The Couch Preserve is an 18-acre parcel that was left to the Trust in 1996 as a bequest of Elizabeth Couch. Once slated for subdivision, it now provides both forest and early succession habitats. The trail slopes gently from the road to a hemlock grove at the northeast boundary. The eastern portion was used as pastureland as recently as the 1990's. Although thickly covered with invasive shrubs, it nevertheless provides increasingly rare habitat for shrub-loving species. It will be left to revert to forest, as has the remainder of the preserve which is covered by oak-hickory forest about 30 years old.

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Please help the Trust safeguard this preserve by following these rules:
Take only pictures and leave only footprints.
Keep dogs on leash.
NO: motor vehicles, horses, fires, or camping

To report a problem, please contact us at: 860 429-9023 or joshuastrust@snet.net

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Directions: From the junction of Rt. 31 and Rt. 275 in South Coventry, go north on Main St (Rt. 31) .3 miles to Root Road. Turn right on Root Road and go 1 mile to sharp left turn in the road. The road now becomes Cooper Lane. Go 800 feet and park on the right shoulder by the preserve sign.