The Burr Farm Protected Open Space was purchased by the Town of Brookfield from the family of Lawrence and Helen Burr in 1999. It comprises 116 acres divided into East & West parcels, by the now unused eastern end of Lake George Road, which used to connect with Pond Brook Road in Newtown.

Rufus Skidmore, who farmed the land from 1800 onwards, sold it to Hezekiah Peck in 1875, who in turn left it to his son John Howard Peck. When John Peck died in 1935, Lawrence and Helen Burr inherited the farm. Upon the death of Helen Burr in 1997, the land was sold by the family to the Town of Brookfield so it could be saved from the development and enjoyed by the likes of hikers, naturalists, horseback riders, cross county skiers, bird watchers, and more.

The West Parcel can be accessed by way of the Meadowland Trail, on a gently undulating 1.1-mile hike around the perimeter of the Upper Meadow, mowed through tall grass. Standing 600 feet above sea level walking south along the hillcrest, you will walk through fields that used to raise corn and hay. As you pass through the stonewall opening and berches, look to the West and you can see the old water storage tank, which gravity fed water to the farmhouse in the early 1900's. Water was windmill-pumped up hill to the storage tank from a spring-fed cistern near the Brookfield/Newtown marker.

The East Parcel can be hiked on the 1.4 mile, blue-blazed Dingle Brook Loop Trail, which proceeds East down Dingle Brook Road, and a short distance North or South down Lake George Road. It then heads East through scenic woodlands crisscrossed by stone walls built by early settlers, to Dingle Brook, an elevation drop 300 feet. Sit a while on a cedar bench, before continuing your hike back up to the Lake George Road, and enjoy the peace and quiet of unspoiled nature as you watch Dingle Brook flow on it's Eastward trek to the Housatonic River.

BURR FARM OPEN SPACE

We are grateful to our Creator for the beauty of land.

Thanks to the Burr family for their love and caring through the 1900's.

Thanks to the residents of Brookfield for the purchase of protected open space.

Thanks to the Meserve Fund for the monies to purchase fencing, benches, signs and kiosk.

And to G.E. Capital, the Boy Scouts and other volunteers a heartfelt thank you.

Directions: Take Route 133 from Brookfield Center towards Bridgewater for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Obtuse Road South and continue for 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Dingle Brook Road just before Shakespeares Garden Center at Burr Farm. Continue to parking area on top of hill.

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Trail Map and Guide

Historic Town Marker

Brookfield Conservation Commission