



The Footprints of Napoleon Gnome

By Conserving Tolland

Stoppelworth Conservation Area

Directions: Crystal Lake Road or Peter Green Road to Hunter Road. Once you pass Bakos Road, continue About one mile. The parking area and trail head are on the left across from house #376 Hunter Road.

This letterbox is one of the requirements for your Trail Days scorecard

*** Read ALL the clues before you begin, do not move any stones or branches while in the forest.**

Clues to the letterbox

Follow the orange loop trail into the Stoppelworth Conservation Area. Always follow the orange trail, do not go onto the white trail. You will finish the loop trail.

A map of this hiking trail is available on the front page of the Conserving Tolland website.

Will you see Napoleon's footprints near the ledges, near the stumps?

As you enter the trail you can choose to go left or right, GO RIGHT. Go through the area of small white pine trees, you have now entered the kingdom of Napoleon Gnome. Napoleon has special powers over the other Gnomes, but he has no authority over the Muggles (humans) Cross over the bridge, you will cross many bridges on this journey. There are no trolls under these bridges, Napoleon has frightened them, so they left this kingdom. You will soon be crossing the second bridge. Once you cross the bridge, you will begin to head up the hill. When you get to the top, you will see large ledge on your right. Stand underneath the white pine tree that sits close to the trail. Look straight ahead and low, you will see one of Napoleon's secret doors to his underground trails. Sign into the letterbox book, and stamp your scorecard with the footprint stamp. Get back onto the trail and walk...down...down....down. Cross the stone bridge. There will be some more bridges as you continue the loop trail leading back to the parking area.

The Prisoner Gnomes

Napoleon Gnome took three Gnomes of the Kingdom prisoner. There are three prisoner Gnomes near the trail . If you find one of them, you can bring him to the Grand Finale of Tolland Trail Days on October 17th to receive a Joshua Trust Walk Book. They are in clear sight if you look. There is no need to move anything to see them, but you must search. Do not move any stones or branches or anything in the forest.

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