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Dear Neighbor,

2020 has been a year unlike any other. Between a pandemic with stay at home orders and social distancing requirements, rising climate change challenges, racial unrest, economic uncertainty and more, our bodies and minds are under a tremendous amount of stress. An unchanging constant is the positive impact that spending time outdoors and connecting with nature have on us. People have rediscovered the value of time spent in the fresh air and in the quiet of the woods and benefited with healthier minds and bodies.

To help you maintain a healthier state of mind, we invite you and your family to discover or continue to visit the beautiful Sen Ki property at 1255 High Street. For first timers, we offer a virtual Sen Ki hike available on our website, which will orient you to the trails and highlight special features. Additionally, we invite you to participate in our Scavenger Hunt - an engaging outdoor family activity that will have you searching high and low for items and snapping pictures of them to share with us on our WLT Facebook page.

Sen Ki is one of 12 properties - over 220 acres - protected by Westwood Land Trust and is owned by Hale. WLT's Board is grateful to our many generous supporters like you who have participated in annual appeals, placed conservation restrictions on properties, and attended events that have allowed us to preserve this beautiful land and many others in Westwood - forever.

While 2020 has been a difficult year, we must continue the effort to ensure that we are able to monitor the properties protected by WLT and be prepared for the next preservation opportunity. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of any size to Westwood Land Trust. We appreciate your support!

With best wishes,

Westwood Land Trust Board of Directors

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### Why Donate to WLT?

- Open space is a key attraction to Westwood and enhances property values.
- Westwood Land Trust is a local charity and the only charitable organization in Westwood dedicated to saving our town's open space.
- Every donation counts; at least 1/3 of Westwood Land Trust's financial support must come from persons other than major donors to maintain our public charity status.
- Westwood Land Trust does not receive any funding from the Town of Westwood.

*Our Mission: Westwood Land Trust is a public charity dedicated to promoting the protection and stewardship of open space and natural resources in the Town of Westwood.  
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[www.westwoodlandtrust.org](http://www.westwoodlandtrust.org)



# Discover Sen Ki

**STAY SAFE!!!** *When you visit Sen Ki, please be sure to follow public use guidelines and COVID-related policies that can be found at [hale1918.org](http://hale1918.org).*

## Land of Stone

The name Sen Ki is from the Abenaki term meaning essentially “Land of Stone”, suggesting the natural beauty of the property and reflective of the site’s Native American history. Some of the highest elevations in Westwood are located here.



## 29+ Acres Preserved

Sen Ki neighbors worked hard for years to prevent development on this special property. Westwood residents Ellen and Duncan McFarland purchased the parcel, placed a conservation restriction on it, and generously donated Sen Ki to Hale. Westwood Land Trust ensures that the protections in the conservation restriction are enforced.

## Take a Hike

Sen Ki has a marked trail loop designed for young children that can also be enjoyed by all ages. The entrance and parking are at 1255 High Street. Please no dogs or bikes in order to keep the property as child-friendly as possible. If you can’t get outside, take a virtual hike via [www.westwoodlandtrust.org](http://www.westwoodlandtrust.org).



## Outdoor Programming

Organizations look for ways to take programming outdoors. Westwood Early Childhood Council recently sponsored a “Story Walk” for young families at Sen Ki. We expect more creative programming to come.

