

# STORY OF THE LAND



**Riverbrook Preserve is open to the public year-round for low-impact recreation. Hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing are all encouraged, and hunting is also permitted with permission.**

The 371-acre Riverbrook Preserve was purchased in 2014 thanks to a generous contribution from an anonymous donor who recognized the importance of this historic farm for wildlife habitat and connectivity within the watershed. Since the gift stipulated that the house and associated buildings could be sold, a 25-acre homestead was created and protected by a conservation easement before sale, ensuring that the entire parcel would be protected from future development.

# WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE

The Riverbrook Preserve is situated on the bank of the Medomak River, and includes over a mile of freshwater river frontage. About 40 acres of fields are located on the eastern portion of the property. These fields are leased to a local farmer, and typically planted in a rotation of hay, corn, beans, and squash. Much of the property was cut over within the past few decades, and an old logging road still crosses the preserve.

The preserve contains a **deer** wintering area and provides excellent habitat for a number of forest species. Deer winter in an area that is marked by heavy tree cover to protect the deer from deep snows. Rare species of plants are found in the many wetlands and along the river edge. There is an old mill site and signs of **beaver** life on Meadow Brook.

**This nearly 400-acre parcel of land provides one of the largest undivided habitat blocks in the area. Numerous wildlife species rely on large habitat blocks to survive and thrive.**

Parts of the River Loop trail can be very muddy in the spring, but you can walk along the river and return along the same path. In order to maintain the ecological integrity of this preserve, the use of wheeled or motorized vehicles is limited to snowmobiles on the designated trail.



## DURING YOUR VISIT

- Carry out what you carry in
- Keep dogs under control
- Please clean up after your pets
- Wear blaze orange during hunting season
- Hunting by permission only
- No ATVs or bicycles
- Support local agriculture, stay on trail



## HOW TO GET THERE

From Waldoboro:

Take Route 1 North, follow Route 220 north, past Old Augusta Road. The preserve is located  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the intersection of Old Augusta Road and Route 220, on the left just after the bridge over river.

From Union:

Take Route 17 East, follow Route 220 south, past Morse's Sauerkraut. The preserve is located approximately one mile from Morse's, on the right.

## GET INVOLVED

Support from members and volunteers makes this preserve possible.

### Join Today

**Keep Midcoast Maine** a beautiful place for all

**Special events** for Members

**Free professional advice** on controlling erosion on your property.

**Member discounts** on courses, workshops, events, cabins, and campsites

**Biannual newsletter** & bimonthly e-news

### Volunteer

You can help maintain trails and buildings, staff recreational events, lead guided walks, and more. You too can make a difference in your community!

**Midcoast Conservancy**

**207-389-5150**

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Waldoboro, Maine



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**WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TRAIL**

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With more than 1.5 miles of frontage on the Medomak River and over 2 miles on nearby Meadow Brook, the Riverbrook property provides significant habitat for wading birds, waterfowl and abundant other wildlife.

**Total Acres:** 371

**Total Trail Length:** 3.15 miles



## Map Key

- - - **River Loop, Brook Loop**  
Trail Length: 2.6 Miles  
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate  
Highlights: Old Mill Site
- - - **Island Trail\***  
Trail Length: 0.25 Mile  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Highlights: Low water access to riparian island
- - - **Melissa's Point\***  
Trail Length: 0.25 Mile  
Difficulty: Easy  
Highlights: River views

- - - **Alternate trails**
  - █ **Midcoast Conservancy Property**
  - ~ **50-foot contour line**
  - ◆ **Trail Intersections**
- \* White trails are spur trails

