Pequonnock Valley Timeline

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115,000 years ago
Fourth Ice Age - Wisconsin Ice Sheet at maximum
Trumbull is buried under 1,000 feet of ice

25,000- 15,000 years ago
Ice sheet melts, glaciers recede

7,000 years ago
Paleo Native Americans enter area

?? years ago
Paugussett Native Americans settle in area
(Pequonnock Tribe shelter in the Valley)

1639 First English settlers arrive in nearby Straford
1662 Joseph Judson received the land of Trumbull as a gift from the Pequonnock Indians
1671 Pequonnocks and Paugusett Indians renounce any claims to the land surveyed to be Trumbull

1835

1840

1862

1878

1898

1905

1926

1932

1935

1938

-Housatonic Railroad-

1836 Charter Housatonic Railroad
1837 Construction of Railway begun
1840 Train Service Starts

1878
Parlor Rock Amusment Park opens

1896
Housatonic Railroad merged
with the NYNH&H

1898
Parlor Rock Amusment Park closes

1905 Mills washed away in Flood

1932 Railroad abandoned

-Tait's Mill-

1835 Built

1856
Tait's Son begins strawboard production

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-Radcliffe Mill-

1862 Built

1893
Rebuilt
after Fire

1938 Closed

-Reservoir-

1878 Dam Built
(53 acres of water)

1926 Reservoir built in Easton
(Pequonnock River
water diverted)

1935 Dam Destroyed
Reservoir Drained

1982 Route 25 Opens (4-Lane Highway)

1989 State of Connecticut and Town of Trumbull [60/40]
jointly purchases 382 acres from the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company (BHC) for $9.2 M

2010 Trail Care initiated (Trumbull Trails Coalition)
Walk through the Park with the DEEP in March and spirited bike community meeting in November leads to December DEEP/Town agreement to assist in park improvements.

2013 Trumbull Trails Coalition dissolved, Pequonnock Valley Trail Care team takes over