



## My Vermont | STORIES ABOUT PLACES SPECIAL TO YOU

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### Protecting Windmill Ridge in Westminster and Rockingham

My very special place in Vermont is the first ridgeline to the west of the Connecticut River, especially those of its wooded acres that run through the Towns of Westminster and Rockingham. It was in 1992 that my wife and I, together with six local friends, founded the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. It then took the eight of us another four years to acquire the first 48 acres of what then became the Windmill Hill Nature Reserve—incredibly

now extending over about 1,800 contiguous acres. We have been able to ensure that the reserve is protected in perpetuity for the benefit of both nature and nature lovers. We, and many others, now hike these woodlands regularly for exercise and to commune with the natural world. I marvel at the good fortune of having been able to contribute to making this bit of Vermont an oasis forever.

**Arthur Westing**  
Putney, VT



A view from Windmill Ridge.



The cabin, "Solo," was built by Noel Fritzinger as a place to retreat in nature. It overlooks a brook that runs down Terrible Mountain.

### Family land and a peaceful cabin in Weston

88 years ago I came to my grandmother's family farm in Weston, and I have been in love with it ever since. Fortunately I married a man who also cared about country life and in 1980 we moved here for good. [Noel] became interested in VLT and ultimately served as Chairman of its Board. Our 315 acres are conserved along with several other properties in Weston so we can rest in peace.

We have been members of the American Tree Farm System for over 50 years and our land is in Current Use. The land is not posted and I am glad we are no longer raising sheep. The land is a large forest tract on Terrible Mountain and very beautiful to enjoy. Our burial ground is there. I feel grateful to live here in peace.

**Caroline "Bill" Fritzinger**  
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