History of the Peters Pond Preserve

In 2012, the Do It Yourself TV Network did a renovation of the old Robie farmhouse on Dutch Neck Road and generously donated 30 acres of land, with frontage on Peters Pond, to MVLT. This land is next to the 18 acre Storer Homestead Conservation Easement held by MVLT and an additional 18 acres of preserve land abuts this easement. The Peters Pond Trail System crosses all three of these properties on Dutch Neck and Gross Neck Roads in Waldoboro. It was opened to the public in 2014.

Please respect private property, remain on the trails, and carry out what you carry in.

Ecology

The Peters Pond Preserve hosts a great diversity of habitat, from saltwater marsh, to freshwater streams and pond, to fields and forest.

The diversity and abundance of the wetlands on the preserve create excellent wildlife habitat. A great variety of birds live and breed in the forest and in the marsh. You may see or hear Blackburnian Warblers, Nashville Warblers or Black Throated Blue Warblers, Golden-crowned Kinglets, and Brown Creepers, as well as a diversity of other birds. During the breeding season, the haunting, flutelike song of the Hermit Thrush can be heard, as well as the remarkably long and complex song of the Winter Wren. Along the saltwater marsh or in the pond you may see Great blue herons and other wetland birds, and in the sky, ospreys and bald eagles.

The Peters Pond trail system contains over 800 feet of shoreline on Peters Pond. The 12 acre pond is 60 feet deep, and features steep granitic cliffs. No houses are visible anywhere around the pond, giving a sense of deep isolation and beauty.

About Medomak Valley Land Trust

Medomak Valley Land Trust (MVLT) 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. MVLT 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.

Yes, I’d like to support conservation in the Medomak River Watershed.

Enclosed please find my gift of:

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- Partner . . $1,000 +
- Contributor . $100
- Other . . . $____
- Supporter . . $250

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Please contact me regarding:

- Volunteer opportunities
- Options for conserving my land
Welcome to the Peters Pond Trail System

MVLT’s Peters Pond trail system provides access to approximately 66 acres of fields, forest, marsh (saltwater and freshwater) and Peters Pond shore frontage. The preserve is open to the public year-round for low impact recreation, including hiking, bird watching, and cross-country skiing.

Trails
The trail crosses MVLT’s Peters Pond preserve as well as property protected with a conservation easement held by MVLT. Please be respectful of the private lands and stay only on the marked trail.

Peters Pond Loop: From the trailhead, proceed through the field then enter the woods, traveling downhill to the bog bridge over a freshwater marsh. The trail then proceeds uphill to Peters Pond, and makes a loop back, past the saltwater marsh.

Directions
From Rt. 1 in Waldoboro: Take Rt. 32 south in Waldoboro for 2.7 miles, turn left onto Dutch Neck Road. Proceed for approx. 1.5 miles to the Dutch Neck Community Center on the right. Park here, and walk south for several hundred feet along Dutch Neck Road until the Peters Pond trailhead.

From Rt. 32 South: Take a right onto Dutch Neck Road, then follow directions above.