

STORY OF THE LAND

Ted and Delia Mohlie purchased the majority of the 107-acre property in 1987 from Mildred Damon. They later purchased additional acreage from Cedric Achorn.

The preserve is bounded by stone walls, and by barbed wire where there are no stone walls, indicating a history of agriculture or grazing consistent with the typical land use history in this area. Since the Mohlies' purchase of the property, the fields have been cut for hay late enough in the season to allow bobolinks to fledge.

This large undeveloped habitat block consists of 107 acres on its own, but when combined with the adjacent Quarry Hill Preserve (owned by the town of Waldoboro), it creates a 400-acre wildlife corridor that supports many wildlife species with its extensive wetlands, diverse forests, and farmland soils. This property is one piece in the puzzle that makes up a wildlife habitat corridor connecting the coastal peninsulas to the inland forests.

"We have been so fortunate to be able to enjoy the woods and fields of our Depot Street property. The smell of balsam fir, the view of clouds across the sky, the sounds of bobolinks, the joy of watching wildlife through the seasons, and the feel of the breeze, have been treats for us. We want others to be able to enjoy them too."

—Ted and Delia Mohlie

Ted and Delia dedicated the property to the founders of the Medomak Valley Land Trust, which was formed in 1991. All of the initial founders were still active in the organization at the time that it merged with Midcoast Conservancy, 28 years later!

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE



The vegetation of the Medomak River watershed is transitional between the coastal spruce-fir ecosystems and forests dominated by white pine and red oak. The forest communities of the MVL Founders Preserve reflect this transition. Like the typical upland forests of the watershed, the preserve forest is mixed second growth with common species including **red oak, white pine, balsam fir, red spruce, eastern hemlock, red maple, birch, big-tooth aspen** and **white ash**. A dense understory of **graminoids, forbs** and **ferns** is found throughout with **Canada mayflower, starflower,** and **bunchberry** present. **Sphagnum moss** is common in the wet areas. The majority of the preserve is forested, with approximately 10 acres of active hay fields.

Over 300 species of moths and 200 species of birds have been identified on or adjacent to the property, including a number of species that are declining in New England. Some of the birds heard or observed on the property include **bobolink, veery, black-and-white warbler, yellow warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, eastern towhee,** and **white-throated sparrow**. The fields are actively managed as bobolink habitat.

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
- Snowmobiles have the right of way



HOW TO GET THERE

From Waldoboro:

From Route 1, take Depot Street north for approximately 1 mile. Then turn right onto Quarry Road. Drive past the quarry and the kiosk and parking are on the right immediately before the power line crossing.

From Jefferson:

Take Route 32 south, turn left onto Cross Street, then turn right onto Depot Street. Stay on Depot Street for 0.8 mile then turn left onto Quarry Road. Drive past the quarry and the kiosk and parking are on the right immediately before the power line crossing.

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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MVL Founders Preserve

Waldoboro, Maine



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MVLT Founders Preserve

Enjoy what can happen when the Town of Waldoboro and Midcoast Conservancy come together. Hike around the quarry, along blueberry fields, on the forested sno-crawlers trail, and out to grassland bird habitat in the fields.

Total Acres Town: 320

Total Acres Fee: 107

Total Trail Length: 3.75 miles



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Map Key

- - - **Boundary Trail (seasonally wet)**
Trail Length: 1.0 Mile
Difficulty: Moderate
Highlights: Stone walls
- - - **Woods & Fields Trail**
Trail Length: 1.75 Miles
Difficulty: Difficult
Highlights: Spruce woods, fields, pond view
- - - **Quarry Hill Trail**
Trail Length: 1.0 Mile
Difficulty: Easy
Highlights: Quarry Loop, Blueberries



Midcoast Conservancy Property



50-foot contour line

Please keep dogs from the fields in the spring and summer to protect ground-nesting birds.