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Posting: Bike Path	Poster: Bruin	Date: 24 April 2006 7:35 PM	Posting 1
<p>I took the bike path from North Windham to Willimantic last week with my daughter. It was a nice paved path. It kind of reminded me of the one on Cape Cod. For the most part, we enjoyed it and would try it again. The broken glass on the path behind the apartments near Republic Oil kind of ruins the path. The town should think about using the fancy little sweeper to clean the path.</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: Bob	Date: 9 June 2006 1:28 PM	Posting 2
<p>where is this bike path?</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: F W S	Date: 9 June 2006 8:55 PM	Posting 3
<p>DAGMAR, I don't know how old you are, but I think you are a walking encyclopedia of the willimantic area. Next time I am in willi I would sure like to meet you. If I knew your E-MAIL address I would drop you a line every now and then. Keep up the good work.</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: William Brainard	Date: 10 June 2006 7:55 AM	Posting 4
<p>Coventry could have included bike paths with that sidewalk deal it blew off for \$800,000 and which Mansfield scarfed up. I understand that Tom Crossen's Longvue Farm on South Street is going to have all sorts of horse paths for riding! If you want a treat bike by there on a Sunday and look at the field full of his arabian horses. Beautiful animals!</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: John Tormey	Date: 12 June 2006 6:57 PM	Posting 5
<p>It's too bad the Old Blue Trail, marked by trees painted by the CCC back in the day, wasn't preserved. We used to follow it (in the Late 40s) from the Natchaug River, through Conantville, through our property and up to Wolf Rock in Mansfield Center. The view from the Rock was worth the hike. Now the trail is all developed, trees cut down, and private property allows no access. Pity. They say it was part of the Appalachian Trail leading to the State of Maine. We never hiked above Mansfield Center. Now it's all just a vague memory. jt</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: Dagmar Noll	Date: 13 June 2006 6:08 AM	Posting 6
<p>John -</p> <p>What is the CCC? Have all the blue trails been let go? I used to hiking a blue trail in Boston Hollow (I think that's the name) with my Dad when I was a kid. It was a real short drive, and there were some beautiful views at the top. We kids used to love seeing who would spot the next blue dot first!</p> <p>FWS -</p> <p>I'm glad to be helpful. Since I live in downtown, and keep my eyes and ears open, I am very aware of much of what is going on around town. It's nice to be able to share it, and hopefully connect people up with events and groups that interest them.</p> <p>I've found a great community in Willimantic!</p> <p>Dagmar</p>			
Posting: Re: Bike Path	Poster: John Tormey	Date: 13 June 2006 11:32 AM	Posting 7
<p>CCC - Civilian Conservation Corps - I believe it was established by FDR to give jobs to those destroyed by the Great Depression.</p>			

Others probably know more about it. My memory is a bit vague lately.

Have you ever seen Wolf Rock, perched on a cliff, a couple of tons just sitting there like a giant marble ready to roll off? Boy Scouts used to hike to it.

jt

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 8
 Poster: Ernie G
 Date: 13 June 2006 12:13 AM

You are right on John. The men that joined the Civilian Conservation Corps built roads, bridges and many public structures across the USA. A lot of the sites that they built are still standing today, My Dad met my Mom while he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 9
 Poster: Kate Fortier
 Date: 13 June 2006 8:32 PM

Dagmar ...

We used to live a couple miles from Boston Hollow and a hike up there was one of our favorite bike ride pauses. You're right about those views. Spectacular.

One of my friends did her graduate studies in botony and her thesis was about Boston Hollow. Apparently, due to its geography, it has a unique microclimate that allows several kinds of vegetation that aren't typical to this region to grow in abundance.

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 10
 Poster: Dagmar Noll
 Date: 14 June 2006 6:21 AM

John -

I took a trail-walking class at ECSU, and Dr. Williams, chose Wolf Rock as one of our destinations.

We got to the rock and had a rest, looking out at the gorgeous view, and someone noticed a note tucked under the edge of the rock. Dr. Williams read it to us.

The note was from a previous visitor who had a life-threatening illness, and was--against the odds--alive to make a hike up to Wolf Rock. The anonymous author spoke of a newfound appreciation for life, specifically for the moments humans often have sitting high above the trees looking out over the land in the middle of the woods.

I bet he/she wouldn't have expected the note to be read to an entire class...

It was our first class, and very moving. It set the tone for the rest of the walks.

Dagmar

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 11
 Poster: Dagmar Noll
 Date: 14 June 2006 6:27 AM

Kate -

My father really enjoyed rock-climbing, so sometimes he would coax me into climbing straight up a cliff. Keep in mind I was about 7 or 8. He would, of course, set me up in a harness and then free climb to the top, secure the ropes attached to my harness, and assist my climb from above.

Brave as I would start out, I was actually quite scared of heights, and generally I would get to some section where going both up and down were equally scary and then I'd bawl my fool head off.

The view at the top (I'd get there eventually) was so rewarding, though.

I had no idea Boston Hollow was such a hot-spot for plants! I haven't been there in years. I should go back. Perhaps a good Daddy/daughter father's day excursion...

Cheers,
 Dagmar

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 12
 Poster: Stephen Allcroft
 Date: 14 June 2006 6:53 AM

Janice

Do you know what kind of vegetation that might be?

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 13
Poster: John Tormey
Date: 14 June 2006 5:35 PM

I spent many hours on Wolf Rock as a kid and always believed mystical powers were hovering there.
John T.

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 14
Poster: S V
Date: 15 June 2006 5:49 AM

Dagmar,

How awesome is that!? What a priveledge it was to be there when that note was read...

Sharv

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 15
Poster: Dagmar Noll
Date: 15 June 2006 6:25 AM

Sharv -

It was intense. I'll never forget it.

Dagmar

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 16
Poster: John Tormey
Date: 15 June 2006 4:02 PM

Nice story.

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 17
Poster: John Tormey
Date: 15 June 2006 4:06 PM

Where's Boston Hollow?

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 18
Poster: Francis Sellars
Date: 16 June 2006 1:56 PM

Could you tell me where Wolf Rock is. Is it off of Hanks Hill Rd. in Storrs Ct.

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 19
Poster: Dagmar Noll
Date: 18 June 2006 7:38 PM

Hi John.

Boston Hollow is in Ashford.

Dagmar

Posting: Re: Bike Path Posting 20
Poster: John Tormey
Date: 18 June 2006 10:34 PM

Thanks. And I appreciated the link and further knowledge of the place.