



**Town of Greenwich**  
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## **SACHEM NATURE PRESERVE**

**Location:** West side of Sachem Lane between Indian Field and Post Rds.

**Directions from**

**Central Greenwich:** U.S. 1 toward Stamford, at traffic light turn right onto Indian Field Rd. (Milbrook Golf Course) also on right, Sunoco gas on corner, Proceed on Indian Field Rd. turn onto Cross La. Sachem Rd. intersects w/ Cross La. Parking for Preserve is on Sachem Rd.

**Size:** 3.57 acres

**Hr. of Operation:** daylight

**Parking:** at bottom of Sachem Lane (limited to 5 cars)

### **Facilities:**

1 natural trail (circular)

This small parcel of undeveloped land is surrounded by homes on all sides. It is characterized by a mature, second growth deciduous forest, primarily red maple, black cherry, and white Ash, with an understory of shrubs and saplings. Almost 1/3 of the Preserve is wetland, and floods during the heavy rains. A stream runs south through the property, but is usually dry in the summer months. Only passive recreation is permitted in this preserve. Hiking, birdwatching and photography.

### **Sachem Nature Preserve (3.57 acres)**

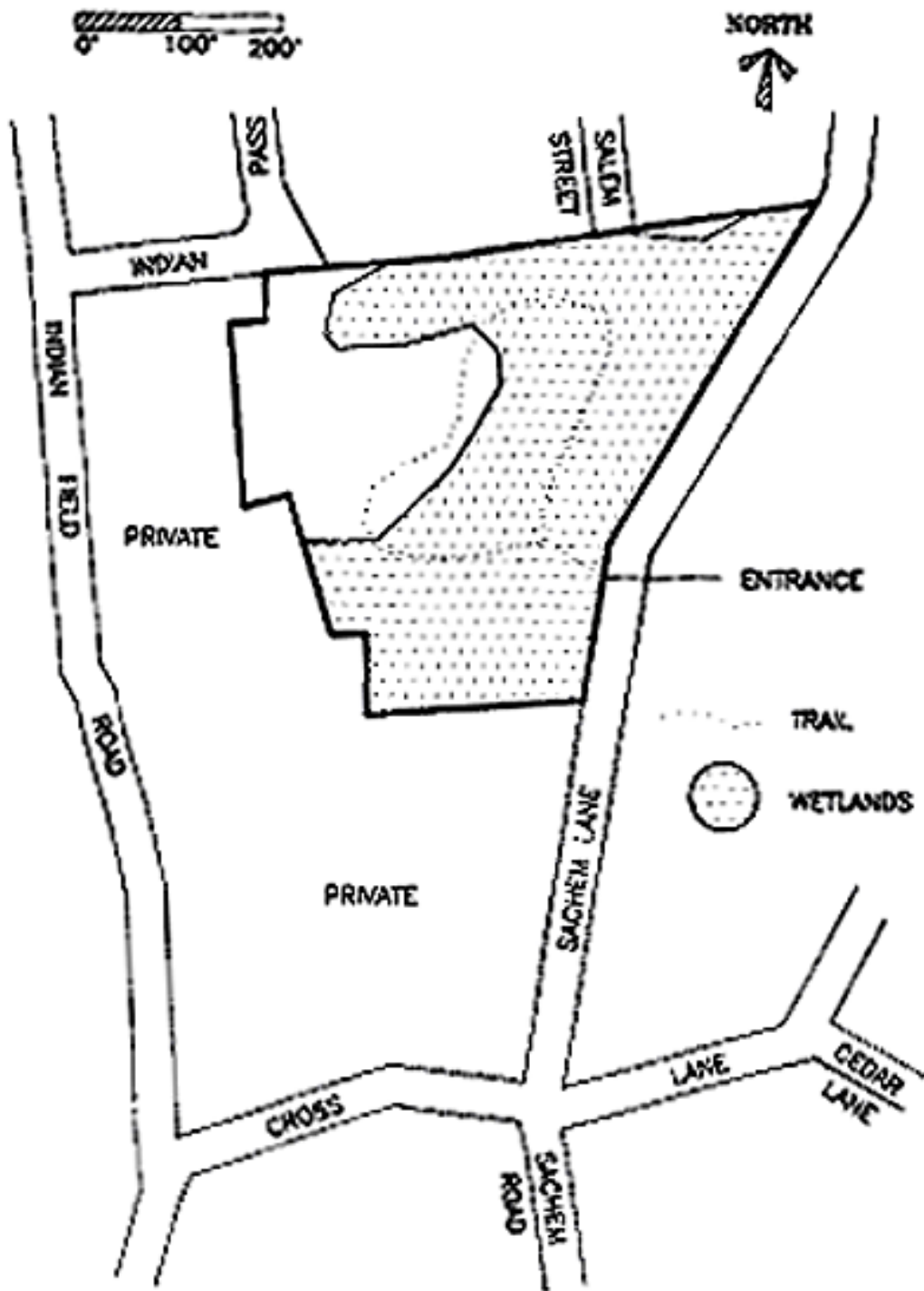
This small parcel of undeveloped wooded land on the west side of Sachem Lane, close to the Post Road to the north, is surrounded by homes on all sides. Access to the preserve is primarily off Sachem Lane, where visitors may also park. Only passive use of the Preserve is permitted, such as hiking, birdwatching, and photography.

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The land is generally level and low, with the exception of its western edge, which rises approximately 15 feet higher. The land is traversed with several pathways created by the foot traffic of area residents. The Preserve provides habitat for a variety of small mammals and birds.

Area residents obviously regard it as an oasis as well, for when the parcel appeared on the list of Town properties for possible sale, they organized numerous meetings and public hearings, submitted petitions, and with the support of Conservation Commission, persuaded the Board of Selectmen to designate it a municipal improvement, thereby assuring its perpetuation as a passive recreational area. A carved Wooden sign crafted by local Boy Scouts now marks an entrance to the Preserve on Sachem Lane.

*Peter Benedict*



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