



# SPRINGFIELD WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION



Notes: All infrastructure, easement, and property boundary locations are approximate.

1 inch equals 5,333 feet

- SWSC Public Conservation Areas
- SWSC Land - No Public Access
- Other Publicly Accessible Open Space

## SWSC Conservation Areas

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# Springfield Water and Sewer Commission

## Little River Watershed *Public Conservation Areas*

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) maintains thousands of acres of watershed land, some of which is publicly accessible. This map identifies public conservation areas that are open to the public for passive recreational activities (shaded green) and where public access is not allowed (shaded orange).

### **Public Conservation Area Rules and Regulations**

#### **Permitted Recreational Activities**

- Hiking
- Cross country skiing and snowshoeing
- Snow vehicle usage with written authorization from the Commission\*
- Non-commercial hunting
- Plant and wildlife observation

*\* Note: Snow vehicle usage is not authorized within the Bliss Conservation Area.*



*Pink Lady Slipper, found on protected watershed land*

#### **Prohibited Recreational Activities**

- Campfires, open fires, cookouts or picnics
- Camping
- Mountain biking
- Filling, storing, placing or dumping of any kind
- Intentional introduction of a non-native plant, animal or insect
- Activities detrimental to drainage, flood control, water conservation, water quality, erosion, etc.
- Domestic animals or livestock
- Drunkenness, breach of peace, profanity, disorderly conduct
- Vandalism
- Construction of any object or structure
- Swimming or wading
- Fishing and organized sport activities, including but not limited to orienteering, road races, etc.
- Public assemblies or groups of more than 10 persons unless with written authorization from the Commission
- Motorized vehicles of any kind
- Boats, of any kind, with or without motors
- Metal detectors or the use of similar devices

### **About the Little River Watershed**

The Little River Watershed area is comprised of 31,102 acres of land in the municipalities of Beck-et, Blandford, Granville, Otis, Russell and Tolland that surround the Commission's active public drinking water reservoirs, Cobble Mountain and Borden Brook reservoirs. The Commission owns 14,808 acres of land in the watershed, of which 1,550 acres is open to passive recreation. The rules and regulations for public conservation areas are intended to protect the drinking water supply by limiting activities that could introduce potential contaminants or otherwise have a detrimental effect on water quality. Together, we can enjoy the natural beauty of the watershed lands while protecting a critical public drinking water supply that serves approximately 250,000 people.

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<https://waterandsewer.org/about-the-commission/rules-and-regulations/>