

Connecticut Bobcat Project

The Easton Conservation Commission is pleased to announce its participation in the Connecticut Bobcat Project. Being conducted by the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the study will focus on bobcat occupancy throughout the state.

Goal of the Project: To better understand human and bobcat interactions.

Methodology: Trail cameras are being installed at 28 random locations in regions of different housing densities throughout the state. In Easton, the trail cameras will be placed in the Paine Open Space. In addition to the cameras, hair snares will be utilized. A hair snare is a passive device that bobcats can walk through and rub up against and loosen a few hairs. By collecting hair samples bobcat diet changes can be studied

Duration: A full calendar year beginning in May 2018.

Public Participation: Easton residents are strongly encouraged to report any Easton bobcat sightings. Observations can be reported in three different ways:

- Record observations through the app iNaturalist (available for free on Android and iOS).
- Send an email message and any photos to: deep.ctwildlife@ct.gov
- Post sightings on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/CTFishandWildlife](https://www.facebook.com/CTFishandWildlife)

When recording a sighting by any of these three ways, please provide the following information:

- Date and specific location (including town) of the sighting
- Number of bobcats observed
- If there are visible ear tags or collars on the bobcat(s)

For more information please visit:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/////cwp/view.asp?q=597164&deepNav_GID=1655

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