

# STORY OF THE LAND

**Bass Falls Preserve protects over 4,500 feet of river frontage for bald eagles, wild Atlantic salmon, and other species that thrive in this tidal section of the Sheepscot River.**



The preserve was named in honor of the small waterfall that is visible at low tide and for the striped bass that live in the river. It was created by the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (now Midcoast Conservancy) through collaboration with the Lewis, Barth and Fossel families, who loved the property. The words Elizabeth Coatsworth once wrote strongly resonated with the families who wanted to preserve their land.

**“If the world is going to be saved it will be saved by people who care deeply about small places.”**

*– Elizabeth Coatsworth*

The plant communities that line the riverfront, stands of pine and oak trees over 100 years old, and birds and other wildlife that live there are now protected forever. The trails meander through a field that is home to many birds before entering the woods and wandering toward beautiful views of the Sheepscot River.

# WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE

The old fishing cabin perched on the river was brought to the property in 1965 by its builder Stephen June and his uncle Clifton Walker. An outhouse (which is no longer operational), estimated to be over 100 years old, is east of the cabin along the trail. You can see a colorful painting of an eyeball, added in the 1960s, on the side of the outhouse.

Look for **Eastern bluebirds** near the nest boxes. Male bluebirds are brilliant blue with a red breast, while females are grayish-blue above with a beige colored breast. Other native birds such as **tree swallows**, **house wrens** and **black-capped chickadees** may also use these boxes. **Bobolinks** and **Eastern meadowlarks** sometimes nest in the field. Along the river, keep an eye out for **bald eagles** and **ospreys**, both of which nest in the area and are often seen along the river.

*Protected with assistance from Land for Maine's Future Program, the Landowner Incentive Program, the Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other state and private funders.*

*Tree swallow perched on nest box*



## DURING YOUR VISIT

- Stay on trails
- Carry out what you carry in
- Keep dogs under control (and on leash across the field); please clean up after your pets
- Do not disturb the nest boxes
- Open during daylight hours
- Wear **blaze orange** during hunting season
- No fires



## HOW TO GET THERE

From the South:

Take Route 218 north from Wiscasset for 7 ¼ miles to the Bass Falls Preserve. Parking lot and kiosk are on the right.

From the North:

Take Route 218 south from Whitefield to ¼ mile past the Alna Store. Parking lot and kiosk are on the left.

## GET INVOLVED

**Support from members and volunteers makes this preserve possible.**

### Join Today

- Unlimited use** of preserves without day use fees
- Discounts** on cabins, camp sites, events, classes and workshops
- Special events** for members
- Keep Midcoast Maine** a beautiful place for all
- Be a member** visit [www.midcoastconservancy.org](http://www.midcoastconservancy.org)

### 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!

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Alna, Maine



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**WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TRAIL**

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Walk through fields and a variety of forest types to a simpler time, past a fishing cabin and down to a quiet, magical stretch of the Sheepscot River.

**Total Acres:** 216








**Total Trail Length:** 2.5 miles



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## Map Key

	<b>White Trail</b>		<b>Turquoise Trail</b>		<b>Midcoast Conservancy Property</b>
<b>Trail Length:</b> 1.4 Miles		<b>Trail Length:</b> 0.9 Mile			<b>50-foot contour line</b>
<b>Difficulty:</b> Easy/Moderate		<b>Difficulty:</b> Easy/Moderate			<b>Private Property</b>
<b>Highlights:</b> Sheepscot River Views		<b>Highlights:</b> Oakhenge and Beaver Gate			<b>Please stay on trail</b>
	<b>Red Trail</b>				
<b>Trail Length:</b> 0.2 Mile					
<b>Difficulty:</b> Moderate					
<b>Highlights:</b> Fishing Cabin					