

Visit Mohegan Park

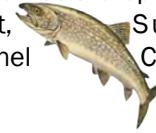
In 1906, six Norwich residents generously deeded approximately 200 acres of their land for the purpose of a municipal park. Dr. John Rockwell was the first donor giving the city 70 acres surrounding Spaulding Pond. In 1908 the name Mohegan Park was chosen to pay tribute to Uncas, Sachem of the Mohegan Tribe who deeded the area to the first settlers of Norwich in 1659. By 1934, eighteen residents had gifted more than 300 acres to expand and create Mohegan Park. In 1938, the idea for the addition of a rose garden was introduced and built on approximately 2 acres at the Rockwell St. entrance to the park. The landscape architect was Thomas H. Desmond, designer of many wholesome, recreational city parks. The Norwich Rotary Memorial Rose Garden received national recognition when it was chosen to receive an award from Better Homes and Gardens and has acted as a test garden for All-American Rose Selection.

Mohegan Park is centrally located and elevated above the city of Norwich. It is the city's largest park spreading over 384.80 acres. Vegetation is primarily deciduous forest. In 2002 Mohegan Park took part in BioBlitz organized by the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History. 116 University of Connecticut scientists along with many interested participants came together for a 24 hour marathon to identify and catalog as many species as possible and increase public awareness of this urban park. 1,898 species were identified in a 24 hour period.

There are 2 bodies of water located in the park, both man-made by earthen dams. Spaulding Pond, located in the park center, is approximately 13 acres and the depth reaches 19 feet. It has a sandy beach for seasonal swimming. Lower Pond, located near the Mohegan Park Road entrance, once functioned as a skating pond.

The park is a pedestrian oriented destination where one can experience woodlands, water features, play areas, swimming, picnic areas, disc golf and a nationally recognized rose garden all at no charge. Two pavilions, one with a recreational field, are available for seasonal event rentals. Picnic tables and fireplaces are located throughout the park. Paved footpaths and unpaved trails are popular for walking, hiking, jogging and bicycling. There are benches

conveniently placed along the paved trails. Mohegan Park is a state designated trout park and is well stocked at the opening of fishing season. Varieties of fish include Trout, Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Brown Bullhead and Channel Catfish.



Directions from the North:

Take 395 South to Exit 13 East, Rt. 2 South, Rt. 32 Norwich. Merge onto Rt. 2 East continuing to the end of the expressway. Follow Rt. 169 North to Taftville. At the first light, turn right onto Ox Hill Rd. then right onto Mahan Dr. and left onto John Edward Dr. and follow the signs

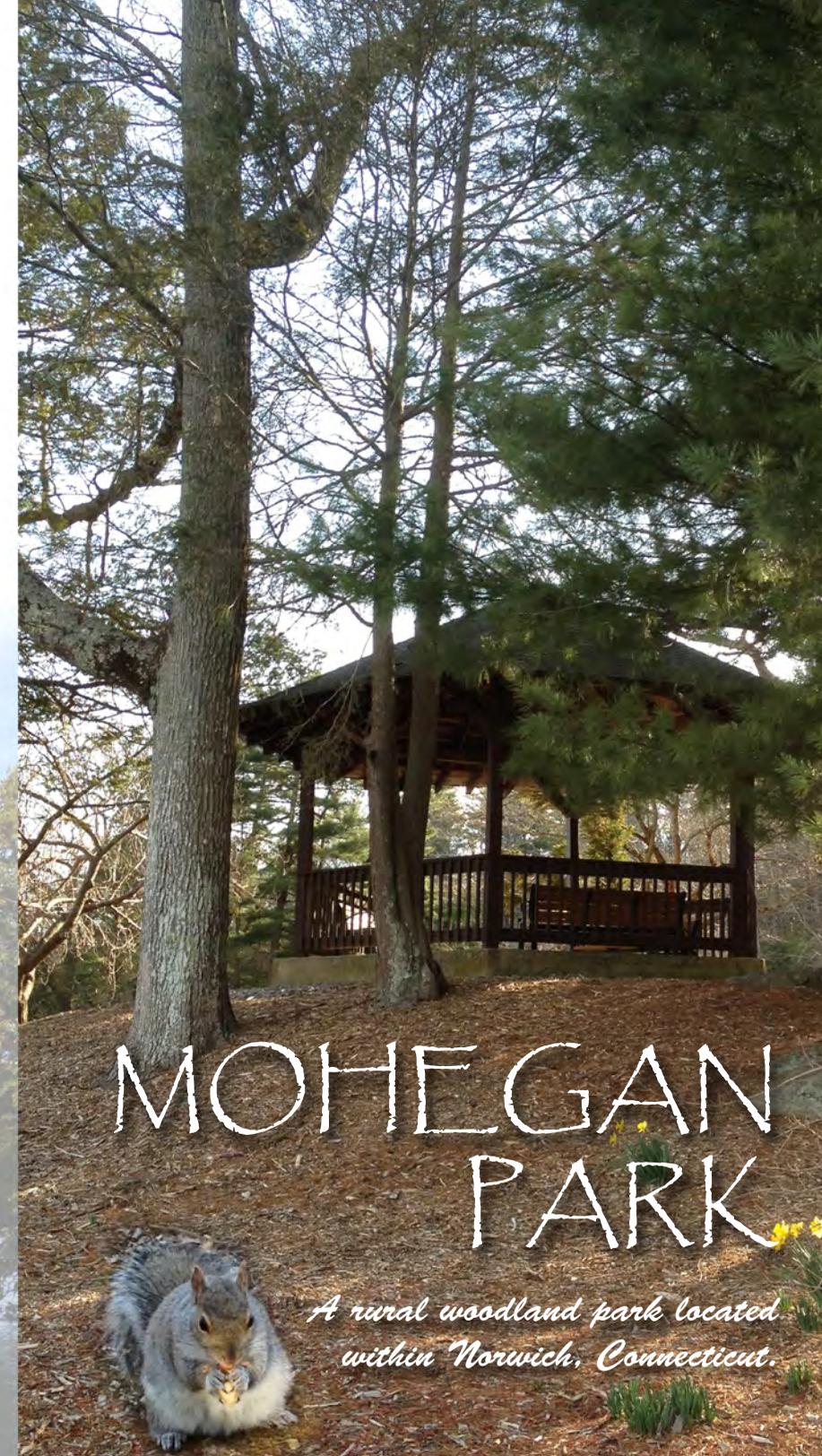
Directions from the South:

Take 395 North to Exit 13A East, Rt. 2 South, Rt. 32 Norwich. Merge onto Rt. 2 East continuing to the end of the expressway. Follow Rt. 169 North to Taftville. At the first light, turn right onto Ox Hill Rd. then right onto Mahan Dr. and left onto John Edward Dr. and follow the signs.

Mohegan Park is open daily from dawn to sundown. The swimming area opens mid June and closes near Labor Day. It is a toddler friendly fenced area with lifeguards on duty. There are available changing rooms.

Rental information for pavilions can be found at the following site:
<http://www.norwichct.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Mohegan-Park-122>.

Park information is from *Historic Municipal Parks Survey (Mohegan Park) - 1995*



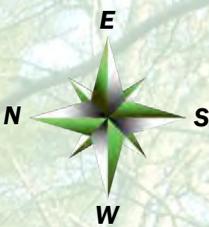
MOHEGAN PARK

*A rural woodland park located
within Norwich, Connecticut.*



Taftville

Greenville



FIELD PAVILION



DISC GOLF



BEACH



PLAY AREA



Norwichtown



PLAY AREA



LAKESIDE PAVILION



PARK CENTER



ANIMAL CONTROL



ROSE GARDEN

- Park Property
 - Parking Areas
 - Rest Rooms
 - Red Trail (loop 0.7 mi.)
 - Blue Trail (0.4 mi.)
 - Green Trail (0.6 mi.)
 - Paved Trail
 - Trails (not maintained)
- Mohegan Park**
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