

ALP Hike #1, Fall 2025 – Addison Bog

Location: Addison Bog & Woodlands

The bog and woodlands (along with the Smith Multi-Use Trail) is located adjacent to Smith Middle School in Glastonbury. The woodlands are approximately 80-acres, with the bog itself comprising 5.5 acres. The bog is named after Addison L. Clark, president of the former Glastonbury Knitting Co. (originally named the Glastenbury Knitting Co.). A trail system runs through the park (although that system itself sees somewhat less use due to the Smith Multi-Use Trail). (Trail Map: <https://gisarc2022.glastonbury-ct.gov/OrthoPhotos/ParksAndRec/Photos/AddisonBogWalk.pdf>.)

Date & Time: Friday, October 10. Gathering Time is 9:20, March Off is 9:30 a.m.

Getting There: There is a large parking lot at the school-side entrance to the woodlands; you will need to drive to the rear of Smith Middle School to access it. The school is located at 216 Addison Road in Glastonbury. To get there, take I-291 to the I-384 E exit. Take the Spencer St./Silver Lane ramp and turn right onto Silver Lane (Hwy 502). After 0.2 miles turn left onto Oak St. At a little over 2 miles Oak St. will become Addison Road. Continue another mile and the school will appear on your left. (Note that Addison Road bends sharply left when it intersects with Griswold St.) Turn left and continue on the access road to the rear of the school property where the bog, woodlands, and parking lot are. (GPS: 41.72393, -72.57403)

From Seabury: It is approximately a 30 min (16 mile) drive to the parking area.

Gathering Time: Gather in the parking lot at 9:20 am. We ask that you be there 10 minutes before the March Off so that we may take attendance, pass out any supplemental materials, etc.

Length: The hike will be about 1.5 hours. We'll be covering 1.5 miles.

Difficulty: Easy. There may be a few wet areas so wear appropriate hiking footwear.

Dogs: Leashed dogs are permitted.

Description: The bog and woodlands area is traversed east-west by the paved Smith Multi-Use Trail. The bog area lies to the north, the woodlands and a beaver meadow to the south. The bog is purportedly the southern-most black spruce bog in New England.

We will do a 1.5 mile hike, first around the bog then to the beaver meadow and back to the parking lot. As noted earlier, there are sometimes wet areas but otherwise a very easy hike.

Cancellations:

- If cancelled the day before the hike, cancellations will be done by e-mail to the address used for this e-mail.
- On the day of the hike, cancellations will be done by telephone to the number you registered, as well as by e-mail. You may be asked to call one or two other hikers.
- If a hike is cancelled, it will be postponed to the next date. Any hikes that we don't get to will be moved to the next semester.

Attendance: If you are **NOT** going to attend, please be sure to reply to the e-mail notification so we know you are not attending and do not wait for you before starting the hike. Stated differently, we ask that you respond whether you are attending or not.

Any other questions? Contact us at kvngough@aol.com or (860) 965-4029 (Kevin's cell) or (860) 256-9875 (Paula's cell).

See you next week on October 10!

Kevin & Paula

