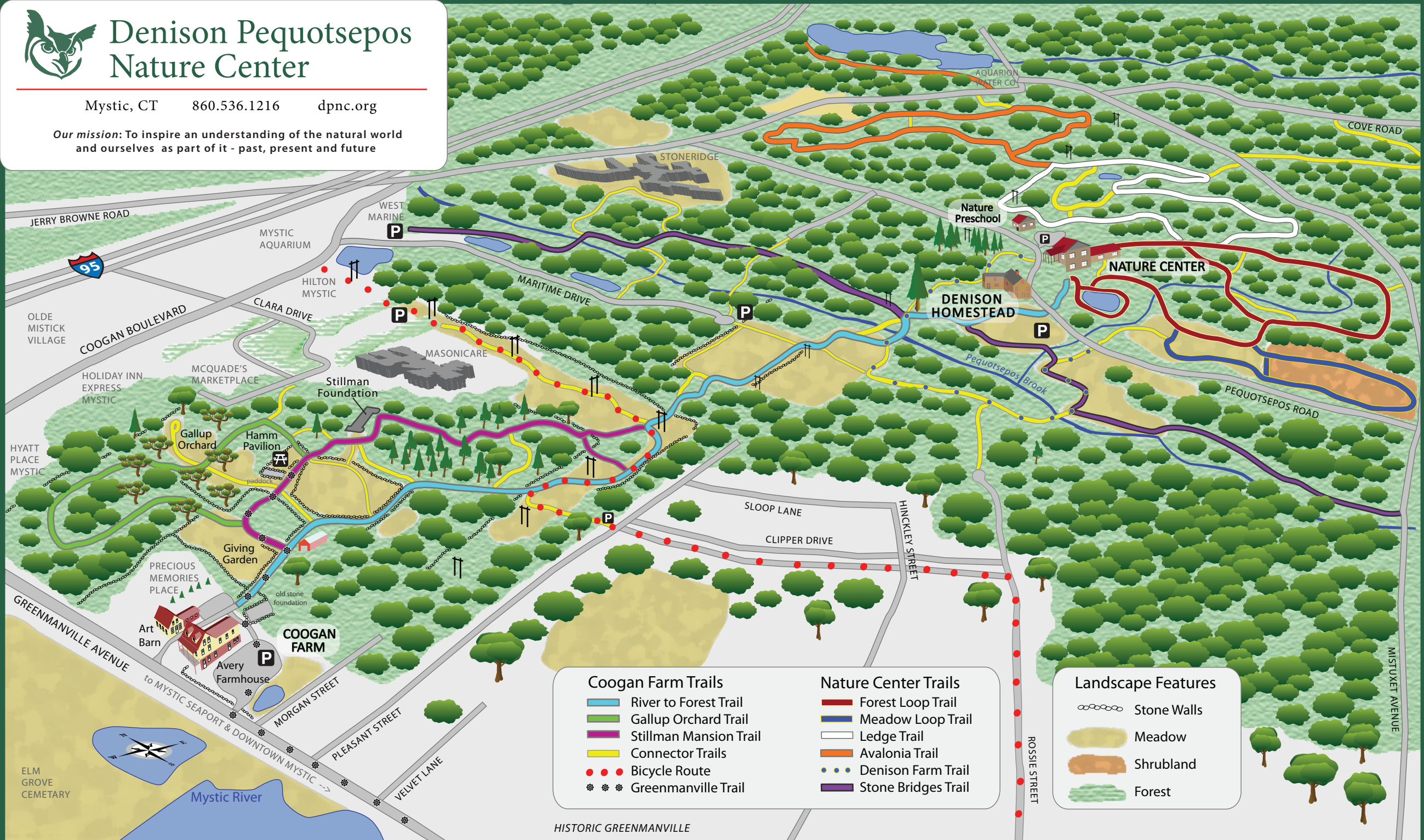




# Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

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*Our mission: To inspire an understanding of the natural world and ourselves as part of it - past, present and future*



HISTORIC GREENMANVILLE

## About DPNC and Coogan Farm

### At the Nature Center

Our main facility on Pequotsepos Road includes live animals, exhibits and collections focused on woodland, wetland and meadow habitats and the associated native wildlife of our region. Visit non-releasable hawks and owls in outdoor enclosures. DPNC provides wildlife information, rescue and rehabilitation services to the community, specializing in birds of prey.

### At Coogan Farm

Learn about the cultural history of Mystic, along with the founding families and significance of this place. Stop in the John E. Avery Welcome Center and store. Visit our Giving Garden, take part in a program in the Jules X. Schneider Barn and enjoy a walk through time along marked trails with views overlooking the Mystic River and beyond. Classroom, conference and event rental space available indoors and out at both locations.



### Trail Etiquette

- Enjoy trails and grounds from dawn to dusk
- Stay on trails to avoid trampling delicate plants and disturbing ground nesting birds
- No smoking, fires, camping or hunting
- Bikes only on designated paths
- Leashed pets permitted on trails west of Pequotsepos Road
- Pack out your trash
- Removing, collecting or disturbing plants and animals prohibited

## Trail Descriptions

**Forest Loop (.9 mile)** - Easy walk through oak-hickory woods, meadow, along ledges, streams and past freshwater marsh and pond.

**Meadow Loop (.4 mile)**- Flat trail through early successional forest of red cedar, highbush blueberry and red maple. Narrow boardwalks traverse seasonally wet areas. Stop in the bird blind to look and listen for bluebirds, hawks and others.

**Ledge Trail (.9 mile)**- Hilly trail to Hidden Pond with dramatic rocky ledges overlooking wooded wetlands and tributaries of Copp's Brook. Connects to Avalonia Trail across powerline.

**Avalonia Trail (1 mile)**- Beech groves, interesting outcroppings, ledges and vernal pools. Connects to Avalonia's White Cedar Swamp property across Jerry Brown Rd.

**Denison Farm Trail (.75 mile)**- Traverses open fields and woods of Eastern White Pine, Black Birch and oak, past the 1717 Pequotsepos Manor house and museum.

**Stone Bridges Trail (1.3 miles)** - Follows the Pequotsepos Brook. You can find several wooden or stone bridges, and old granite quarries.

**River to Forest Trail (1.4 miles)** - Connects the Nature Center and Coogan Farm running East-West, from the Denison Farm Market, across Pequotsepos Brook and agricultural fields to Greenmanville Avenue and the Mystic River.

**Greenmanville Trail (.7 mile)** - Starts from section of historic Mystic, known as Greenmanville, into Coogan Farm, along a walled pentway to the Hamm Pavilion. Situated on a hill at the heart of the farm, this marks the northern border of Greenmanville.

**Gallup Orchard Trail (.35 mile)** - Meanders through woodland and meadow with old apple and pear trees, including ancestors of heirloom varieties likely dating back to Mystic's colonial days.

**Stillman Mansion Trail (.5 mile)** - Leads through open habitat, woodland and red cedar forest past the 1894 Stillman Mansion foundation and a small quarry. Offers dramatic views across the river.

## About DPNC

Founded in 1946, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center leads by example with programs, services and activities that share our passion and further our mission: ***to inspire an understanding of the natural world and ourselves as part of it - past, present and future.***

In 2013, DPNC acquired the 45-acre Coogan Farm through a grassroots capital campaign to protect one of the town's earliest (1646) colonial farms and complete a greenway connecting culturally and biologically rich properties owned by several organizations, with the largest portion held by the Denison Homestead and Avalonia Land Conservancy. Our trails connect diverse habitats linking neighborhoods, businesses, tourist attractions and educational organizations.

With support from volunteers, members and partners, we maintain trails and wildlife habitat within three watersheds that drain into Long Island Sound, including Copp's and Pequotsepos brooks and the Mystic River, supporting native plant communities and critical habitat for several state listed migratory breeding birds and animals. Located along the North Atlantic Migratory Flyway, this area provides excellent opportunities for bird and wildlife viewing. More than 180 species of birds have been recorded around DPNC.

***Enjoy our trails? Join DPNC today, preservation and maintenance of our trails is made possible through member support. Join at [www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org).***



## Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

**Main Campus**  
109 Pequotsepos Road  
Exhibits, Live Animals, Trails, Classrooms and Preschool

**Coogan Farm**  
162 Greenmanville Avenue  
Welcome Center, Store, Trails & Giving Garden

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# Trail Guide Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

