

Recreation

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Bicycle rentals and cycling for all ability levels. Groups welcome.
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Bull's Bridge Scenic Area

- Hiking, kayaking, canoeing (portage around the dam). Fishing.
 Species: Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass. Tenmile River-Bulls
 Bridge Trout Management Area/Bass Management Area, from the confluence with the Housatonic River. Open year-round. Catch and release only.
- Part of the Appalachian Trail, the Bull's Bridge Scenic Trail features
 views of waterfalls and gorges and follows the Housatonic River to
 its confluence with the Tenmile River at the Ned Anderson Bridge in
 Gaylordsville. It continues to Tenmile River Gorge and the top of
 Tenmile Hill. Original covered bridge was built in 1842, and is one
 of the few in New England still open to auto traffic.
- Take Bull's Bridge Rd. off Rt. 7.
- Foot travel only. No bikes, ATVs or horses. Backpacker camping only at designated sites. Stoves only, no fires. Carry in/carry out.

Cobble Brook Vista

- Hiking.
- 158-acre Weantinoge preserve offers varying views and terrain from pastoral farmland to forested stone walls. 2.5 Red Trail loop is steep and ends in a perch in mountain laurels with a view west to the Housatonic River.
- From Kent Center, take Rt. 7 north 1.9 miles, right onto Studio Hill Rd., right to Studio Hill Circle. The trailhead and small parking area are on the right side of the road.



Hatch Pond

- Fishing. Species: Yellow Perch, Brown Bullhead, Chain Pickerel, Largemouth Bass, Calico Bass.
 Paddling, small motor boats (8 mph speed limit), no water skiing, birdwatching.
- 72-acre shallow pond has a state public boat launching area. Bordered on the east by S. Kent Rd. and Housatonic Railroad tracks, it is nonetheless a peaceful and beautiful place.
- From Rt. 7 in Kent, turn onto Bulls Bridge Rd. Right before the intersection with S. Kent Rd., follow signs to launch area. Parking: 10 cars.