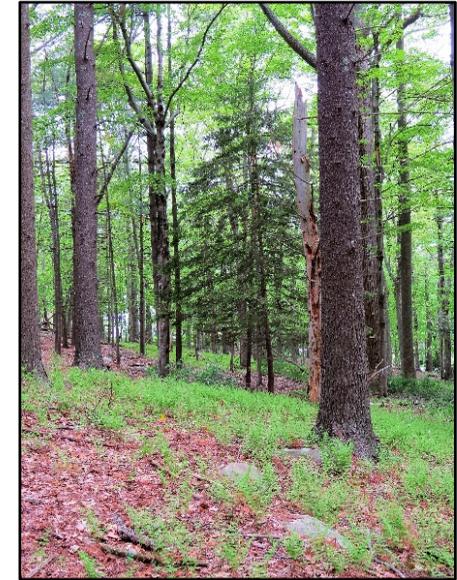


# Welcome to Guetliweg Preserve

**Guetliweg Preserve** encompasses 10.5 acres of forested land on the up-hill side of River Road. The land was donated to the Deep River Land Trust in 2011 and 2016 by William and Linda Caval, who live nearby. Guetliweg is a Swiss word that means “path to a small piece of land.”

The Preserve open space provides a vital haven and passageway for wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*) and white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) seeking to traverse an evermore-developed landscape along the Connecticut River. A prominent tree species in the preserve is the tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), and there is also a small grove of white pine (*Pinus strobus*). The tulip is an early successional tree, well adapted to filling gaps in the canopy. There are a lot of standing long-dead trees in the preserve, and the presence of this coarse woody debris provides an excellent habitat for the profusion of woodpeckers that can often be seen and heard. There are a number of mature and regenerating sugar maple trees (*Acer saccharum*) in the Preserve that might be tapped in the future for maple syrup production.

Unfortunately, with disturbance comes invasive plants, and there is a serious invasion of Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) here. DRLT is working on a plan to mitigate the presence of the invasive barberry.



The Preserve is a moderately sloping area that can be traversed via the path marked by red trail blazes. Along the trail, one can catch glimpses of the Connecticut River through the trees and across River Road. The trail is an easy walk—less than half-a-mile with about 15 m of elevation change between the lowest and highest points along it. There is a parking area for 3-4 cars near the junction of Winterberry Road (see trail map).

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