

Nancy Conklin Historic Trail

1.4 miles

The land for this trail was donated to the Farmington Land Trust by the Cowles family. The Farmington Garden Club cleared part of this trail in honor of one of its founders, Nancy Conklin. The FLT manages this property and keeps it in perfect shape all year. In the summer the best views are to the planted fields to the west. When the leaves are down, the best views are along the Farmington and Pequabuck Rivers to the north and east.



Parking for the trailhead (41.717175 -72.841192) is located off Meadow Road. Start your hike by going due east on the paved bike path to the Pequabuck Bridge. This bridge was built in 1833 and it is one of the state's only surviving early 19th-century stone arch bridges.



The Pequabuck Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984

Return to the parking lot and head northeast on a cinder packed trail that follows the Pequabuck River to its confluence with the Farmington River. This is also the location where the Farmington River turns north.

At 0.5 miles the trail becomes a dirt path. At 1.0 mile, you reach the paved access road for the Kolp Community Garden Plots. Turn left to follow it southwest to the Meadow Road Bike Trail. Turn left to follow the Bike Trail back to your car a 1.4 miles.

In 1645, the town was incorporated and named Farmington because it was a farming town. The best farming area, however, was here in the Flats. Did you ever wonder why the Farmington Flats are so flat. Or why the top soil is so deep here, compared to your yard and why there are so few rocks. Check out the Farmington Flats Loop hike. It has some answers.



The view west at the confluence of the Pequabuck and Farmington Rivers on this well maintained trail in late June.