Scoville Loop Community Outreach

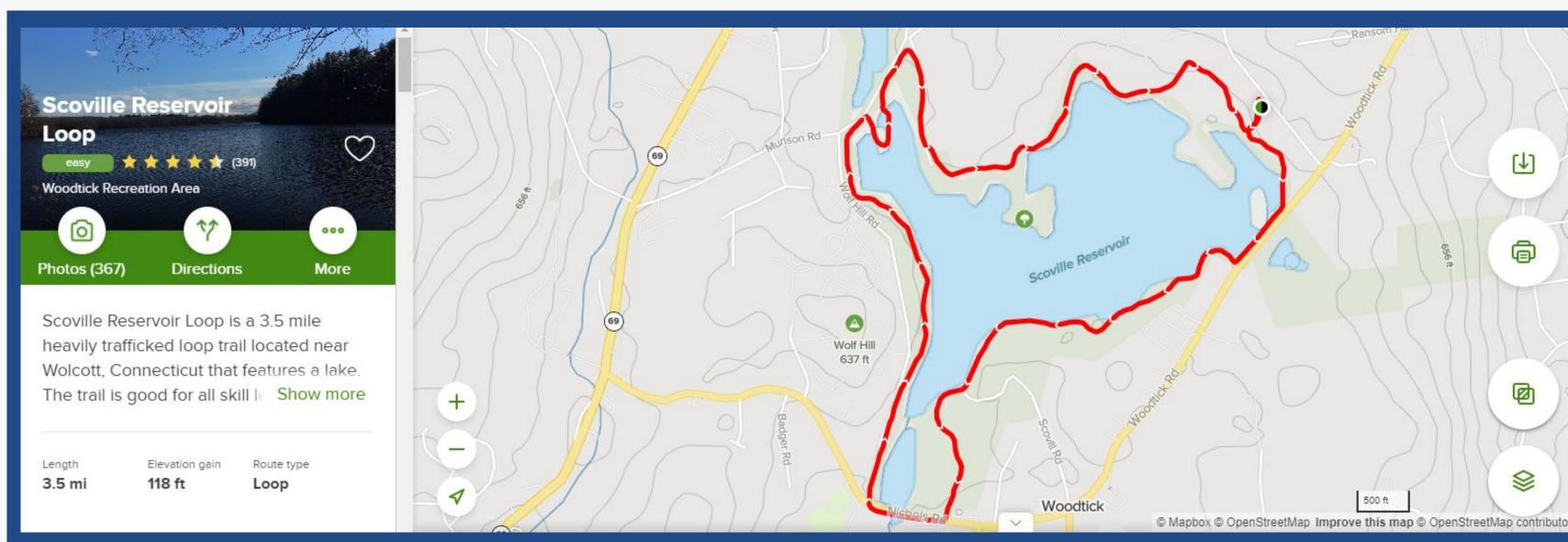


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Scoville Loop Trail Project

During quarantine the amount of people on the Scoville Loop trail seems to have doubled overnight. During this time Kids were out of school and parents were looking for a way to keep their kids entertained.

Almost a month after quarantine started, I began working with Uconn NRCA on a community project. My teacher, Owen Mclaughlin, and I came up with the idea for our project to help the Wolcott community members learn more about nature while walking on the Scoville Loop Trail.

All you have to do is download the Seek app free on iPhone and Android app store and you can start Identifying animals, trees, plants, insects, and even fungus you find on the trail simply by taking or uploading a picture. Our end goal of this project is to learn more about the Wolcott ecosystem to do this, I am asking for the community's help!

After using Seek to identify your observation you can enter the data you have found into the Scoville loop form created on the free Epicollect app on the Apple and Android app store! After you have downloaded the Epicollect app go to the add project button and look up "NRCA Scoville Loop Pro".



Technology program

project you can press add entry and an easy to follow form will appear where you can put in the information about what you found such as, Location, time, a picture or video or what you found, and what you believe you found. It is our hope that this will serve as educational tool for our community! lappy exploring!

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Introduction

- We believe it is important for people of all ages to get involved and better understand the biodiversity of their local environment
- Our project goal is to encourage members of the Wolcott community, in addition to folks from nearby towns like Waterbury, to get outside, get moving, and get learning about the plants and animals in their area
- It is especially essential now during the Covid-19 pandemic to get out into nature and that's what really inspired us to do this project

Methods

- Location: Loop Trail along the Scoville Reservoir in Wolcott, CT
- We created an instructional video to encourage the public to collect data on the plants and animals observed along a popular trail
- We included steps on how to use Epicollect5 and Seek mobile apps
- After meeting with the Wolcott mayor, plans are being made to post signage along the trail with a QR code to increase awareness and accessibility of our project

The Take-Away



Click to access our Epicollect5 data & view our YouTube video



- ★ It's important to know about the ecosystem that surrounds you because how can you value and protect what you do not understand?
- ★ This project enabled Wolcott residents and surrounding community to learn more about their local environment.
- ★ We hope our project can become a community attraction, like a game played while walking along the trail. It could also be a great field trip for teachers to bring their students for hands-on outdoor data collection.









