

# Welcome to Riverbrook Preserve

Riverbrook Preserve is a 371-acre preserve owned by Medomak Valley Land Trust. It is open to the public year-round for low-impact recreation. Hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing are all encouraged, and hunting is also permitted with permission. In order to maintain the ecological integrity of this preserve, the use of motorized vehicles is limited to snowmobiles on the designated trail.

## Trails

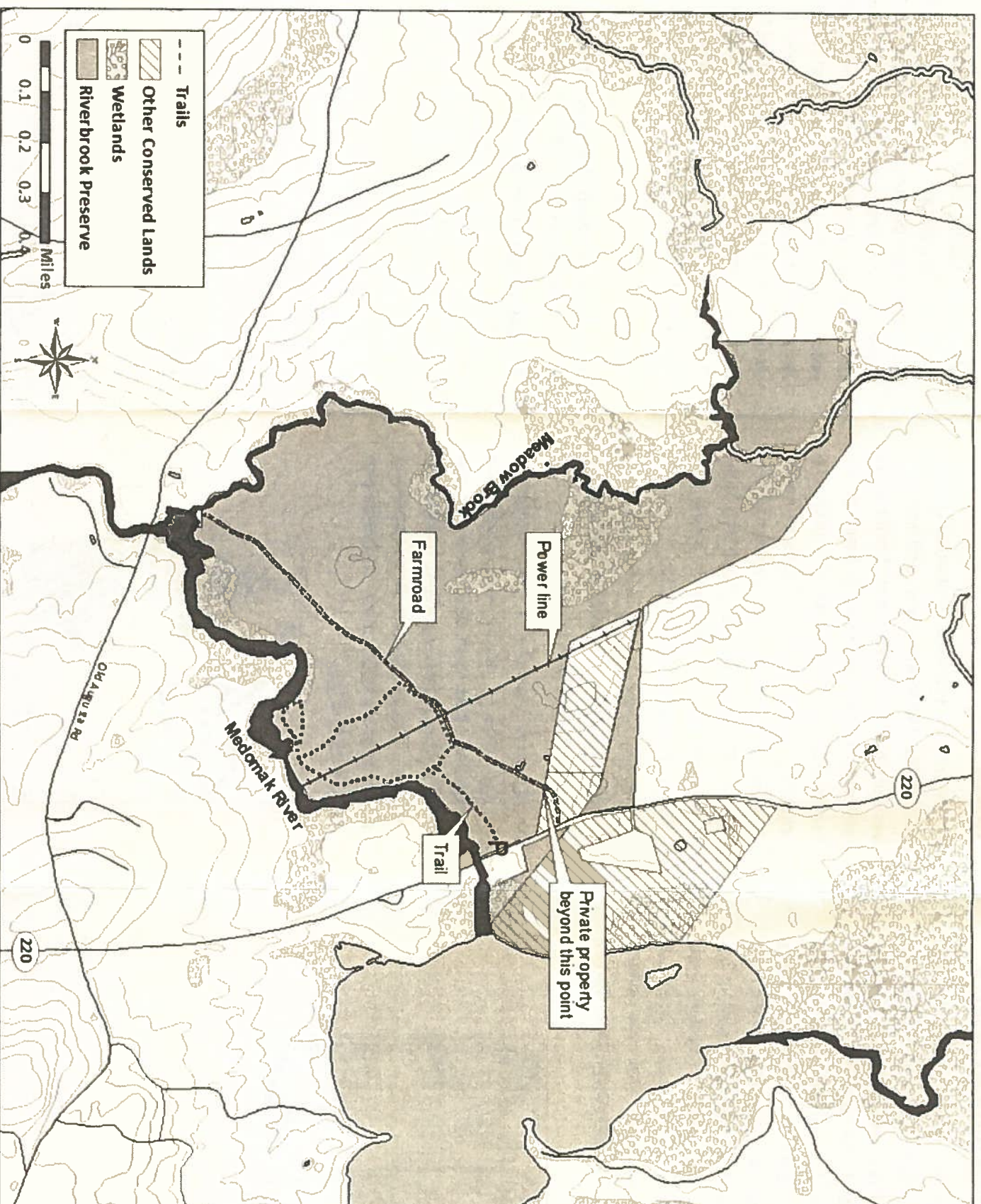
MVLT currently maintains one walking trail at Riverbrook. The trail is marked with blue blazes. Parts of the loop trail can be very muddy in the spring, but you can walk along the river and return along the same path. Over time, bog bridges will be built to traverse the muddy areas, and new trails will be built.

Trail: 1.5 miles

## Directions

From Route 1, follow Route 220 north, past Old Augusta Road. The preserve is located 3/4 of a mile from the intersection of Old Augusta Road and Route 220, on the left just after the bridge over river.

From Route 17, follow Route 220 south, past Morse's Sauerkraut. The preserve is located approximately one mile from Morse's, on the right.



## History of Riverbrook Preserve

The 371-acre Riverbrook Preserve was purchased in 2014 thanks to a generous contribution from an anonymous donor who recognized the importance of this historic farm for wildlife habitat and connectivity within the watershed. Since the gift stipulated that the house and associated buildings could be sold, a 25-acre homestead was created and protected by a conservation easement before sale, ensuring that the entire parcel would be protected from future development.



A 1.5 mile loop trail traverses the southern edge of the property, along the Medomak River. Our volunteer trail crew will be adding additional trails over the next several years.

## Ecology

The Riverbrook Preserve is situated on the bank of the Medomak River, and includes over a mile of freshwater river frontage, as well as more than two miles of frontage on Meadow Brook. The preserve is primarily forested, though about 40 acres of fields are located on the eastern portion of the property. These fields are leased to a local farmer, and typically planted in a rotation of hay, corn, beans, and squash.

Much of the property was cut over within the past few decades, and an old logging road still crosses the preserve.

The preserve contains a deer wintering area (an area of heavy tree cover that protects the deer from deep snows in the winter) and provides excellent habitat for a number of forest species. Rare species of plants are found in the many wetlands and along the river edge.



## About Medomak Valley Land Trust

Medomak Valley Land Trust (MVLTL) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the permanent protection of local land for the benefit of the public and future generations. We work with landowners who voluntarily choose to protect their land through conservation easements or by deeding land to the Land Trust. MVLTL also purchases land to hold as preserves when funding is available. The Land Trust provides careful stewardship to protected lands to ensure that conservation objectives are being met.

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