VERNON HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL

There are two types of trails: (1) a riverside hiking trail and (2) a wide flat Stone Dust Trail. The trails can be accessed from several parking sites, intersected by several alternate trails and at times run concurrently.

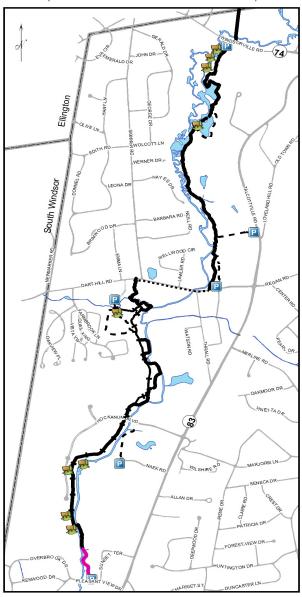
The riverside hiking trail is 3.0 miles long and blazed with orange markers. It begins at the Vernon/Ellington town line and runs south 1.5 miles to Dart Hill Road. A 0.3 mile walk west along Dart Hill Road connects to a continuation of the trail south of Dart Hill Road. In 0.2 miles it joins the Stone Dust Trail and runs independently or concurrently the next 1.0 miles.

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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(North of Dart Hill Road)



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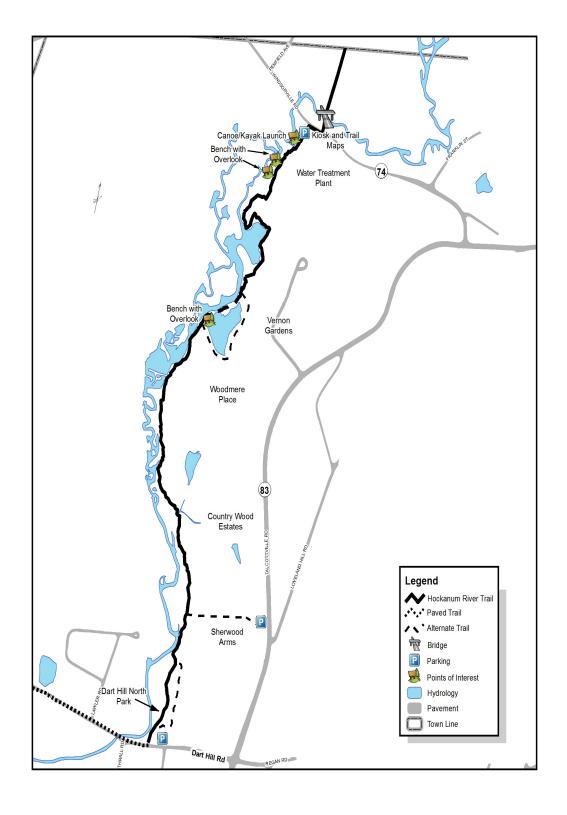
This Map Courtesy of:

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Vernon Hockanum River Trail (North of Dart Hill Road) Type: Hiking Orange Markers

Parking: From Windsorville Rd. (Rt. 74) Enter Water Treatment Plant driveway. Park in lot by Kiosk w trail maps.

North to Ellington 0.15 Miles

Miles Description

0.0 Cross Windsorville Rd in crosswalk. Enter David Smith Bridge area. Climb steps to bridge. Cross bridge. Merge with Ellington trail at 0.15 miles.

Note: 1 section impassible in wet weather. Divert to Alternate Trail at 0.3 Miles.

South to Vernon
1.4 Miles

Miles Description

0.0 Follow Orange Blazes to

Canoe/Kayak Launch. Cross Bridge.

- 0.1 Pass through open field and go down stairs on the right.
- 0.3 Enter Vernon Gardens property. Stay on right around swimming pool.
- 0.5 Cross narrow stream on wooden bridge. Enter Woodmere Place.
- 0.7 Pass behind the Woodmere units.
- 0.8 Enter Country Wood property. Pass tennis courts and swimming pool.
- 1.1 On the south end of Country Wood Estates a side trail provides entry for emergency vehicles.
- 1.2 Enter north end of Dart Hill North Park on a hill top. Alternate trail to the left goes directly to the Dart Hill Road parking lot.
- 1.4 Arrive at the picnic area by Dart Hill Road. Access the parking area to your left.

To Complete remainder of Vernon Hockanum River Trail use blue Vernon Hockanum River Trail (South of Dart Hill Road) map.