

Hike is planned Aug. '93 for meteor shower

Area residents wishing to see a meteor shower Wednesday can join members of the Five Town Land Trust at Soapstone Mountain off Gulf Road for a good view.

The group will be leading a hike to the observation tower at the top of the mountain. It begins at 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot, but drivers can also take their cars to the tower and avoid the hike. The event will be cancelled if it is overcast.

The Perseid meteor shower occurs each August, and astronomers say there is a good chance that this year's shower will produce a memorable storm of meteors.

Those wishing to join the hike are encouraged to bring flashlights and insect repellent.

More information is available by calling land trust member George Grant at 627-8062.

Land trust sponsors hike to old distillery

The Five Town Land Trust has organized a hike to the ruins of the Gowdy Distillery on Saturday.

The hike will begin at 11 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Farm on Broad Brook Road, just south of Melrose Road.

Hikers are encouraged to bring their own lunch for the free hike, which will go for about 1 mile to the distillery. Afterward, there will be an optional hike of 2 additional miles. **MAY 1993**

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Land group eager to lead family walk

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EAST WINDSOR — The Five-Town Land Trust Inc. will conduct a walk Saturday through Scantic River State Park as part of its efforts to raise awareness of land preservation.

The walk will start at 11 a.m. at Albert Grant's farm, 128 Melrose Road, about a half-mile from the intersection of routes 141 and 191, Grant said. Participants will follow a circular course through a tamarack grove to the park, along the river, and back out to Melrose Road.

The walk will last about two hours, and the pace will be leisure-

ly. George Grant, another member of the group and Albert Grant's cousin, said it will be suitable for children and the elderly. The walk will pause at some point for lunch; participants should bring their own meals.

"It's a family kind of thing," Albert Grant said. "There's no set course, really; it depends on what everyone wants to do."

Albert Grant will lead the walk. He grew up on the farm and knows the area well, he said. Other nature experts and lovers will contribute their knowledge as well, he said.

The nonprofit land trust, which consists of people from East Windsor, Enfield, Ellington, Somers and

Stafford, was formed in 1987 to encourage the preservation of undeveloped land, particularly agricultural and forest land, George Grant said.

About 54 acres have been donated to the group for preservation, Albert Grant said.

Just about every month, a walk or other "awareness-raiser" is planned, said Albert Grant. Last month, the land trust conducted a walk through Shenipsit State Forest in Somers. This is the second time this year a walk has been conducted through Scantic River State Park, he said. About 30 people typically show up for the walks, he said.

"We try to visit the nice places

around that many people maybe don't know about," Albert Grant said. "We try to keep them aware of the value of these areas, and keeping them open and accessible to everyone."