



The Trail

There is one loop trail on the property, with additional walking opportunities through the field and the log landing.

Difficulty: Easy, less than a mile with a noticeable change in elevation. Good for young and old alike. Stone benches are located at intervals along the trail.

Description: The trail starts at the kiosk, visible from the road. Following the main loop trail clockwise, there is a downhill slope for a third of a mile. Look for history as you walk. Stone walls and barbed wire fences are evidence of agricultural uses in previous centuries. As the trail starts to go downhill more steeply, it passes a rocky outcrop on the left, a former quarry pit where foundation stones were cut from ledge. The second leg of the trail is relatively flat, but with uneven footing over rocks and tree roots. You will see logging trails and other evidence of recent forestry activities. The third leg of the loop also has sections of uneven footing. As you near the end of the loop there are logging trails to the field, where a few apple trees, in the field and adjacent woods, are all that remain of former orchards.



Mayberry Hill Preserve

In 1990, John and Nancy Gillis donated 130 acres of the property, and later LETL purchased 30 additional acres from Hancock Land Company. The property is held forever as open space for scientific, recreational and educational uses and sustainable forestry. Timber harvesting occurred on the property in 2005, and since then local schools have been involved with setting up and monitoring forest study plots. With careful management and sensitive use, the 160-acre Mayberry Hill Preserve can remain a breath of fresh air for all time.

Designated Uses

- Day hiking and dog walking.
- Snowshoeing and cross country skiing.
- Hunting (*please wear blaze orange in season*).

Use Guidelines

- No vehicles, motorized or non-motorized, are allowed on the property.
- Stay on marked trail.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- No campfires or camping.
- Keep pets under control at all times.
- Do not disturb wildlife and plant life.

Directions

From Portland, follow Route 302 to Raymond. Turn right onto Route 121 and proceed for several miles until you reach Casco Village. Just past the Village church, turn right onto Mayberry Hill Road and follow it across the causeway on Pleasant Lake and up a long hill. Turn left at the top of the hill at the stop sign. The Preserve is a short distance on the right.

Vehicles should park along the side of the road at the trailhead, with the wheels well off the roadway. Use caution here, as a blind curve makes it difficult for other motorists to see.

About Loon Echo Land Trust

Loon Echo Land Trust (LELT) was formed in 1987 to protect land in the northern Sebago Lake region to conserve its natural resources and character for future generations. LETL protects over 6,700 acres in Raymond, Bridgton, Casco, Sebago, Denmark, Naples, and Harrison through land acquisition and conservation easements. LETL is a community-supported non-profit. Donate today to support conservation and trails in the Lake Region!