

## Clarry Hill

Clarry Hill forms the watershed divide between the Medomak and St. George Rivers. Rising to an elevation of 643 feet, it is one of the highest points in both watersheds. Clarry Hill is particularly important because it includes the largest contiguous acreage of productive blueberry land in the midcoast (400 acres) and exceptional panoramic views extending to the ocean and the western mountains. It is also of statewide significance because it contains critical habitat for two rare grassland bird species, the upland sandpiper and the vesper sparrow. Based on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's 1997-98 survey data, Clarry Hill is the most significant habitat for these birds in the midcoast region.

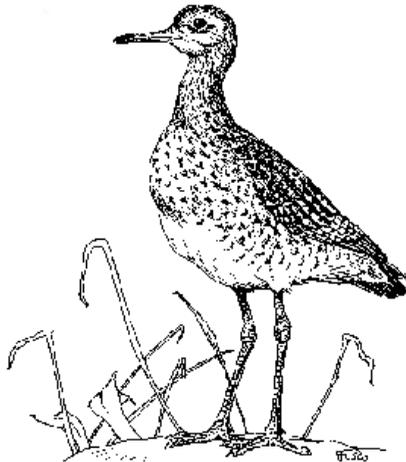


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Clarry Hill's western flank drains into 75-acre Storer Pond, an undeveloped 869-acre headwater pond of the Medomak River. The pond includes habitat for warm and cold water fish species and contains significant wading bird and waterfowl habitat.

## Protected Lands

MVLT has worked with landowners to conserve over 500 acres of land on Clarry Hill and within the watershed of nearby Storer Pond. Fields on the Boyington and Mank Preserves, which are owned by the Land Trust and comprise 75 acres, are leased to a local farmer who keeps them in active blueberry production. The remaining 425 acres are privately owned and protected with conservation easements held by MVLT.



## Directions

From Route 1, take Route 235 5.2 miles and turn left onto Clarry Hill Road. After 1 mile, bear left to stay on Clarry Hill Road. After 0.5 miles, turn right to stay on Clarry Hill Road. In 0.8 miles, turn left onto Elmer Hart Road. Follow the stone road until you see the trail head sign on the left.

## About Medomak Valley Land Trust

Medomak Valley Land Trust (MVLT) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the permanent protection of local land for the benefit of the public and future generations. We work with landowners who voluntarily choose to protect their land through conservation easements or by deeding land to the Land Trust. MVLT also purchases land to hold as preserves when funding is available. The Land Trust provides careful stewardship to protected lands to ensure that conservation objectives are being met.

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# Clarry Hill Trail

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# Welcome to the Clarry Hill Trail

MVLT's Clarry Hill Trail provides access to both fields and forest and offers spectacular views of the watershed and beyond. The trail crosses two MVLT preserves and two properties that are protected with conservation easements held by MVLT. Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors, MVLT has been able to build trails over their private lands. Please be respectful of their property and stay only on the marked trail.

The trail is marked with bright blue flags through the fields and blue blazes in the wooded areas. Parts of the trail can be very muddy in the spring, and hikers should also keep an eye out for ticks. The trail is mostly downhill from the top of Clarry Hill to the other trail head on the Jackson Road. There is no public access to the pond from this side.

Public access is just one of many important conservation values being protected on the hill. MVLT's fields are leased to a local blueberry farmer who keeps them in production. In the fields, the trail follows the stone walls in most places. Hikers should stay as close to the stone walls as possible to prevent harming the plants in the fields. The trail may be closed at certain times of the year to protect the fields and prevent interference with harvesting or field maintenance activities.

Trail: 1.25 mi one way    Difficulty: Moderate

