

STORY OF THE LAND

Davis Stream Preserve is almost completely surrounded by Davis Stream. It protects over 2,800 feet of stream frontage and includes wetland and waterfowl habitat.

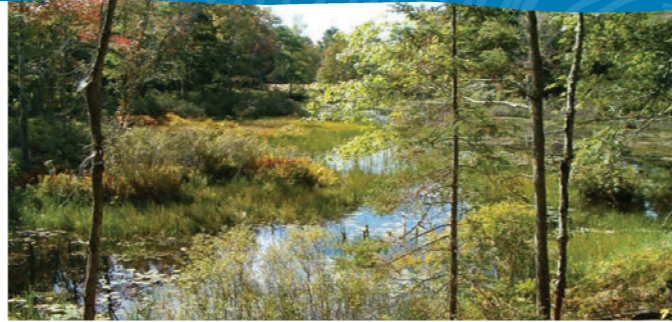
This meandering branch of Davis Stream was once the main stream channel which has since migrated due to movement of the stream banks. You can tell, by looking at the trees along the stream that are falling over, where the bank has moved out from under them. Streams can form new meanders anywhere in the floodplain. Following the contour of the land, look for paths in lower elevations and trees with roots exposed to find old meanders of the stream.

A half-mile interpretive trail winds its way along the stream bank, offering visitors the opportunity to experience the variety of ecosystems found in the floodplain and upland forests. Several spots along the stream, including one where the stream takes a sharp turn, offer excellent wildlife viewing. The Preserve also provides for an incredibly remote paddling experience just a few minutes from the Damariscotta Lake State Park.



Photo by Callie Wronker

WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE



Marshes function as nurseries, feeding areas for wildlife, filters for sediment and pollutants, and a giant sponge during floods. Fallen logs create sunning spots for **turtles** and for new marsh grasses to sprout. Look overhead for **osprey** and other **birds of prey** that feed on fish who take refuge in the marsh grasses. Also, listen and watch for **kingfishers**, **great blue herons**, and **ducks** while you stand at the overlook. In the spring, look for **lily pads**, **pickerelweed** and other **aquatic plants** waving in the flow of the water as they reach for the sun and water's surface.

“Davis Stream a favorite place for me to observe nature. Locals have called it ‘Spooky River’ because it envelopes you in stillness and quiet even though it is a short and easy hike in the heart of Jefferson Village.”

– Terry McCabe, Jefferson resident

The floodplain is the low land area where water overflows during a storm event. The vegetation and soil are very absorbent, soaking up extra water quickly. Water levels are high in the spring, which is beneficial to amphibian and reptile reproduction. In late summer, the water level drops dramatically, forcing young frogs and salamanders to finish developing and migrate to the forest floor. Keep an eye out for **horsetails** and **ferns**, as well as **salamanders** and **frogs** that love the moist soil. Listen for the voices of the **peepers**, **tree frogs** and **wood frogs**.

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 US Route 1 in Nobleboro:

Take East Pond Road. In 6.9 miles, left on ME Route 32. In 0.7 miles, right onto ME Route 126 (Washington Road). In 0.3 miles, right to parking at Willow Grange.

From the north:

Take US Route 202 West and turn left on ME 32 South. In 16.9 miles, left onto ME Route 126 East. In 0.3 miles, right to parking at Willow Grange.

Trailhead from Willow Grange:

Walk north on Route 126 towards the cemetery. Just past the cemetery road, take a right and walk on the grass along the fence under the cedar trees. At the end of the fence, cross the cemetery road and the trail begins in the woods off to the right.

GET INVOLVED

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Keep Midcoast Maine a beautiful place for all

Be a member visit www.midcoastconservancy.org

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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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Jefferson, Maine



Photo by Sam Albright



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WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TRAIL

Davis Stream Preserve

Located in the heart of Jefferson, the Preserve provides popular walking trails and an outdoor classroom close to the Jefferson Village School.

Total Acres: 9.1

Total Trail Length: 0.6 miles



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Map Key

0 100 200 Feet

- Blue Trail**
Trail Length: 0.6 Mile
Difficulty: Easy
Highlights: Davis Stream Views
- Midcoast Conservancy Property**
- Cemetery Property**
Please stay on trail (off cemetery property)
- 50-foot contour line**
- 1 **Interpretive Trail**
Pamphlet available at the preserve kiosk and at www.midcoastconservancy.org
- P **Trailhead and Kiosk**