

## Bulkley Park is Rocky Hill's second oldest public park.

This land, approximately 24 wooded acres, was deeded to the Town of Rocky Hill by Joseph E. Bulkley on September 8, 1919 for use in perpetuity as a "natural park." Included in the deed is a provision that "it be kept as a wooded plot – that no trees be cut except those necessary to keep it in good condition."

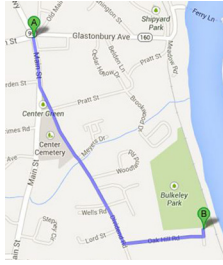
The eastern border of the park follows the Connecticut River, just west of the old Connecticut Valley Rail Road (now the seldom used Providence Worcester Railroad line). There are views of the river from some of the park's trails.

A place known by the old inhabitants of Rocky Hill as "Tryon's Landing" is on the river adjacent to the eastern border of park. It is not marked today. Here, tradition has it, in the late 1600s, the pirate Captain Kidd sailed up the Connecticut River and went ashore on a small peninsula jutting out into the river, later called Tyron's Landing. He selected a hillside and buried two chests of gold, silver and jewels.\*

Up from Tryon's Landing, on land that is now in the park, was a grove in a natural hollow and amphitheater which was a splendid picnic ground. Sunday school gatherings, general town picnics, fish-fries and clam bakes were held here for 150 years up to 1871, when the building up of the railroad made a high embankment and cut off direct access to the river.\* Today Bulkley Park is an area to enjoy for its unspoiled natural hills, woods and history.

\*These stories are related in the Rocky Hill chapter of the "History of Ancient Wethersfield," by Adams and Stiles.

## Directions & Parking



From the intersection of 99 and 160 go south on 99. Take the left at the Y intersection onto Dividend Road. Left onto Oak Hill Road, Left onto Michele Drive.

GPS use this address:  
1 Michele Drive, Rocky Hill 06067

### Volunteer!

Our trails depend on you!  
Do you want to get involved?

Call 860-258-2772  
Email [parcsandrec@rockyhillct.gov](mailto:parcsandrec@rockyhillct.gov)  
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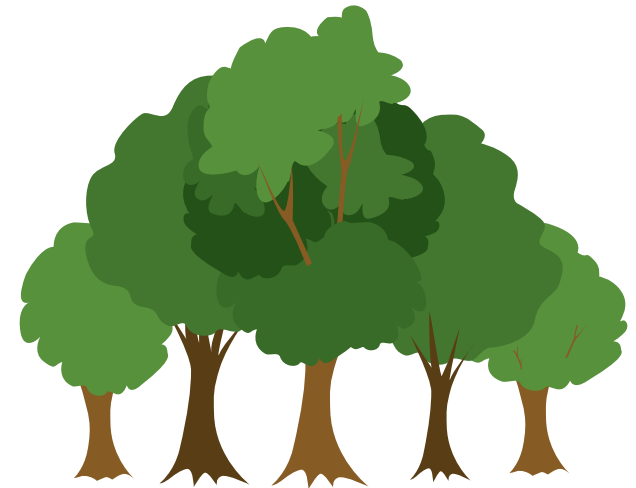
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# Bulkley Park

Rocky Hill, CT  
24 Acres

This completely wooded park overlooks the Connecticut River and offers visitors one mile of easy to moderate hikes through its hills and valleys.



### Permitted Activities



This property is for passive use only; hiking year round, with snow-shoeing or cross country skiing during the winter months. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and remove any dog waste.  
Park closes at dusk.

# Bulkley Park

Rocky Hill, CT  
24 acres est. 1919

Brookwood  
Village  
Condos



Connecticut  
River

Woodland Drive

Jennifer's Way

Riverpark  
Crossing  
Condos

Connector .1 mile

River Vista

Fern Valley  
Outer Trail .6 miles

Entrance .2 miles

Railroad  
Tracks



Michèle Drive

Oak Hill Road

Dividend Road

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