

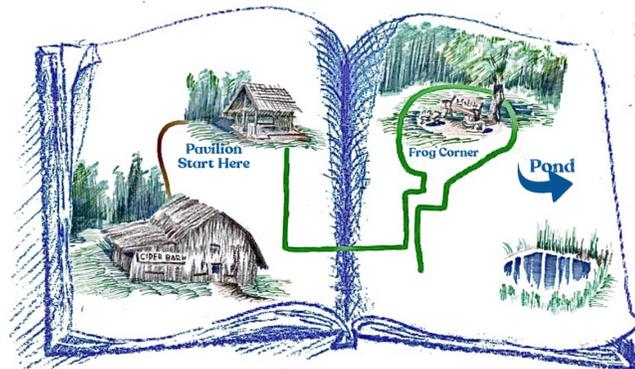
Walk. Read. Explore.

Story trail at our farm

330 Bush Hill Rd., Manchester, CT

Welcome! Explore the half-mile trail with children on your own, or watch newspapers and social media for group events. Come again — the book along the trail changes every few months. Bring friends or a group from your school, Scouts, or other organization!

Directions: Starting here at the cider barn, walk along the farm road to the pavilion where the trail begins. Please sign our guest book in the pavilion. Each post with story pages is numbered and marked with an arrow. Follow the arrows. If you have time, explore the Trust's many miles of trails.



The story trail is made possible by • our Land Trust volunteers • support from Manchester Public Library and its wonderful librarians, and • financial donations from the Land Trust, the SBM Charitable Foundation, and donors like you! See other side for info on how to contribute.



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Annual: Corporate: \$200
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Bush Hill Preserve – 177.5 acres

The Land Trust acquired this former farmland between 1993 and 2021. We welcome the public to enjoy the open space with trails, ponds, flora, and fauna. History of the acquisition: • 1993 donation by the Manning-Ferris family, 13.5 acres • 2015 purchase of the Botti family orchards and farm, 62 acres • 2021 purchase of an entry-point on DeSousa Drive, 0.15 acre, and • 2021 purchase of the former Lombardo farm, 102 acres.



Orchard days. Above, old sprayer with its trough, not far from the story trail. Right, 1945



Find out more about this (and our other) open-space properties, totaling 591 acres in Manchester, Andover, Bolton, East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Vernon on our website www.manchesterlandtrust.org. That's also where you can participate in our *Photo of the Month* feature and submit photos of our properties. You may be next month's featured photographer! Email: Info@manchesterlandtrust.org.

Special thanks to Land Trust life member Sandra Lok, who inspired the storybook project and supervised its creation in 2021.