

Pleasant Hill Preserve

Letterbox Location #1

Color: RED

Difficulty: Medium

Walking distance total: 2.5 miles

Pleasant Hill Preserve was once a working farm, owned by Jerrerd Benjamin from the 1960's onward. After Benjamin's death, SLT purchased the land from his children. These 135 acres used to be home to cattle, pigs, sheep, geese and chickens. Now, the fields are full of wildflowers and barn swallows have made the structure their home.

Directions & Clues:

Follow Eleanor's Trail (gravel) until you see the barn. Across from the barn, to the right, begins a small woods' trail which immediately goes uphill. This is the beginning of Monty's Trail which makes a large loop around the property.

This meandering trail cuts through a mixed forest, meaning that there are both coniferous and deciduous trees growing here. Notice the small white pines and the large red oaks. You will see one of these huge red oaks after about one minute of walking.

Keep going passed the "No Vehicle" sign. Soon you will pass a tree growing on top of a rock. Keep going. The trail will make a dramatic left, stop. If you've passed a large rock wall on your left, you've gone too far!



Notice the small tree with 2 arrow blazes on it. Stand facing that tree. Off the same side of that trail about 15 feet to your right, you will see a 3 stemmed oak tree. Walk to the base of that tree and find the letterbox hiding inside a hollow!

*Please remember to return all items to the container: SLT stamp, ink pad, pen, and SLT notebook. Please be sure to place the bin inside the bag and hide it safely where you found it.*

Continue your hike: Keep walking on Monty's trail through forest and fields. Once you reach the fork, you may continue even further on Monty's Trail and complete the loop, or you can cut back towards the barn using the Swallow's Field trail.

Thanks for visiting Pleasant Hill Preserve!