

STORY OF THE LAND

Trout Brook Preserve protects over 4,200 feet of the lower reaches of Trout Brook as well as frontage along the main stem of the Sheepscot River.

In 2005, the land was purchased from Maxine Peaslee Tornell and her family by the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (now part of Midcoast Conservancy). Maxine's mother, Thelma Lucy Wyman,



Maxine by the remains of the old railroad trestle (1951).

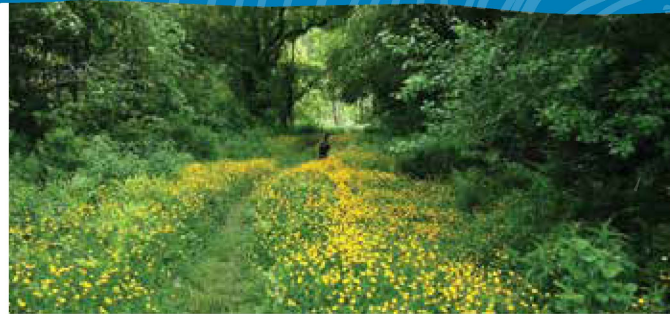
Trout Brook has also historically been a good fishing locale where Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) have been known to spawn.

Enjoy walking along trails by the stream, shaded by trees that keep the water cool and create ideal habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms.

“The pasture was filled with wonderful wildflowers like Jack-in-the-pulpit, dogtooth violets, Dutchman’s breeches, lilies, skunk cabbage as well as fiddleheads and the many crab apple trees. Plus all of the wildlife—deer and moose, raccoon and fox, rabbit, skunk and porcupine, partridge, etc.” —Maxine Peaslee Tornell

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WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE



At the beginning of the trail you will walk along the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington (WW&F) Railway Right of Way that operated from 1894 until 1933. In the early 1900s, train cars hauled potatoes, poultry, lumber and even the mail.

When the Peaslees owned the farmhouse (now gone), the forested hill you'll walk up was open and treeless. Maxine used to watch and listen for her mother calling from the farmhouse below. Look for **large mature pines, black cherry, white birch** and **old apple trees** which are good clues of old pastureland.

Spring visitors will be treated to a variety of **warblers** and **thrushes** that use this diverse forest. In the summer, you may see **woodpeckers, grouse, woodcock** and **winter wrens** near the brook. Look for signs of **deer, fox, fisher, mink** and **porcupine** in the soft soils along the streams or on the snow.



DURING YOUR VISIT

- Stay on trails
- Carry out what you carry in
- 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 Wiscasset:**
Take US Route 1 to ME Route 218 north. In 7 miles, left to parking lot.
- From Whitefield (Route 194):**
Take ME Route 218 south. In 5.3 miles, parking on the right.

GET INVOLVED

Support from members and volunteers makes this preserve possible.

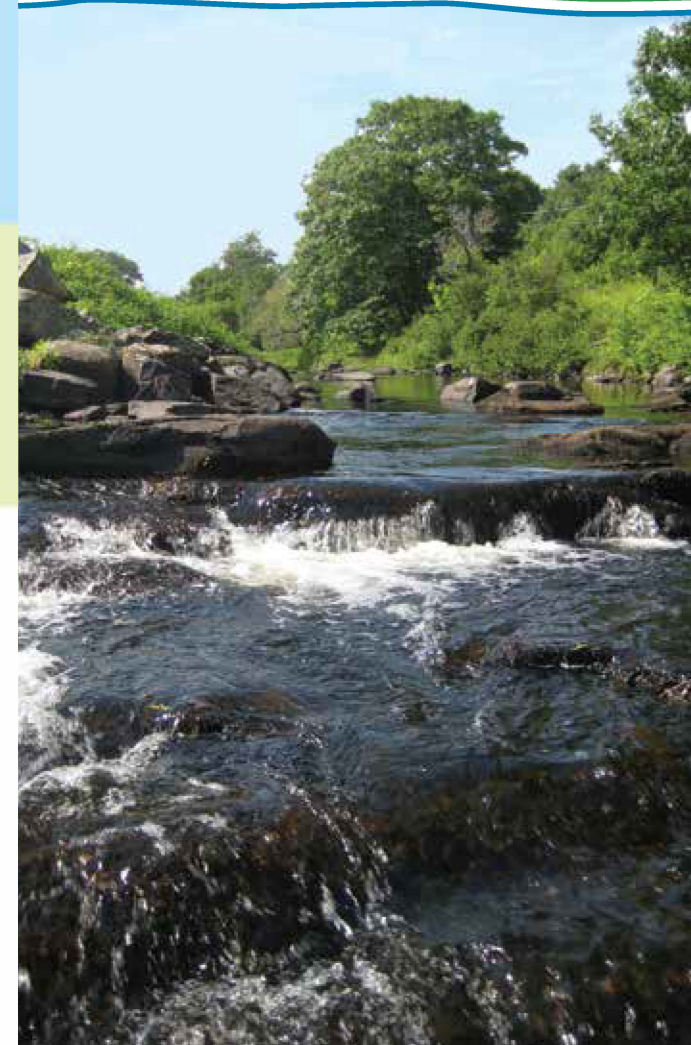
- Join Today**
- Unlimited use** of preserves without day use fees
- Discounts** on cabins, camp sites, events, classes and workshops
- Special events** for members
- Keep Midcoast Maine** a beautiful place for all
- Be a member** visit www.midcoastconservancy.org

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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WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TRAIL

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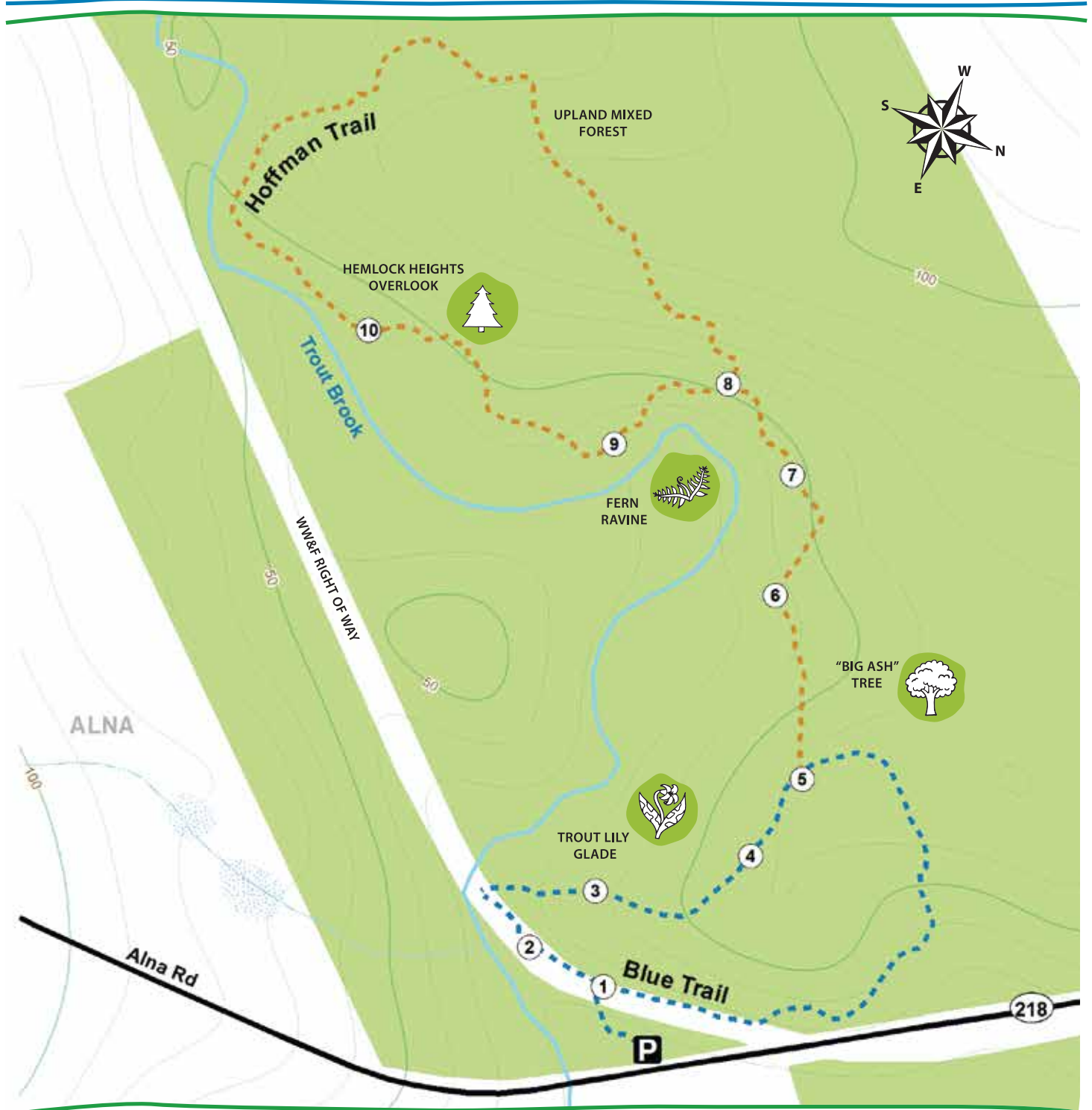
Hoffman Trail was dedicated to Maureen and Paul Hoffman, October 20, 2012, for their commitment to the establishment of Public Preserves throughout the Sheepscot Valley.

Total Acres: 126

Total Trail Length: 1.65 miles



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Map Key

0 0.05 0.1 Miles

- - - - - **Blue Trail**
Trail Length: 0.65 Mile
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
Highlights: WW&F Right of Way
- - - - - **Hoffman Trail (red trail)**
Trail Length: 1.0 Mile
Difficulty: Moderate
Highlights: Hemlock Heights Overlook

Midcoast Conservancy Property

50-foot contour line

① **Interpretive Trail**
 Pamphlet available at the preserve kiosk and at www.midcoastconservancy.org