



STEEP ROCK ASSOCIATION



Pinnacle of Success!

We are thrilled to announce the acquisition of a spectacular 30.46- acre property known as [Pinnacle Cliffs](#). An integral piece of SRA's Macricostas Expansion Project, Pinnacle Cliffs is nestled on the top of the ridge between Macricostas Preserve and the Town of Warren. Preservation of the parcel protects a surprisingly rich assemblage of unique natural communities that converge within a relatively small area and provide important wildlife linkages to surrounding core forests. For adventurous hikers, the parcel offers clues to the region's geologic history, with spectacular glacial erratic formations, including a 65-foot-high cliff topped

by a copse of mature pine trees, and five acres of undisturbed wetlands rarely seen in northwest CT. We are incredibly grateful to SRA Trustee John Santoleri for leading the acquisition process and funding from the state of CT, US Fish & Wildlife Service, John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation, CT Land Conservation Council, and SRA donors who supported this effort. For more about Pinnacle Cliffs, click [here](#).

See you on our Trails,

Brian Hagenbuch, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Follow the Forest

Steep Rock Association is proud to partner with Follow the Forest to protect and connect core forests from the Hudson Valley to Canada. Core forests filter air and water while also providing important habitat for wildlife, linking Connecticut's Litchfield Hills to the Green Mountains of Vermont. How can we help wildlife that live in these forests to safely move from one area to another - especially when many of those areas have busy roads between them? Learn [>more](#)

Kirby Brook Project Means Happier Fish

The Kirby Brook culvert beneath Tunnel Road in Steep Rock Preserve recently got a retrofit! Our thanks go to [Housatonic Valley Association](#), the Town of Washington, and Trout Scapes River Restoration for making this impactful, collaborative conservation project possible. Previously, the culvert was a significant barrier to fish passage, essentially disconnecting the stream from the Shepaug River. Now, fish can "step" their way up to and through the culvert, reaching quality cold-water habitat and refuge when it matters most. We look forward to seeing teeming fish populations and an all-around healthier and livelier brook ecosystem as a result. Check it out on your next hike and let us know what you see swimming, flying, or loping by.

3 Peaks in 3 Weeks: The Fall 2024 Challenge is ON!

Lace up your trail shoes, leash up your dog, and breathe in the crisp autumn air as you explore Steep Rock's breathtaking preserves. Immerse yourself in the stunning fall foliage while boosting your health and wellness with this ultimate hiking challenge. From Sept. 29 through Oct. 20, Hike three of SRA's highest peaks - the Summit at Steep Rock, The Pinnacle at Hidden Valley, and Waramaug's Rock at Macricostas. Register to win cool prizes by posting using #3peaks3weeksSRA. Are you up for the challenge? [>more](#)

DAF Day: October 10



My DAF has empowered me to give more strategically and efficiently. It's like having a charitable savings account that lets me support causes year-round, including some that need help in times of crisis. So much easier to take a large single tax deduction rather than itemize and document each individual donation.

-Bob Kogel

DAFday 10/10/2024

On October 10, people from all over the country will come together for the first ever [DAF Day](#)--a new kind of giving day that defines how donor advised funds (DAFs) are used and who uses them. **Steep Rock** is a launch partner for DAF Day. If you have a DAF, there's likely untapped potential waiting to make an impact, and **DAF Day** is your chance to put those funds to work. We invite you to unlock the power of your generosity by making a gift to a nonprofit you love on 10/10. In just three clicks, you can support Steep Rock on **DAF Day** through our website [>more](#)

Upcoming Events

Thanks to our donors, we're able to offer these events at no cost!

- Now through Oct. 20 - [3 Peaks in 3 Weeks Challenge!](#)
- Oct. 9 - [Fall Saunters](#) - Johnson Farm Preserve
- Oct. 13 - [Washington Harvest Festival](#) - River Walk Pavilion
- Oct. 17 - [Full Moon Hike](#) - Macricostas Preserve
- Oct. 19 - [Monthly Trail Work Party](#)
- Oct. 24 - [Meet Your Greens](#) - Woodbury Brewing Company
- Oct. 26 & 27 - [Judea Garden Fall Clean Up](#) - Judea Garden
- Nov. 2&3 - [Nature Preserve Monitoring Blitz](#) - Steep Rock House

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