

#### **Kennebunk Land Trust Welcomes You**

Kennebunk Land Trust (KLT) was established in 1972 Since its inception, the Trust has worked to protect over 3,400 acres of land through ownership, conservation easement and partnership. These properties include upland forest, coastal marsh and agricultural fields, and many of them are open for recreational enjoyment.

Those preserves open for public access are clearly identified, as are those with trails.

Kennebunk Land Trust's mission is to permanently conserve and steward land to benefit natural and human communities.

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#### TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

**Daylight Use Only** 

No Fires, Camping, or Motorized Vehicles on any KLT property

Hunting is by permission only. Contact KLT for

#### Carry in - Carry out

Trails do not have trash cans or bathroom facilities. "Leave no trace"

#### Dogs

Dogs are welcome on KLT properties. Responsible dog owners will please clean up and remove from premises all pet waste. Not all walkers are dog lovers. Leash dogs when approaching others.

#### **Mountain Biking**

While allowed on some KLT trails, we ask that you consider surface conditions before riding to prevent rutting and trail damage. Off-trail riding and unsafe riding will not be tolerated. Riders must be sensitive to other users

#### Habitat

Please do not remove any vegetation or wildlife. Be respectful

#### Monitorina

KLT volunteers monitor and maintain the trails. Should you find downed trees, vandalism, or inappropriate uses on any part of the preserves or trails, please contact the Trust

#### **Parking**

Trails with designated parking are noted in the text. When you visit the preserves without designated parking spaces, please be sure to park legally and be respectful of neighborhood properties.

We hope you enjoy the trails. Hikers should be prepared for inclement weather with appropriate footwear, clothing, water, and snacks. Southern Maine has deer ticks that carry Lyme disease; hikers should always perform "tick checks" on themselves and pets following a trip into the woods.

Users of this map bear full responsibility for their safety. KLT is in no way responsible for personal injury, damage to property, or violation of the law in connection with the use of this map.

#### Volunteer at KLT

KLT monitors its trails regularly to observe changes in conditions. Every year there is work to be done to maintain the trails. Bridge repair brush cutting and blazing are some of the jobs that require volunteer attention. Generally, this work is done in the spring, summer and fall seasons. If you are interested in joining our monitoring team or helping with trail work, please contact Kennebunk Land Trust.

#### Special Events

Each year KLT sponsors special events to thank our supporters, to fundraise. and to showcase Trust properties. We need volunteers to make these events successful. Contact KLT if you'd like to hecome involved



# Birding

> Dogs Allowed Benches

## Fishing

X-Country Skiing Snowshoeing

## **Kennebunk Land Trust**

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### **1** Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area

KLT was a partner in the protection of this landscape scale, 2.000-acre property. Now managed by The Nature Conservancy, this preserve offers outstanding opportunities for recreation and observation. Former blueberry barrens, the land is managed for many unique and rare species of birds, reptiles and plants. Maine's largest flock of endangered Grasshopper Sparrows live here, as does the rare Black Racer Snake. The world's largest population of Northern Blazing Star, a threatened flowering plant, blooms here in August and September.

Access is from Route 99. Parking is available at the property.

## 3 miles of gravel road. EASY 发 感 口 社 🚅 益 Δ



#### Alewive Woods

The crown jewel of KLT properties, this preserve boasts over 625 acres of land and a 45-acre pond at its center, Ideal for mixed recreational uses. The forested scrub pine parcel provides habitat to a variety of wildlife. Trails meander through a red pine plantation that was re-vegetated after the fires of 1947. Originally planned as a second phase of Alewive Farms residential development, the property was conserved by the Trust in 1990.

Preserve is just off Cole Road, 3.5 miles west of Interstate 95. Parking is available at the trailhead. Information kiosk on site.

2.5 miles of trail. EASY to MODERATE



#### (1) Clark Preserve

A forested 90-acre tract, this preserve has over 2,000 feet of frontage along Kennebunk River. Adjacent to the Eastern Trail, the wildlife on this property is abundant; moose, deer, black bear and fox have been seen along with numerous bird species including Great Gray and Northern Saw-whet Owls; warblers are abundant during migration.

Access is from the Eastern Trail. Parking available at Kennebunk Elementary School.

.75 mile of trail one way. EASY

Combine with ET for an extended trail length

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## Mousam River Wildlife Sanctuary

Located in the center of Kennebunk, the 38-acre preserve has over 2,400 feet of frontage along the Mousam River and is convenient to the downtown area. Following a mildly steep initial ascent, the trail levels and winds through mixed forest on a trail blazed in red. Approximately .75 of a mile into the preserve there is a blue blazed scenic vista that overlooks a broad estuary where the Mousam River becomes tidal: there is another overlook at the end of the trail. The sanctuary is an ideal location to observe waterfowl. Warblers are abundant during migration. Off street parking is located on the left, directly after the Sewer District Administrative building. The trailhead is located approximately 100 feet further ahead on the left.

.75 mile one way to trail's south end. **EASY to MODERATE** 





#### **5** Sea Road Preserve / **6** Madelyn Marx

The short .25-mile Sea Road trail sits on a 13-acre property. This is contiguous to the town-owned Bridle Path and Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. After crossing Route 9, the path connects to the .4-mile walk of the 24-acre Madelyn Marx Preserve (named after KLT founder). Combined, this trail is 3-miles one way. The trail follows an old, turn-of-the-century trolley bed and offers scenic views of the Mousam River. The trail has forested sections as well as thick low brush. Many coastal birds, waterfowl, bald eagles, and occasional seals can be spotted. This is a popular biking trail. Access and parking are available from Sea Road School off Sea Road or Route 9.

.25 mile one way. Sea Road / .4 mile one way Madelyn Marx / 3 miles one way if combined with **Bridle Path. EASY** 





#### **10** Wonder Brook Preserve / Murphy Preserve

An outstanding tract comprised of one town-owned and two Trust-owned properties totaling nearly 80 acres. The trail threads through upland forest and fern beds and crosses a brook and streams leading to the banks of the Kennebunk River near the head of tide. This quiet preserve is a picturesque oasis. Noted birds: Pileated Woodpecker and warblers are abundant during migration.

Preserve is just .5 mile east of downtown Kennebunk at the end of Plummer Lane. Parking is available at the trailhead. Information kiosk on site.

2.5 miles of trail. MODERATE

#### **10** The Secret Garden

Nearly 40 acres of pristine forest and wetland offers quiet and beauty not far from town. Providing significant wildlife and water protection, the area serves as a boggy filter for the Lake Brook watershed. The 1.5 mile trail weaves through forest, extensive fern beds, and bog areas with beaver activity present. Please visit KLT website for access information.

1.5 mile trail loop. EASY TO MODERATE





This small island is accessible only at low-tide. In the 1940's, Strawberry Island was home to a working farm with farmhouse and barn. Today it is a pile of rocks and completely submerged at high tide. It was one of the first KLT acquisitions

Located off of Great Hill Road. MODERATE





#### Butler Preserve

A little gem of a walk just off Route 35. The trail leads to a glacial boulder known as Picnic Rock and the banks of the Kennebunk River. In earlier times, Picnic Rock was a well-known spot where boaters traveling the river would stop and picnic. Now the preserve is enjoyed by people of all ages as a stop on a kayak excusion or a hike.

Access is from Old Port Road near the corner of Rivers Edge Drive. Parking is limited. .75 mile of trail out and back. EASY

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### For All Forever Preserve

The 111-acre property contains a flawless forest, wetland areas, fields, and a mile of frontage on the Mousam River.

The property is located on Webber Hill Road (Rt. 99) across from the intersection of Rt. 99 and Wakefield Road. Off street parking is available at the site. 1.1 miles of trail. EASY TO MODERATE



## **10** Hope Woods

This property is 72 acres of forest and field located just off Route 1 / Main Street in Kennebunk, behind Hope Cemetery. Hope Woods represents pristine open space just steps away from the village center! It's a perfect spot to explore in all seasons. The property contains about 2 miles of well-marked trails. Hope Woods was protected in 2017 through a conservation easement held by KLT.

Access from four points: Barnard Lane (at the back of Hope Cemetery), Wood Pond Lane (in the cul-desac), Fletcher Street (across from Mechanic Street), and Woodhaven Drive (near the intersection with Longwood). Signs are at the trail heads.

2 miles of trails. EASY TO MODERATE





The Oxbow Preserve is comprised of 14 acres and provides scenic views of the Mousam River with about a 1/2 mile of river frontage. The walk provides a great opportunity to learn more about animals and trees in a mixed conifer forest. The Preserve is located on Spiller Drive off of Cat Mousam Road in Kennebunk. Parking is available at the trailhead. .9 mile loop. EASY TO MODERATE





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