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***Take a Hike Series Will Feature Connecticut Radio and Television Personalities***

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Stars will shine in broad daylight as The White Memorial Conservation Center kicks off its "Take a Hike Series " on Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 AM with Radio Personality, Dale Jones from FM 97.3 WZBG . Jones, along with WMCC Director of Administration and Development, Geri Griswold , will lead participants on a hike to Bantam Lake while participating in a nature scavenger hunt.

The Saturday series, which runs from May through October, was conceived by Griswold and was inspired by Governor M.Jodi Rell and The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's "No Child Left Inside" initiative to encourage families to use Connecticut's State Park System as a way to enjoy and become aware of the value of nature and each other.

The White Memorial Conservation Center is part of The White Memorial Foundation, a 4,000 acre wildlife sanctuary in Litchfield with thirty five miles of hiking biking, and horsebackriding trails open free to the public year round. The Conservation Center's Nature Museum is open to the public seven days a week. Admission to the Museum is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children from ages six to twelve. Children under six are admitted free of charge.

The "Take a Hike" series continues on Saturday June 7 with Radio and Television Personality Mark the Shark from WTIC FM and WVIT NBC 30 leading a walk around Ongley Pond. July 5 brings WTNH News Channel 8 Reporter, Desiree Fontaine on a hike up to Apple Hill. Allison Demers, morning co-host on Lite 100.5 WRCH leads the march on August 2 through Catlin Woods while Reporter Teresa LaBarbera from WFSB Channel 3 visits on September 6 with a trek up Wheeler Hill. On September 13th, Rachel Lutzker from FOX 61 and The River leads hikers to Plunge Pool and Memorial Rock and Diane Smith from "Mornings with Ray and Diane" on WTIC Newstalk 1080 and CPTV's "Positively Connecticut" wraps up the series October 4 on the famous Little Pond Boardwalk.

All hikes are free to the public but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call The White Memorial Conservation Center for registration and further information 860-567-0857.