

Wilton's Golden Miles Self-Guided Driving Tour

The Wilton Garden Club invites you to witness its Golden Miles – some 3,500 daffodil bulbs planted in the fall of 2020. Our tour begins at **Wilton's Historical Society** (224 Danbury Road/Route 7). You'll find 1,000 daffodils blooming in all shades of yellow, white, orange and even pink along the roadside at the intersection of Deerfield Road. While you're there, stop inside the Historical Society and take a peek at their thoughtfully curated exhibitions and neat collection of antique toys and trains. On your way out, make sure to check out the Museum Gift Shop for quirky, one-of-a-kind gift items.

After exiting the Historical Society's parking lot, turn left onto Route 7 and make an immediate left at the traffic light onto Sharp Hill Road. Continue on Sharp Hill Road about three-quarters of a mile, then turn left onto Autumn Ridge Drive. Immediately on your right is the parking area for the **Norwalk River Valley Trail**. Park your car and enjoy the daffodils planted on either side of the trail. We encourage you to take a walk or a run on the trail if you've got the time. It's a beautiful, well-maintained trail through the woods, and a great place to walk your dog.

Now, get back in your car and turn left onto Sharp Hill Road until it ends at Chestnut Hill Road. Turn left onto Chestnut Hill Road and head north (Chestnut Hill Road quickly becomes Hurlbutt Street). Less than three-quarters of a mile away, directly across the street from Wilton's historic **Ambler Farm** (257 Hurlbutt Street), you'll see a lovely planting of daffodils on the right-hand side of the road at the corner of Hurlbutt Street and Hyland Road. Feel free to pull into the parking lot at Ambler Farm to walk your dog and enjoy its scenic beauty. With rotational crops and farm animals on display, it's a real treat for children and one of the town's few remaining working farms.

Next, as you exit the parking lot at Ambler Farm, turn right onto Hurlbutt Street. Continue south until the stop sign at Sharp Hill Road. Make a right onto Sharp Hill Road and make your way back towards Autumn Ridge Drive. Immediately after Autumn Ridge Drive, bear right onto Old Highway. Follow Old Highway to Route 7. Turn right onto Route 7 (Danbury Road) and head north to the traffic light. Turn left at the traffic light onto Route 33/Ridgefield Road. Drive about one-quarter of a mile to **Wilton's Congregational Church** (70 Ridgefield Road). Pull into the church parking lot on the right-hand side to admire the beautiful, historic church, as well as all the cheerful daffodils planted on either side of the road. Across the street from the church is charming Old Town Hall, which is certainly worth a photo or two!

Now, exit right out of the church parking lot and continue north on Ridgefield Road for about one-quarter of a mile to **Hillside Cemetery** (165 Ridgefield Road) on your left-hand side. There, blooming on the slope along the left-hand side of the road, is a large swath of daffodils. Feel free to pull into the cemetery and park so you can take a closer look.

To end your tour, head to the **Wilton Library** (137 Old Ridgefield Road) in Wilton's town center. Turn right out of the parking lot at Hillside Cemetery onto Ridgefield Road. Continue south and at the second traffic light, bear right onto Old Ridgefield Road which will take you into the center of town. At the end of Old Ridgefield Road, bear right to remain on Old Ridgefield Road and drive past the Town Green (also on your right). The library is shortly beyond the Town Green on the right-hand side. You can park in the library's parking lot to get a closer look at the daffodils planted around the base of the flag sculpture next to Old Ridgefield Road by the corner of Godfrey Place. While you're in town, you can browse in the shops or have lunch at one of several restaurants. For a real old-time feel, plunk yourself down at the counter of The Luncheonette and order one of their delicious milkshakes. It's a great way to end a daffy day!

