

STORY OF THE LAND

The Stetser Preserve is a wooded upland forest particularly rich in wildlife diversity because it is located within a 7,000-acre tract of roadless habitat.

It has nearly 4,000 feet of protected frontage on an unnamed perennial stream and a small pond. The property was donated to the Sheepscot Valley Conservations Association (now Midcoast Conservancy) by Janet Stetser to ensure that the land will remain in a natural state forever.

Janet believes in the importance of land conservation. "My hope for the future would be to see people hiking, bird watching and just enjoying the out-of-doors in this peaceful and safe location that is close to home for local people."

"I feel very strongly that if we do not set aside property now, we will not have any later." —Janet Stetser

Sustainable harvest of timber is allowed as are trails for low-impact recreational use. Our trails wind through hilly woods and old logging trails; a short spur trail leads to a view of the property's beautiful pond.



WHAT YOU MIGHT SEE



The Stetser Preserve pond is over 2 acres in size. Although the pond is naturally occurring, it was partially filled in before the Stetser family purchased the property. However, in the late 1950s, Janet's father chose to take advantage of a state program that offered to restore farm ponds to their natural state. The restored pond was first stocked with fish by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in 1960.

As you walk the trails keep an eye out for wildlife. Janet says that over the years she has seen **deer, moose, beaver, raccoon, fox,** and many **snowshoe hares** on the property. Among her bird sightings have been **pileated, downy** and **hairy woodpeckers, evening** and **rose-breasted grosbeaks, nuthatches, mourning doves,** and **barred** and **great horned owls.**



Pileated woodpecker, taken by Callie Wronker

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 Route 194 in Alna: Take the Egypt Road. In 2.5 miles, right to kiosk and parking.
- From Route 215 in Jefferson: Take Egypt Road. In 1.25 miles, left to kiosk and parking.

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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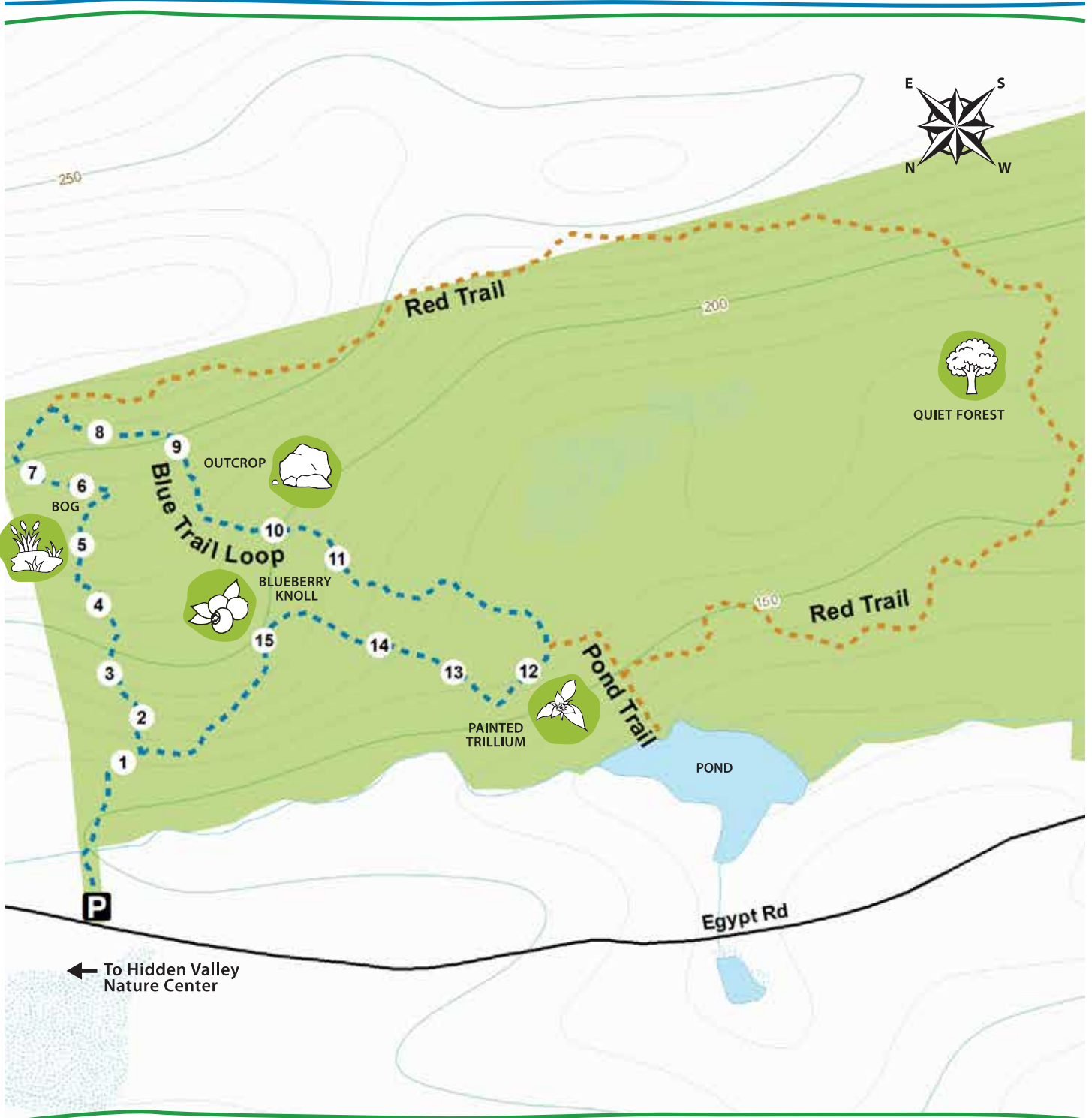
A meandering hike through the forest is rewarded with a spectacular pond vista.

Total Acres: 150

Total Trail Length: 2.3 miles



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Map Key



- Blue Loop**
Trail Length: 1.2 Miles
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
Highlights: Bog
- Red Trail**
Trail Length: 1.0 Mile
Difficulty: Easy
Highlights: Quiet Forest

- Pond Trail**
Trail Length: 0.1 Mile
Difficulty: Easy
Highlights: Peaceful Pond

- Midcoast Conservancy Property**
- 50-foot contour line**
- ① Interpretive Trail**
Pamphlet available at the preserve kiosk and at www.midcoastconservancy.org