

VERNON HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL

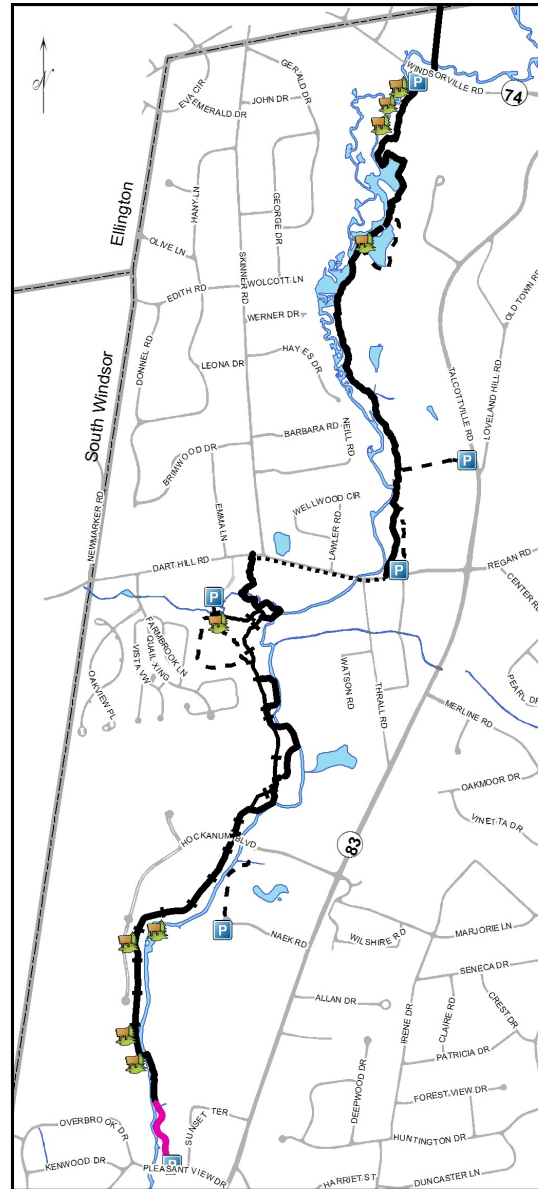
There are two types of trails: (1) a riverside hiking trail and (2) a wide flat Stone Dust Trail. The trails can be accessed from several parking sites, intersected by several alternate trails and at times run concurrently.

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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VERNON HOCKANUM RIVER TRAIL (South of Dart Hill Road)



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Vernon Hockanum River Trail

(South of Dart Hill Road)

Type: Hiking

Orange Markers; 1.5 Miles

Miles Description

- 0.0 Trail starts at Dart Hill North Park and goes W on Dart Hill Road.
- 0.3 Shortly after Skinner Rd turn L, cross Dart Hill Road. Enter Dart Hill South Park property. Follow blazes through Wooded area, small field and wooded area cross wooden bridge and stay R.
- 0.45 Just before Stone Dust Trail turn L and do loop 1 back to Stone Dust Trail. Turn L. When leave wooded area take first Trail to L and do loops 2, 3, and 4 that all return to Stone Dust Trail.
- 0.65 Cross Hockanum Blvd.
- 1.2 Just past 1.2 mile marker cross over Hockanum River on bridge to left and shortly turn right. Cross over 600 foot boardwalk.
- 1.5 Arrive at Pleasant View Drive

(Parking: Naek Road alternate trail. Enter woods To North At Hockanum Blvd. turn left, cross over Bridge and join trail.)

Stone Dust Trail

Type: Walking

Unmarked; 1.2 Miles

Miles Description

- 0.0 From Dart Hill S. parking lot, cross bridge & 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 keeping wooded area on your left.
- 0.65 Cross Hockanum Blvd. Keep woods.
- 1.2 Just past 1.2 mile marker is trail end.

(Prior to 1.0 miles and after the bridge are 3 overlooks with plaques with historical info. One has a bench and two have picnic tables.)

