Summer Trekking Program

Sturges

TREKKING BOX CLUE

Cross the field and enter the trail. Walk on the trail until you see the sign that says you will be entering Mountain Lakes and stop there. Take a look around- can you spot a Vernal Pool? Next to this pool you'll find a naturally hollowed out, fallen tree. When you find the Trekking Box- don't forget to sign the log and stamp your journal.

“What is a trekking box?”

To learn about vernal pools, scan the QR code

Trekking boxes are small boxes that can be found along select trails within the Summer Trekking Program. To find the box, follow the clue given above. Use the stamp in the box on your summer trekking journal and add your name to the log to prove you have found the box. Collect them all!

Thank you to our co-sponsors!
STURGES PARK

ACCESS/PARKING:
• From West Mountain Road, follow Oreneca Road (continually bearing right) to parking area at end. The central meadow and camping areas can be reached via a dirt access road or by walking trails on either side of the parking area. GPS: 217 Rippowam Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877

DIFFICULTY: Easy for Sturges Park, moderate to difficult in NY.

FEATURES: The Parks and Recreation Department maintains several campsites and a mowed meadow. There are two fire pits, one adjacent to the meadow at the center of the site and one surrounded by lean-tos on the west side of the park. Woodland paths connect the campsites with one another and with the meadow.

The park gives access to trails in the Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park in Lewisboro, NY. Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park covers over 1,000 acres in Westchester County, New York, along the western border of Ridgefield. It has a large trail system, five lakes, and an overlook of Rippowam Lake and Lake Waccabuc. Trail information and a map are available from https://parks.westchestergov.com/.

CAMPING: Overnight camping requires a permit from Parks and Recreation and campfires require a permit from the Fire Department.

HISTORY: The land for the park was donated to the Girl Scouts by Ernest and Esther Sturges. In 1998, the Girl Scouts gave it to the town. In 2023, the Town acquired 7.5 acres of property through condemnation, which is now part of Sturges Park.