Sugarloaf

Steep hills for intermediate and advanced cross-country skiing
Good birdwatching

Regional Water Authority Recreation

Guilford

Beaver Head Rd.

West St.

Gated Entrance

Parking Lot

Road impassable

PERMIT REQUIRED

Great Hill Rd.

Hemlock Ave.

to Route 77

to Route 80

Wilbur's Lane

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400 0 400 800 1,200
Feet

Sugarloaf Trails

W Owl Trail

R Sherwood Forest Trail

O Tangled Web Trail

Y Raven's Trail

O R Merlin's Way

Blaze Colors:
O=Orange, R=Red, W=White, Y=Yellow
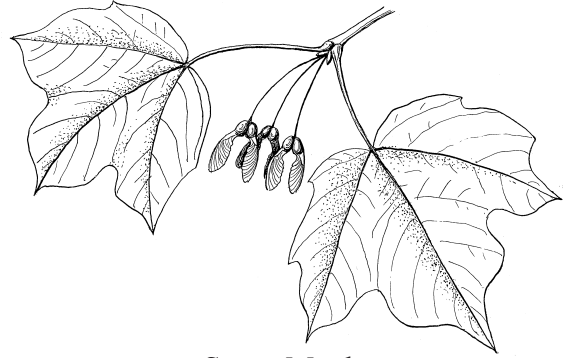
Other Symbols/Features

Roads

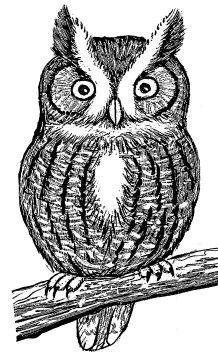RWA boundary

Sugarloaf Trails

Located north of Route 80 in Guilford, CT. From Route 80, take County Road/West Street at the North Branford and Guilford town line and travel approximately 2 miles to the Sugarloaf gate entrance on your right.

This scenic recreation area got its name many years ago because its two rounded hills resembled mounded loaves of brown sugar. Today west Sugarloaf is covered with plantations of white pine and Norway spruce and has become a roosting area for wild turkeys.

Please note that the many blue markers you see along the trails are not trail blazes. There are no blue trails at Sugarloaf.

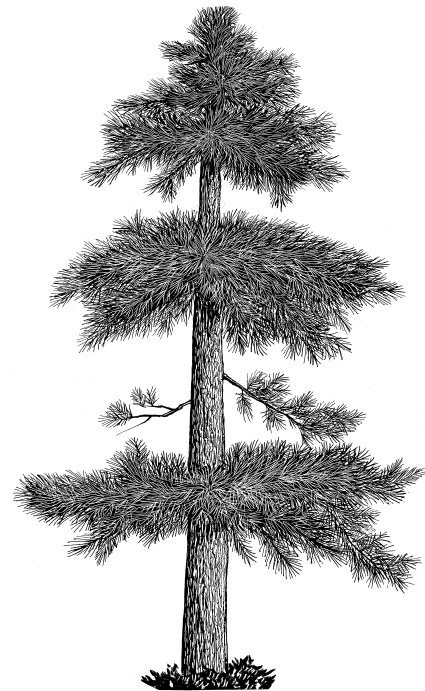Sugar Maple

Screech Owl

Sugarloaf Trail Guide

Owl Trail (white rectangle) 2.4 miles. Old rotting tree trunks along this trail are homes for many small forest animals such as screech owls and chipmunks. If you look carefully you may find an owl sleeping in the crook of an old tree. You will also notice canals and inlets to the underground pipes that divert water from this important watershed area.

Raven's Trail (yellow triangle) 0.3 miles. This short, steep trail climbs over the top of east Sugarloaf and provides a short cut on the east leg of the Owl Trail.

Sherwood Forest Trail (red circle) 0.8 miles. The sugar maples along this trail provide such dense cover during the summer that little under-story can grow here. As you walk along, you may be able to see up to 500 feet through the forest in this enchanted area. There is a long, steep climb on this trail as it ascends the west side of Sugarloaf.

Tangled Web Trail (orange triangle) 0.7 miles. This trail is named for the overgrown tangle of grape vines, briars and berries growing over a section of west Sugarloaf hill. It is an especially good place for bird watching.

Merlin's Way (orange and red arrows) 0.1 miles. This 500 foot trail connects the Sherwood Forest Trail to the Tangled Web Trail.

White Pine