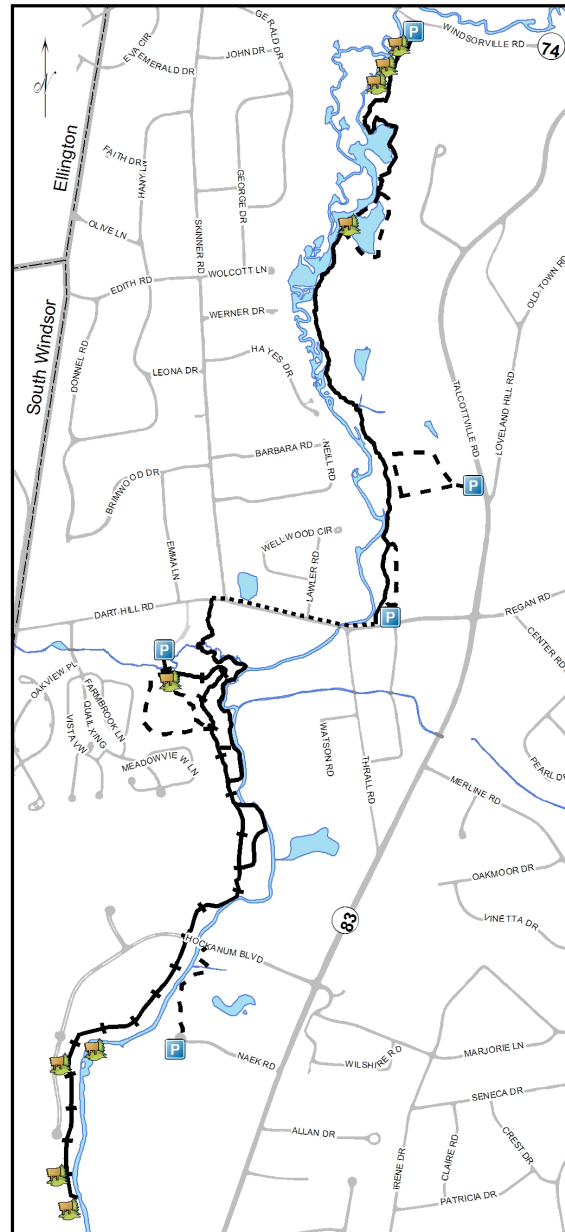
The riverside hiking trail is 2.3 miles long and blazed with orange markers. It begins at the Water Treatment Plant on Windsorville Road (Rt. 74) and runs south 1.4 miles to Dart Hill Road. A 0.3 mile walk west along Dart Hill Road connects to a continuation of the trail south of Dart Hill Road. In 0.6 miles it joins the walking trail.

The walking trail, a.k.a. the Stone Dust Trail, is 1.2 miles long. It begins at the Dart Hill South parking lot and is ideal for easy walking in a natural environment while perpetuating a feeling of safety. This trail features three historic markers with seating to view the river landscape.

Vernon is part of a larger plan to create a continuous river walk along the Hockanum River in Ellington, Vernon, Manchester and East Hartford. See the Hockanum River Watershed Association web page for specifics at www.hockanumriverwa.org.

Hockanum River Trail

(North and South of Dart Hill Road)



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VERNON HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL (South of Dart Hill Road)



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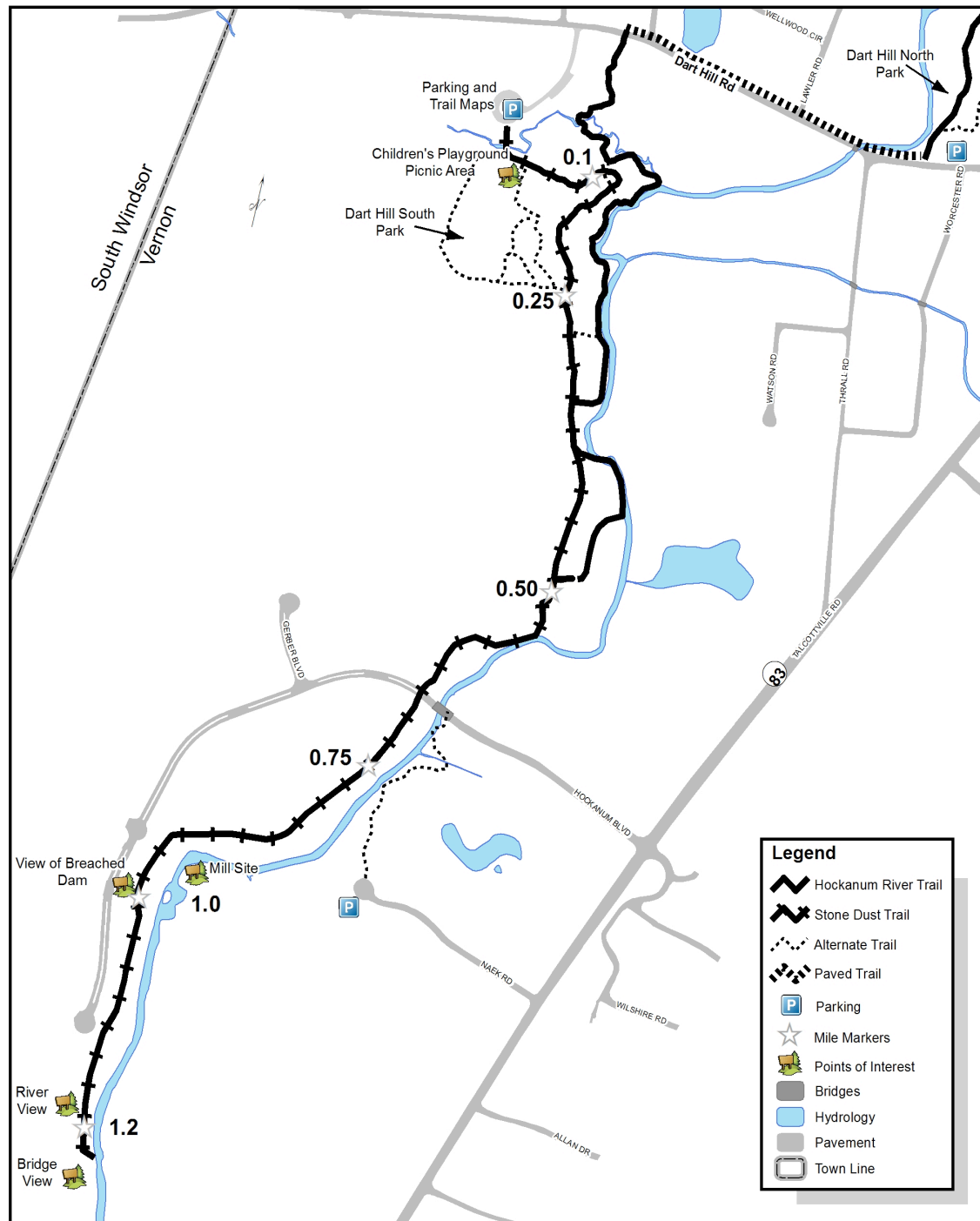
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Vernon Hockanum River Trail (South of Dart Hill Road)

Type: Hiking

Orange Markers; 0.9 Miles

Note: Impassible at 0.5 miles in very wet weather. Divert to Stone Dust Trail.

Miles Description

- 0.0 Trail starts at Dart Hill North Park and goes W on Dart Hill Road. Cross the Hockanum River. Pass Skinner Road.
- 0.3 Shortly after Skinner Rd turn L, cross Dart Hill Road, enter Dart Hill South Park property. Follow blazes through wooded area, field and wooded area.
- 0.4 Cross wooden bridge, go R then L.
- 0.5 Turn R then L (keep Hockanum River on L).
- 0.6 Pass southern boundary of Dart Hill South Park. Continue straight (trail on R is alternate to Stone Dust Trail).
- 0.7 Turn R to Stone Dust Trail, turn L, pass under power lines. Turn L and follow blazes back into woods.
- 0.9 Trail rejoins Stone Dust Trail.

Stone Dust Trail

Type: Walking

Unmarked; 1.2 Miles

Miles Description

- 0.0 From Dart Hill South parking lot, cross bridge and turn L on Stone Dust Trail.
- 0.1 Trail turns R then continues straight toward open field (Ignore several side trails coming from the right).
- 0.25 Leave park boundary into field. Continue along edge of woods with housing units on your right.
- 0.65 Cross Hockanum Blvd. Keep woods on left.
- 1.2 Just prior to bridge is trail end. Don't cross. (Between just prior to 1.0 miles and just after the bridge are three overlooks with plaques containing site historical info. One has a bench and two have picnic tables.)