

History of Geele Farm

The Geele Farm trail system weaves through several privately owned properties. Most of this land is part of the original Geele Farm which was purchased by Charles Geele in 1886 for \$1,000. The Geeles raised chickens and cows, and grew vegetables to feed their own family and to sell.

Remains of old homesteads, including a brick cistern, foundations and an apple orchard are found throughout the farm. Historically, a county road traversed the northern end of the trail system, and part of the trail follows this old road. The stone remains of an old bridge can still be seen at the head of the marsh.

Thanks to the landowners' foresight and generosity in donating conservation easements and trail access across their properties, the Geele Farm will retain its rural character and will remain protected in perpetuity. The farm will continue to be used as productive farm and forest land, while locals and visitors will be able to walk the trails on this beautiful land forever.

Please respect private property, and carry out what you carry in. Feel free to walk along the shore front, but within the field please do not wander beyond the marked boundaries of the trail.

Thank you.

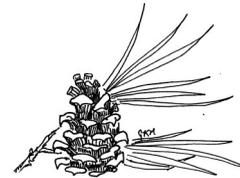
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Ecology

Salt marshes and mud flats line the shores, providing homes to many species of animals and plants. Rich in birdlife, some species live here year round, while others such as the Great Blue Heron visit seasonally.

The property contains numerous vernal pools and wetlands, which make way to streams flowing from freshwater marshes into the saltwater.

Common tree species include red spruce, balsam fir, white pine, hemlock, birch, beech, and big-tooth aspen. The forest is mostly regenerated second-growth. A dense understory of herbs and ferns is found throughout with bunchberry, rhodora, Canada mayflower, starflower, bracken fern, New York fern, and cinnamon fern frequently present.



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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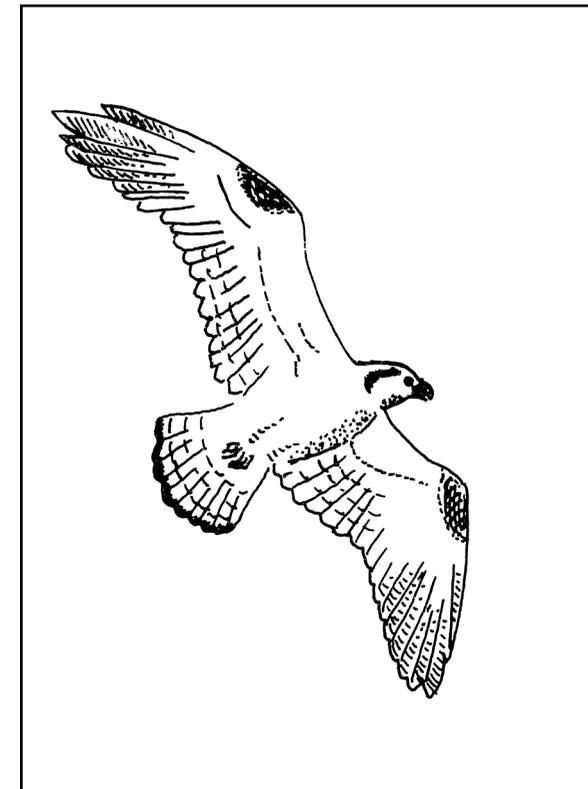
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Geele Farm Trails

Gross Neck Road
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Welcome to Geele Farm

MVLT's Geele Farm trail system provides access to approximately 100 acres of fields, forest and marsh and over a mile of river frontage. The trail system is open to the public year-round for low-impact recreation, and hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing are all encouraged.

Trails

The Geele Farm has two main trails, with several scenic side trails. On the east side of the road, the relatively easy Fields Trail meanders through fields and along the shore of the Eastern Branch of Broad Cove, on the Medomak River.

On the west side of the road, the more difficult Saltmarsh Woods Trail weaves through second growth softwood forest and along the edge of an exemplary saltwater marsh on the Western Branch of Broad Cove, passing by several wetlands and vernal pools.

Saltmarsh Woods Trail: ~1.0 mi one way

Fields Trail: ~0.6 mi one way

Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors, MVLT has been granted permission to build trails over private lands. Please be respectful of landowners' private property while on these trails.

Directions

To access Geele Farm, take Route 32 south from Rt. 1 in Waldoboro for 2.7 miles, turn left onto Dutch Neck Road, then right in 1/3 mile onto Gross Neck Road. Parking and the trailhead are on the right, at a green gate, in approximately 1 ½ miles.

