

Boothroyd & Bellante Trails

Trail Guide

The Balanced Boulder and Sitting Rock Trails are located on the Northern Connecticut Land Trust's Ernie Boothroyd Preserve and the adjoining Bellante Preserve in the eastern panhandle of Ellington. The two preserves total 94 acres of protected woodland. A small parking area for the Balanced Boulder Trail is located at 54 Tolland Turnpike. This easy to moderate Orange Blazed Trail makes a 1.2-mile loop past a large boulder perched on a small ridge and also runs through several large stands of Mountain Laurel. The Blue Blazed Sitting Rock Trail begins at a small parking area at 10 Sandy Beach Road (Rte. 140). Although the parking area is too small for large vehicles to exit safely, additional parking is available on weekends and holidays at the school bus turnaround area directly across the street. The Sitting Rock Trail shortly splits and connects to the Balanced Boulder Trail in both directions.

Suggested Trail Activities



Legend

- Balanced Boulder Trail
- Sitting Rock Trail
- Emergency Trail Markers*
- Parking
- Point of Interest



*As you walk the trail you may notice yellow markers with an alphanumeric designation. If you have a medical or other emergency, please call 911 and give dispatch the nearest marker number. This will help emergency personnel find you.

