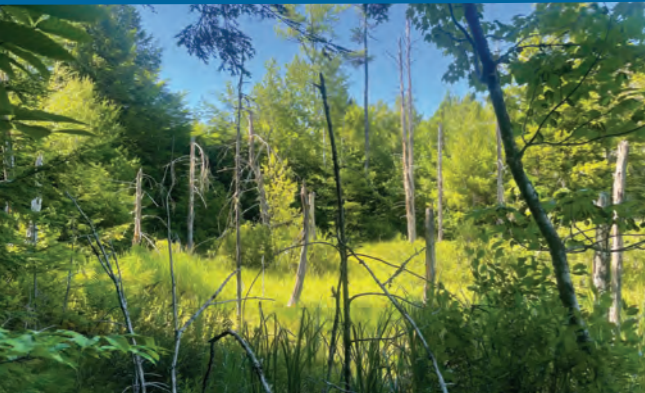


STORY OF THE LAND



Ann Marie Maguire donated 78 acres to Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (now Midcoast Conservancy) in the winter of 2014. Mrs. Maguire donated the land with the intent to provide the first public trail access to Weary Pond.

The land can be tracked all the way back to Jonathan Heath who originally built the neighboring red cottage, which is the second oldest house in Whitefield. Throughout the years the land that is now preserved was used for both forestry and agriculture. Look for the network of stone walls and old stumps throughout the preserve. Before conservation, Ann Marie and Denis Maguire created trails from their house over to Weary Pond. The Maguires were also inspired by the Arnold Expedition to Quebec and the hardship of portaging along the upper Kennebec. From this they dreamed of creating a water trail from Weary Pond to the Sheepscot River and out to the ocean.

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE



At the beginning of the trail you will find yourself in dense woods originally planted by the Maguires to give themselves some privacy. As you make your way down the trail you will find yourself in a **mixed wood forest** with a **beautiful stream** and **waterfall** caused by an old beaver's dam. From here you will meander over ledges, beside **glacial erratics**, and eventually come to a **scenic wetland vista**. The bog is full of **wild blueberries**, **Cotton Grass**, **larger Blue Flag Iris**, and **Wild Calla Lilies**. Once you cross the discontinued Weary Pond Road you will end up at the final lollipop of the trail. This loop takes you to the scenic Weary Pond where pond and marshland meet. It is a beautiful place to take a dip along the cat-tailed lined shore. If you walk quietly you can find **mink** playing in the stream, or hear **chickadees** and **woodpeckers** in the trees. There is evidence of **deer** throughout the forest with the occasional evidence of **moose**. While hiking on the trail keep your eyes open for **small mammals**, little **tree frogs** and in fall, an abundance of **dragonflies** near the bog and pond.

"It was our dream to see a trail to Weary Pond made possible from the Heath Road through this unique parcel. Some of my favorite places are 'The Overlook' —a peaceful view of a small beaver pond in the stream—, the springtime roar from the waterfall over the ledges, and the little island in the middle of the stream. I hope people will enjoy this lovely area for years to come."

—Ann Marie Maguire

DURING YOUR VISIT

Stay on trail; please be respectful of neighboring private property



Carry in, carry out

Keep all cars in the parking lot



Keep dogs under control; please clean up after your pets

Open during daylight hours

Wear blaze orange during hunting season



No fires

HOW TO GET THERE

From Waldoboro:

Take Route 32 North. In 9.5 miles turn onto route 126 west. In 6 miles turn left onto 218 south and immediately turn left onto Hilton Rd. In 1.3 miles turn right onto Health Rd. In 1.2 miles the preserve will be on your left.

From Wiscasset:

Take Route 218 North. In 12.3 miles turn right onto Heath Rd. In 1.6 miles the preserve will be on your 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!

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Maguire Preserve

Whitefield, Maine



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WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TRAIL

Maguire Preserve

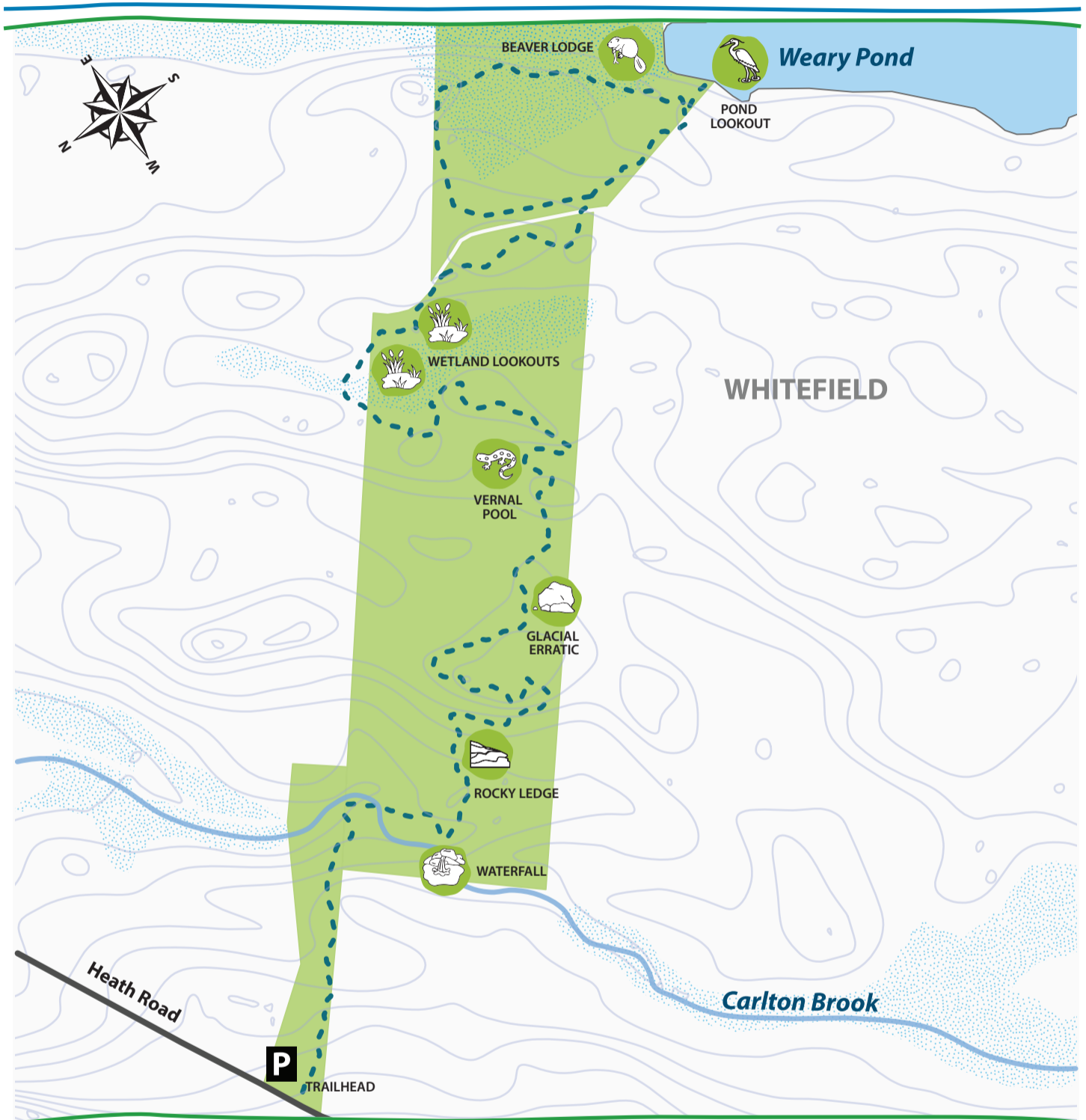
Follow a quiet woodland path past waterfalls, wetland vistas, and mossy woodlands to gorgeous Weary Pond.

Total Acres: 75

Total Trail Length: 3.3 miles out and back



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Map Key

0 0.1 0.2 Miles

Loop Trail
Trail Length: 3.3 out and back
Difficulty: Moderate
Highlights: waterfalls, wetland vistas, mossy woodlands, pond lookout

 **Midcoast Conservancy Property**
 **10-foot contour line**