



The Westerly Land Trust Summer Paddles 2025

Join the Thursday paddlers for free-guided kayak/canoe paddles on Thursday mornings. **We will shuttle vehicles at 9:30 AM except as noted below.** We will pass various local conservation lands, including some of our own Westerly Land Trust preserves. Bring your own kayak/canoe, paddle, life jacket, whistle, water, snacks, etc. Some of us will go swimming. Be aware that our trips leave promptly so be on time! We will meet at put in points and carpool to takeout sites unless stated differently in the blurb. This means you will have already dropped off your kayak/canoe at the put in and only drivers will go down to the takeout spot @ 9:30 AM.

Important Notes

- o **Sign Up Required:** Sign up with listed paddle leader so they know how many are coming. If no one signs up the leader may not show up. Thursday paddles are FREE.
- o **Estimated Times:** Ending times are estimated as it is difficult to ascertain when it will finish due to number of people, how fast/slow the paddlers paddle, etc.
- o **Thursday paddles/WLT events:** [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for WLT's email list and receive a monthly email including Thursday hike, paddle, etc. schedule and other WLT events/programs.
- **Rhode Island boating safety regulation that went into effect on April 2, 2023:** All operators & passengers of canoes, kayaks, sailboards, kiteboards, paddleboards, and any other paddlecraft shall wear a US Coast Guard approved Pfd at all times while underway regardless of age.
- Inflatable PFD's are NOT allowed.
- If weather is questionable, contact leader.
- If you wish to have a free vessel safety check contact Sally Hanson. This can be done before or after a paddle as long as Sally is there.

Boat ramps can normally be used to launch canoes and kayaks but keep the boat ramp clear for boat trailers.

June 19 _____ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Alton to Woodville and back

Leader: Janice Fifer

Phone: 401 213-6479 **Email:** jhfifer@verizon.net

No vehicle shuttle. Maybe we will get up to Woodville where we normally put in. Put in: N 41° 26.274' W 071° 43.360'

June 26 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bradford to Burdickville and back

Leader: Marc Doherty **Phone:** 508 308-9787 **Email:** mdoherty@westerlylandtrust.org

No vehicle shuttle. This will be the stretch of the Pawcatuck River starting at Bradford Landing (across from BDA) and going upstream to Burdickville dam. Meet at Bradford Landing, which is located off Rte 91 in Bradford. From I-95, take Exit 1 and go South on Rte 3 for about 2 miles to Ashaway. Turn left (South) onto Rte 216 for about 2.3 miles to Rte 91 (and Rte 216) for about 0.4 mile to the Bradford Fishing Access Area which is on the left after crossing the river and across from Bradford Dying Association. The paddle is EASY and about 5 miles round trip.
Launch site: N 41° 24.363' W 071° 44.905'

July 03 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Glasgo and Doaneville Ponds, Griswold, CT

Leader: Sally Hanson **Phone:** 401 932-5295 **Email:** sallyhanson242@gmail.com

No vehicle shuttle. We will paddle around both ponds. After the paddle we can go to Buttonwoods Farm for ice cream.

---From I-395, Exit 85, go east on CT Rte 138 for 4.0 miles, and turn right (south) onto CT Rte 201. Go 1.8 miles, and turn left onto Hillview Heights. Veer right after a short distance, and go 0.3 mile to the access.

---From I-95 South: Exit to merge onto RI Rte 102 South (Victory Highway toward Exeter). Turn right at RI Rte 102 South/RI Rte 3 (Nooseneck Hill Road); continue to follow RI Rte 3 South. Turn right at RI Rte 165 West (10 Rod Road) - entering CT. Continue onto CT Rte 165 West (Beach Pond Road). Slight left at CT Rte 165 West/CT Rte 49 South. Continue to follow CT Rte 165 West. Turn right at CT Rte 201 North (Glasgo Road) and turn right onto Hillview Heights, bear right to launch site.

--- From Hope Valley area: go west on CT Rte 138, take a slight left at CT Rte 165 W/CT Rte 49. Turn right at CT Rte 201 (Glasgo Road) and turn right onto Hillview Heights, bear right to launch site.

---From Westerly: get to CT Rte 2 and stay on it until you turn right for CT Rte 201 North (Cossaduck Hill Road). Turn left at CT Rte 201 North (Glasgo Road). Turn left onto Hillview Heights and bear right to launch site.

Please Note: From I-395 these directions were taken from the AMC Quiet Water (MA, CT and RI) book (2nd edition). All other directions were gotten from Google maps.

July 10 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Barn Island, CT

Leader: Janice Fifer **Phone:** 401 213-6479 **Email:** jhfifer@verizon.net

No vehicle shuttle. Depending upon the wind direction will determine if we head towards Westerly or Stonington. Meet at the boat launch. Take US 1 west from Pawcatuck for 2.5 miles to the traffic signal at Wequetequock Cove. Turn left on Greenhaven Road, then immediately right, on Palmer Neck Road. Follow Palmer Neck to the parking lot to the boat ramp. Launch site: N 41° 20.247' W 071 52.547'

July 17 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Rte 165 to WPWA Headquarters

Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall **Phone:** 401 377-2826

Put in on south side of Rte 165, 3.5 miles west of Rte 3 where road crosses the river. Here the Wood River is scenic, shallow with some quick water. Arcadia Management Area edges the river and sees many fishermen. Flat water precedes the dam at Barberville. Takeout is at the WPWA headquarters, which is off Arcadia Road in Hope Valley. Put in: N 41° 34.382' W 071° 43.291'
Take out: N 41° 32.430' W 071° 41.766

July 24 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Switch Road to Woodville

Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall **Phone:** 401 377-2826

Put in on the east side of Switch Road (Hope Valley/Woodville Road) at parking area just south of Rte 95 viaduct. This stretch is wooded and scenic. Be ready for frequent blow downs. Before the dam at Woodville is extensive swampy flat water. Abutment of an old bridge on right offers a good picnic spot in this area. Takeout is by bridge and dam on Woodville Road in Woodville. Put in: N 41° 29.601' W 071° 42.963' Take out: N 41° 27.573' W 071° 43.139'

July 31 PADDLE CANCELED

August 07 10:00 AM - 12:00PM Barn Island, CT (different route from July 10th paddle)

Leader: Janice Fifer **Phone:** 401 213-6479 **Email:** jhfifer@verizon.net

No vehicle shuttle. Depending upon the wind direction will determine if we head towards Westerly or Stonington. Meet at the boat launch. Take US 1 west from Pawcatuck for 2.5 miles to the traffic signal at Wequetequock Cove. Turn left on Greenhaven Road, then immediately right, on Palmer Neck Road. Follow Palmer Neck to the parking lot to the boat ramp. **Launch site:** N 41° 20.247' W 071 52.547'

August 14 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM Shannock to Richmond Landing

Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall **Phone:** 401 377-2826

Put in at the west end of the village, right bank, upstream from Shannock Road Bridge. Easy, pleasant paddling (2.2 miles). Wooded shores become swampy just before you reach Carolina and Rte 112. Take out on right at road. One can continue, but the river is channeled and fast under road followed by 200 yards of Class II rapids. These can be run in high water; check first. There is no portage. After rapids, river is calm to Rte 91 Bridge. The river abuts the Carolina Management Area on right and there is a camping and picnic spot on right just after a large rock in midstream. Takeout is at Richmond Landing, which is off Rte 91 by bridge. Put in: N 41° 26.891' W 071° 38.658' Take out: N 41° 26.705 W 071 ° 40.889'

August 21 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM WPWA Headquarters to Wyoming

Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall **Phone:** 401 377-2826

Meet at the public parking area at WPWA headquarters; drivers shuttle cars to the takeout point. Put in across the street from WPWA. There is a short stretch of quick water immediately after putting in. From there the river winds placidly until it widens out becoming Wyoming Pond - the backup behind the dam. There can be a strong headwind up the pond if the wind is from the southwest. Take out at the DEM parking area on the left before the dam.

Put in: N 41° 32.430' W 071° 41.766' Take out: N 41° 30.935' W 071° 42.171'

August 28 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mystic Y to Enders Island and back (CT)

Mystic River

Leader: Janice Fifer **Phone:** 401 213-6479 **Email:** jhfifer@verizon.net

No vehicle shuttle. We will launch at the beach and head south toward Enders Island. Directions: go South on Rte 1 toward Mystic, pass the Big Y market on your right and take a left at the light, turn right onto Harry Austin Drive and head straight to the beach.

September 04

No leader. no paddle

September 11 10:00 AM - 12:30 Bluff Point, Groton, CT

Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall

Phone: 401 377-2826

No vehicle shuttle. We will explore beautiful Bluff Point State and Coastal Reserve by the water. We will paddle down Poquonnock River, along Bushy Point Beach one mile, and enjoy open views of Fishers Island Sound, and return to put in. A swim is likely, and so a suit and hat are recommended. It is often windy, but the ocean views are spectacular. Directions to put in: From Rte 95 South, take Exit 88. Turn left on Rte 117 and right on Rte 1 at the second light. Then, at the next light, turn left on Depot Road. Follow this street past Industrial Road, and under the railroad tracks. A dirt road leads ahead to the large parking lot and closed gate. Turn right and park near the water. Heavy rain will cancel the trip.

September 18 Hikes start!