



## THE FARMINGTON CANAL

### Locations

In Simsbury, enter Canal Place across from The Hartford on Route 10. Follow Old Canal Way to a small parking lot on the right and walk the cinder path to a nicely preserved section of the canal. Use the benches here to sit and enjoy this pleasant spot.

### Distance

Various



### Features

The Farmington Canal remains one of the most interesting historical features in the valley. Conceived to provide commercial access to the interior of the state, the canal was an engineering feat and a monumental construction project involving all the communities it passed through. The canal was typically 36 feet wide at the top, 20 feet wide at the bottom and four feet deep. Canal boats were pulled by horses walking alongside on towpaths. At the Farmington location, a 12-foot-wide, six-foot-deep trough with walkway spanned 280 feet to remain level and cross the river. The aqueduct stood on six 34-foot-high stone piers and was the longest on the canal.

## OWENS BROOK TRAIL

### Location

Off Owens Brook Boulevard

### Distance

Short



### Features

This red-blazed, wooded trail to the south of Owens Brook Boulevard runs through Town Open Space. A trail sign is located west and across the street from Owens Brook Circle. Access here or midway between Musket Trail and Winterset Lane or at the corner of Route 10 and Owens Brook Boulevard.

## TOWN FOREST ROAD

### West Mountain Road Bike Path

### Location

This is a continuation of the bike path through Stratton Brook State Park. Continue west along Town Forest Road for about a mile.

### Distance

0.75 miles



### Features

The land on either side of the road is a combination of forest and wetlands. At the end of the road you'll find a swimming pond and athletic fields. Continue up the dirt road until it meets a former railroad bed. The trail ends at West Mountain Road.

## FARMINGTON RIVER

### Tariffville Walk

### Location

Park at Tariffville Park and walk past the field to the river.

### Distance

1 mile



### Features

This is an interesting and beautiful walk along the Tariffville section of the Farmington River. The trail starts as a narrow dirt road before it turns to bluestone. Vegetation along the path is indigenous to a floodplain with a unique mix of shrubs, grasses, and woody trees. Along the way you will spot old railroad river piers from the days when the Central New England Railroad used this route.

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